

Celebrating Network for Europe's legacy – apply now for a £500 grant

For almost 40 years, Network for Europe has played a vital role in supporting the not-for-profit sector across the North West to access and manage European funding, helping our communities to thrive.

As the organisation closes its doors, Network for Europe has chosen to leave a final legacy. Working in partnership with Voluntary Sector North West (VSNW), its remaining funds will be used to create a one-off £500 grant for a small not-for-profit organisation in our region.

The grant will celebrate and shine a spotlight on an activity that makes a difference. Something your organisation is proud of, that strengthens community cohesion, and that supports economic, cultural, or social integration.

This could mean:

- Helping people to take the next steps in improving their family or personal circumstances
- Supporting newcomers, including refugees and asylum seekers, to feel part of their community
- Encouraging people to volunteer and get involved
- Or any other activity that helps build stronger, more connected communities

The grant will be unrestricted funding, meaning you can use it in whatever way best supports your organisation and the people you work with.

Who can apply?

Organisations must be:

- Based in the North West of England
- A registered charity, social enterprise, co-op, or unincorporated voluntary/community organisation with an appropriate constitution
- Small with a turnover under £100,000 in the last financial year
- Willing to share their story with the wider VSNW membership, with our support (for example via social media, events, or a free publication)

Tell us

- About your organisation
- What you do and where and who you help
- The activity which you want to highlight
What makes this activity effective (and, if appropriate, innovative)
- Could other organisations deliver a similar activity in the way you have pioneered?

- 3. The activity you want to highlight** – describe the activity, how you reach the people who need it, what you do with them, and how you know it has been successful. You may include a short case study. **(up to 250 words)**

4. What makes this activity effective (and, if appropriate, innovative) – tell us the key to its effectiveness, what’s unique about it, and whether it offers something new or different from what is generally available. **(up to 150 words)**

5. Could other organisations deliver a similar activity in the way you have pioneered? – explain whether others could learn from your experience, what would be required, and how you could help them. **(up to 100 words)**

Your information:

Name:

Organisation:

Job title:

Email:

Phone Number:

Deadline for applications: Monday 3 November 2025

Send applications with subject “Network for Europe Grant” to: info@VSNW.org.uk

Shortlisted applicants may be contacted by Andy Churchill, Ann Marie Wrigley or Emma Newman for more information.

The successful applicant will be announced at the VSNW Annual Conference in Manchester on Thursday 27 November 2025, where they will be presented with the grant.