

Dundee Partnership **Community Regeneration Fund**

Grant Application **2024/25**

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Ace Community Events CIC
Activity Title	Event infrastructure
Grant Requested (£)	£4,834.32

- The Physical & Environmental Improvement Fund is to provide financial assistance for community initiatives aimed at improving the local area through Capital expenditure. Capital expenditure is something of a physical nature including the acquisition, improvement or structural enhancement of an asset valued at £6,000 or more.

- The Youth Inclusion Fund is to provide financial assistance for community initiatives aimed at working with Children and Young People. Applications should be for an activity (or activities) focused on including children & young people in activities, diverting young people from an existing undesirable activity or preventing them joining in with such activity. This should reflect a need that children and young people have been consulted on.

- The Small Grants Fund is for other applications that contribute towards achievement of the Dundee City Plan / Local Community Plan, usually up to £5,000, but there may be lower local restrictions on the amount. Therefore, it is important to check with the relevant Community Worker as listed on page 8 for any local restrictions or other requirements.

This application should address needs in one of the below Wards within which the Dundee Partnership supports activity. If an activity covers more than one Ward then an application is required for each Forum, but it is essential that each application can stand on its own if agreed and that the application is not for a city-wide activity, but a local activity that is to take place in more than one Ward.

TICK THE WARD WHERE YOUR PROJECT WILL OPERATE

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR
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Coldside	Small GrantX
East End	Physical & Environmental Improvement
LocheeX	Youth Inclusion
Maryfield	
North East	
Strathmartine	

Please note that communications regarding this application will be sent to you via email unless you indicate otherwise. All communication for this application should be made to dundee.partnership@dundeecity.gov.uk

Checklist for the DP Community Regeneration Fund Application Form

Before submitting your application form to the Dundee Partnership Team, please use the below checklist to ensure that your form is as fully completed as possible. Please also note that submitting an incomplete form can cause delays in processing or rejection of your application.

Have you:

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| Read the guidance sections of the form | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fully completed the information on the front of the form | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Provided a response to all sections of the application form (including indicating a section as 'N/A' where relevant) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Checked that your budget adds up properly? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Checked that your start date is after the date at which funds could be available, (see page 6) and that your end date is within the financial year? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Included appropriate, measurable outputs & outcomes? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Provided your groups accounts, or other appropriate financial information? | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Sourced and attached all relevant quotes?

(multiple quotes are required where >£5,000 is being applied for to ensure value for money is being considered)

Checked that the bank details or financial code are correct / complete?

Signed the form, given accurate contact details and ticked the GDPR box?

Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)	Ace Community Events		
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2023-24? (If yes, list all grants below)			NO
Title of project funded	Amount granted	When	Was it fully spent?

Please give a description of what you want this grant for - (please limit your answer to 500 words or less)

Ace Community Events is a newly Established Events Management community interest company that was established in March 2024. The vision for Ace Community events centres around community wealth building and making events accessible to everyone.

We are looking to invest in infrastructure that will help to reduce the costs of delivering events.

We are looking to purchase the following items which will utilise at events and reduce some of the associated costs of hiring in equipment. Our long term plan is to own a selection of our own kids fun fair rides, fencing, portable stage, Gazebos, Marquees,

Stretch tents. Which will allow us to deliver community events at minimal cost. And yearly increase the number of free events that we are able to deliver across different communities in Dundee.

As we just establishing the company we are needing funding to get things of the ground with our long term strategy based on running commercial events and feeding back the profits from those events to fund free or heavily subsidised community events.

The initial infrastructure we are looking to purchase, for events we have planned for 2025 are as follows.

Set of 4 Bungee trampolines

4mx8m pop up Gazebo

10mx12.5m stretch tent

This will enable us to reduce costs for some of our planned events for 2025 as well as supporting other local smaller community events through free usage of infrastructure.

Which City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome(s) will it address?

Children& Families

Building Stronger Communities

How many people will benefit from this project?

4000 People

Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic)

Please say why the project is needed (please limit your answer to 500 words or less)

In recent years there has been a significant decrease in events delivered by Dundee City Council due to budget restraints. Further to this the legislation and complexities of delivering events has become somewhat challenging and overwhelming for local

people. Further to this some of the previous events such as Camperdown Easter Family Fun Day had significant financial costs to them that many families cannot afford, therefore excluding the most vulnerable within our communities.

Events such as Dundee West Fest are great with free entry but the cost associated once inside exclude so many people.

Ace Community Events wants to work with Local community stakeholders to organise high quality, fun, accessible events. We have a number of events that we are currently working on that we want to deliver in 2025.

Free Easter Family Fund Day Lochee Park (we have provisionally booked Lochee Park)

We are looking at developing Dundee summer of fun again working and supporting local communities to deliver various high quality activities.

Lochee not fireworks, fireworks night (Lochee Park).

Ace Community Events will also be taking on the delivery of the Menzieshill Countdown to Christmas event in 2025.

We are also in negotiation regarding delivering a Christmas Village 2025 which will be situated in a retail park for the month of December, this will be a commercial event that will offer a mix of paid and free family attractions. Profits from this event will be re-invested into developing further events in 2026.

Ace Community events believe that those living in the poorest communities across Dundee in particular the Lochee ward should be able to attend and enjoy events without stigma or financial discrimination. There is no such thing as second class citizens we are all citizens of the city of Dundee and whether you live in Lochee or Broughty Ferry they all equally have the right to attend events and enjoy themselves.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

The development of Ace Community Events has come about as a result of conversations taking place with different community stakeholders and workers within the Lochee ward over the last twelve months.

Also the increasing success of events such as Menzieshill Countdown to Christmas, Lochee Light switch on and Menzieshill community centre family fun day have really shown the appetite for community events.

I know through speaking to many folks in the Lochee ward there is a real appetite for more events that are accessible to everyone in particular Easter and fireworks night.

What evidence do you hold that the local community supports this application?

(For example, was it proposed by members of a particular group? Does it directly address need identified by community members?)

The attendance at the aforementioned events very much shows the community support for the delivery of accessible events and the need for more events to be taking place in local communities. We have a meeting taking place on Monday 23rd September with community stakeholders to begin the planning process for the Easter family fun day, to which we have had a very positive response regarding this.

How will the project / activity tackle deprivation or benefit those experiencing deprivation?

(Refer to Section 1 of the Guidance Notes)

Ace Community Events aims to make events accessible to everyone, in particular those experiencing deprivation, through the delivery of high quality free events, we will bring a sense of worth and value to those who often feel neglected or let down due to the stigma they often experience as a result of deprivation. The heart of Ace Community Events Centres around community wealth building and building stronger more dynamic and vibrant communities that work together and celebrate together.

We will work closely with community stakeholders and groups to ensure the delivery of successful community events. We will also have different support agencies for sign posting and providing help at our events.

For Physical & Environmental Improvements (which must be Capital worth at least £6,000 in value) the following questions must be answered:

Have all relevant permissions been agreed? (please state what these are)

How will the planned project be maintained? (please state who will be responsible for this)

What is the expected 'life' of the improvement? (e.g. before it will require replacement)

Could a plaque indicating the Community Regeneration Fund as a source be added on location for this award? (If there would be additional costs for this, please indicate this in the budget section)

What other sources of funding have you secured / tried to secure for this project?

- **If none, please state why this is the case**

(Detail below, including applications that are pending or that have been turned down. We may ask for further evidence of an application for other funding)

Source of Funding (detail if this funding is for more than 1 year, if applicable)

£

We are currently in the process of submitting applications to other funders including the Aberbrothock Skea Trust and Awards for all	
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What are the costs of your activity and how much money is required? Please give specific details (expand list / use an additional sheet if required) and provide all quotes (good practice for applications for over £5,000 is to provide three quotes to ensure value for money is received, and we will require to see these where relevant).

Cost Heading	Full Costs (£)	DP Aid (£)
Bungee Trampolines	£13,900	
10mx12.5m Stretch tent	£8196.61	
4mx8m Gazebo	£4,834.32	£4,834.32
Totals	26,930.93	4,834.32

- **All applicants are required to submit a copy of the group's most recent annual accounts with this application. These will be used to help determine eligibility for funding, and WITHOUT THEM AN APPLICATION WILL NOT PROCEED**
- **If reserves held are less than three months operating expenses please confirm this below**
Note that if you have already submitted your accounts within this financial year, further copies may not be needed - please check with the Dundee Partnership Team if unsure

What other documents are you attaching to evidence the budget costs for this application? (e.g. quotes, estimates, projected income and expenditure)

I have attached quotes for all items as we only formed in March 2024 we as yet do not have accounts.

How do you intend to monitor the project Outputs and Outcomes?

Ace Community Events is will utilize Dundee City Council events team smarty survey soft ware which we will utilize at all our events to capture data such as number of people attending, social and economic impact impact, where they are from, what could be done differently and what other events activities would the like to see delivered. Utilizing this software will allow us to collate information and produce a report on each event that we deliver with recommendations for future events.

What is the planned start date of the event/activity? Please note turn around on applications is 6 - 10 weeks and funding cannot be retrospective (see section 2 of the guidance notes)	1 st January 2025
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	32 st December 2025

Outputs & Outcomes

It is expected that applicants will have evidence to support performance information when completing returns on the performance against target. Consideration of this should be given when outputs and outcomes are set out.

Applicants will usually refer to one [City Plan](#) / [Local Community Plan](#) Outcome, but the opportunity is given for up to two, if required. **Please refer to section 3 of the Guidance Notes** for examples of outputs and outcomes / indicators.

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2024-25
Outputs	
Delivery of free Easter family fun day @ Lochee Park	2000 people
Delivery of Menzieshill Countdown to Christmas Free Event	1000 people
Delivery of Lochee not fireworks fireworks night	2000 people
Outcomes/ Indicators:	

High Quality events	
High attendance of families People enjoying themselves High level of Community participation in delivering the events	

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2024-25
Outputs	
Outcomes / Indicators:	