



ASOCIAȚIA DUMBRAVA LUI PATROCLE

Cășeiu, Cluj County, Romania | CIF 42 815 840

FUNDING APPLICATION PACKAGE

Complete Vehicle Application Package

Safe transport for children, rescued animals and community work

APPLICANT	REQUEST	LOCATION
Asociația Dumbrava lui Patrocle	€30,000	Cășeiu, Cluj, Romania

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- Project and Sustainability Plan
- Detailed €30,000 Budget
- Visual Project Brochure

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1. Executive summary

Asociația Dumbrava lui Patrocle seeks up to €30,000 to purchase and prepare a safe, reliable multipurpose vehicle. From Cășeiu, Cluj County, we coordinate interconnected work with vulnerable children, rescued animals, older people and families across rural communities. Transport is essential because beneficiaries, veterinary clinics and specialist services are dispersed across villages and towns with limited alternatives.

Our current Opel Combo, purchased with support from Anima Luxembourg - the NGO with whom we collaborate on international animal adoptions - is still running. However, rainwater enters the vehicle, the battery sometimes fails and rust affects several doors. Its reliability no longer matches the responsibilities placed upon it.

2. Organisational context

Dumbrava lui Patrocle is a Romanian nonprofit founded in 2020. Our model connects care rather than separating it: children build confidence and empathy through therapy, learning and community activities; animals receive rescue, veterinary treatment, sterilisation and pathways to adoption; and older or vulnerable people receive companionship and practical help.



CHILDREN



ANIMALS



OLDER PEOPLE

3. The transport challenge

- Children living in nearby villages depend on transport for therapy, usually 5-10 km each way, and for educational or recreational trips.
- Animals require transport to our regular veterinarian, approximately 20 km away, and sometimes to specialist clinics up to 70 km away.
- Sterilisation campaigns require people, animals, carriers and supplies to move safely between communities and clinics.
- Community work requires shopping and delivery for children's and older people's events, plus occasional transport to doctors, lawyers and other essential services.

4. Current reach and expected use

60-200	~450	Up to 70 km
rescues per year	animals sterilised per year	to specialist veterinary care

5. Objective and intended results

Objective: secure dependable transport that protects continuity, safety and reach across Dumbrava's existing programmes for at least the next five years, subject to vehicle condition and normal maintenance.

- Children attend scheduled therapy and activities without cancellations caused by vehicle failure.
- Rescued animals reach routine, emergency and specialist veterinary care safely.
- Sterilisation campaigns continue at meaningful scale across rural communities.
- Older and vulnerable people retain access to essential services and community events.
- Breakdown risk, emergency repair costs and disruption are reduced.

6. Vehicle specification and selection

The preferred solution is a new or recent five-seat multipurpose passenger vehicle comparable to an Opel Combo, Peugeot Rifter, Citroën Berlingo, Toyota Proace City Verso, Ford Tourneo Connect or equivalent. The final choice will follow quotations and technical assessment.

- Five proper passenger seats with modern safety equipment and sliding side access.
- Flexible, washable cargo area with a safety barrier and secure carrier anchor points.
- Reliable service network, accessible parts, reasonable fuel use and documented maintenance history.
- Adequate space for therapy trips, rescue equipment, carriers and event supplies.

7. Management and safeguarding

The association will own and manage the vehicle. Only authorised, appropriately licensed drivers will use it. Passenger transport and animal transport will be planned so that hygiene, supervision, carrier security and safeguarding needs are respected. The vehicle will not be used for private benefit.

8. Sustainability plan

Dumbrava will budget annually for insurance, tax, inspections, servicing, tyres and routine repairs. Fuel will be covered through unrestricted donations, programme income where eligible, GlobalGiving fundraising and partner support. Preventive servicing and a documented maintenance schedule will protect the grant-funded asset and reduce avoidable breakdowns.

- Ring-fence an annual operating and maintenance allocation during budget planning.
- Track cost per kilometre and review unusually high fuel or repair expenditure.
- Coordinate journeys across programmes when compatible, reducing duplicate travel.
- Maintain comprehensive insurance and secure overnight parking.
- Build a replacement reserve over time so the organisation is less exposed in the future.

9. Key risks and mitigation

Risk	Level	Mitigation
Purchase price rises	Medium	Use multiple offers, preserve a small contingency and seek complementary funding before reducing safety requirements.
Unexpected mechanical issue	Medium	Independent inspection, warranty preference, service-history review and preventive maintenance.
Operating costs increase	Medium	Journey coordination, mileage monitoring, fundraising and annual cost review.
Safeguarding or hygiene failure	Low	Authorised drivers, clear transport procedures, secured carriers and washable protection.
Vehicle unavailable after collision	Low	Comprehensive insurance, roadside assistance and partner contingency arrangements.

10. Partnership and reporting

The previous Opel Combo was purchased with support from Anima Luxembourg, our partner for animal adoptions. This history demonstrates both the practical value of mobility and our ability to use partner support across multiple programmes. The new funder will receive procurement evidence, photographs and a short update on the vehicle's use. Public recognition will follow the funder's preferences and consent requirements.

Requested result: one safe, prepared and fully documented vehicle serving children, rescued animals and vulnerable community members.

Detailed budget

All amounts are in euros. VAT treatment and eligibility will be confirmed against the funder's rules and supplier invoices.

Budget item	Qty.	Unit €	Total €
Reliable new or recent multipurpose passenger vehicle	1	26,000	26,000
Independent pre-purchase inspection / technical checks	1	250	250
Registration and administrative costs	1	300	300
Initial comprehensive insurance	1 year	850	850
Washable cargo protection and safety barrier	1 set	650	650
Animal carriers and secure anchoring equipment	1 set	500	500
Winter tyres	1 set	700	700
First-aid, fire extinguisher and visibility/safety kit	1 set	250	250
Contingency for price or preparation variance	Fixed	500	500
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET			30,000

Budget rationale

- The vehicle allocation prioritises a safe five-seat multipurpose model with sliding doors, flexible cargo space, affordable maintenance and sufficient ground clearance for rural roads.
- Preparation costs enable the same vehicle to transport children and adults safely while also accommodating secured animal carriers and washable protective surfaces.
- The contingency is deliberately limited; any unused balance will be returned or reallocated only with the funder's written approval.

Procurement and financial controls

1. Obtain at least three comparable offers whenever the market allows.
2. Assess safety, service history, warranty, total operating cost and suitability - not price alone.
3. Approve the purchase through the association's authorised governance process.
4. Retain the contract, invoices, proof of payment, registration documents and photographs for reporting.
5. Record the vehicle as an organisational asset and maintain a trip and maintenance log.

Potential co-financing

If the grant is partial, Dumbrava will combine it with individual donations, GlobalGiving income, partner support or unrestricted organisational funds. The specification will be adjusted only if safety and operational suitability remain protected.

Why transport matters

In rural communities, care often begins with a journey. Children live in other villages. Veterinary clinics are 20 km away, while specialist treatment can require travel of up to 70 km. Older and vulnerable people may need help reaching doctors, lawyers or essential services.

ANIMAL RESCUE

- 60-200 rescues each year
- Around 450 animals sterilised each year
- Routine, emergency and specialist veterinary journeys

CHILDREN & COMMUNITY

- Therapy transport from villages 5-10 km away
- Educational and recreational trips
- Supplies and essential journeys for community members

The current Opel Combo

The vehicle, purchased with support from Anima Luxembourg, is still working - but rainwater enters the interior, its battery sometimes fails and rust affects several doors. It has served Dumbrava faithfully; it can no longer provide the confidence required for children, animals and urgent journeys.

We are seeking up to €30,000 for a reliable five-seat multipurpose vehicle and the equipment needed to prepare it safely.

What a new vehicle will protect



CHILDREN



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SAFE ACCESS

Children can continue attending therapy and activities; animals can reach veterinary care when time matters.

CONTINUITY

Rescue, sterilisation and community work are less exposed to breakdowns and emergency repairs.

FLEXIBILITY

One vehicle can carry passengers, secured animal carriers, event supplies and rescue equipment.

LONG-TERM VALUE

Preventive maintenance, careful procurement and cost monitoring protect the funder's investment.

The project at a glance

Funding request	Up to €30,000
Core purchase	New or recent multipurpose passenger vehicle
Preparation	Insurance, registration, safety barrier, washable protection, carriers, anchors and winter tyres
Delivery target	Approximately 12 weeks after confirmed funding

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