

Ref: L2619

Dundee Partnership
Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application
2026/27

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Community Empowerment Team
Activity Title	Charleston Intercultural Food Event
Grant Requested (£)	£1391

- 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 Coldside	PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR Small GrantX
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East End	
Lochee	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:

Read the guidance sections of the form	☒
Fully completed the information on the front of the form	☒
Provided a response to all sections of the application form (including indicating a section as 'N/A' where relevant)	☒
Checked that your budget adds up properly?	☒
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?	☒
Included appropriate, measurable outputs & outcomes?	☒
Provided your groups accounts, or other appropriate financial information?	☒

Sourced and attached all relevant quotes?

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(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?

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

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Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)	Lochee Community Empowerment Team, Charleston Community Centre		
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2025-26? (If yes, list all grants below)			YES / 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)

This event will be a community celebration bringing together residents from diverse cultural backgrounds through food, music, conversation, and shared experiences. The event aims to promote community cohesion, reduce social isolation, and create

opportunities for people of all ages, cultures, and ethnicities to learn from one another in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

The event will invite local residents and families to share traditional dishes that represent their heritage and personal stories. Attendees will have the opportunity to sample a variety of foods from different cultures, learn about the traditions behind the dishes, and engage in meaningful conversations with people they may not otherwise meet. It will highlight the cultural significance of the food being shared, encouraging greater understanding and appreciation of the rich diversity within Dundee.

Alongside the food tasting activities, the event will include cultural music, family-friendly activities, and opportunities for local organisations to provide information about community services. By creating a relaxed and enjoyable setting, the event will help build relationships between individuals and communities, fostering a stronger sense of belonging and mutual respect.

The event will be free to attend, ensuring that cost is not a barrier to participation and enabling residents from all backgrounds to take part.

The event will support Charleston Community Centre's wider commitment to creating an inclusive, connected, and resilient community where diversity is celebrated and everyone feels valued.

Through the universal language of food, this event will provide a positive and enjoyable experience that strengthens community ties and contributes to a more inclusive and welcoming Dundee.

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

Dundee City Plan Priorities:

The event contributes to:

- **Build Strong, Resilient and Empowered Communities** by bringing people together, increasing social connections, reducing isolation, and encouraging community participation.
- **Reduce Inequalities and Promote Inclusion** by providing a free, accessible event where people from different cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds can participate equally.
- **Improve Health and Wellbeing** through positive social interaction, community belonging, and access to culturally diverse food experiences.

Lochee Local Community Plan Priorities:

The event supports key local priorities including:

- **Strengthening community cohesion and neighbourhood connections** by creating opportunities for people from different backgrounds to meet and build relationships.
- **Increasing community engagement and participation** through resident-led involvement in sharing cultural traditions.
- **Promoting equality, diversity and inclusion**, celebrating the cultural diversity of the Charleston and wider Lochee area.
- **Supporting health and wellbeing**, particularly by reducing loneliness and creating welcoming community spaces where people feel valued and connected.

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

80 people of all ages and backgrounds.

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

Charleston and the wider Lochee area are home to people from a range of cultural, ethnic and social backgrounds. While this diversity is a strength, there are often limited opportunities for residents to come together, build relationships and learn about one another's cultures in an informal and welcoming setting. As a result, some individuals and families can experience social isolation, loneliness and a lack of connection with their wider community.

This event will provide a positive and accessible opportunity for local people to meet, share experiences and celebrate the diversity that exists within the community. Food is a universal way of bringing people together and can help break down barriers that may exist due to language, age, culture or background. By creating opportunities for residents to share traditional dishes and cultural stories, the event will promote understanding, respect and a greater sense of belonging.

The event is particularly important at a time when many families continue to face financial pressures and reduced opportunities for social activities. By offering a free community event, we will ensure that everyone can participate regardless of their income or circumstances. The event will create a safe and inclusive environment where people feel valued, welcomed and connected to others in their neighbourhood.

The project will also encourage community participation by involving local residents and volunteers in planning and delivering the event. This approach helps build confidence, develop new skills and strengthen community ownership. Bringing people together through a shared celebration of food and culture will help create new friendships, reduce isolation and foster stronger community networks that last beyond the event itself.

Ultimately, the event will contribute to a more inclusive, cohesive and resilient community by celebrating diversity, encouraging positive relationships and creating opportunities for people from different backgrounds to come together and feel part of the Charleston community. It will also provide opportunities for people to access additional services and discover new learning opportunities in their local community.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

Consultation and collaboration with members of the local African community, ESOI tutors and members of the local Native Scots community. Everyone welcomes the opportunity to provide an event to bring the whole community together.

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 initial idea came from meetings with a member of a local African organisation who was keen to be involved in multicultural opportunities in the local community. We also had a Summer Gala in Charleston recently, with a wide variety of ethnicities attending. This suggests a great time to bring this event to the community.

How will the project / activity tackle deprivation or benefit those experiencing deprivation? (Refer to Section 1 of the Guidance Notes)

Deprivation is not only about income; it also includes social isolation, lack of opportunities, poor wellbeing, and reduced access to community activities. This event will help tackle these challenges by providing a free, accessible, and inclusive opportunity for local residents to participate in a positive community activity, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Many people living in areas affected by deprivation can experience loneliness and a lack of connection to their neighbours and local services. By bringing people together in a welcoming environment, the event will help reduce social isolation, strengthen community relationships, and increase people's sense of belonging. Stronger social networks can improve wellbeing and help residents access support when needed.

The event will also reduce barriers to participation by being free to attend and held within the local community centre. This ensures that individuals and families who may not be able to afford cultural, social, or recreational activities can still take part. Through sharing food, culture, and experiences, residents will develop greater understanding and respect for one another, helping to create a more inclusive and supportive community.

The event will also provide an opportunity for local organisations and services to engage with residents in an informal setting, raising awareness of support available within the community. This can help people access services, opportunities, and further community activities that contribute to improved wellbeing and resilience.

By addressing social isolation, promoting inclusion, encouraging participation, and strengthening community connections, the event will help tackle some of the wider impacts of deprivation and contribute to a stronger, healthier, and more resilient Charleston community.

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)	£
None. Time waiting for alternative funding proved to be a barrier.	0

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 (£)
Cosy Cafe Buffet Scottish Food	215.69	215.69
African Buffet	1075.00	1075.00
MC	100.00	100.00
Totals	1390.69	1390.69

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- **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**

- See additional detail on reserves in the Guidance section 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)

Quotes for resources

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

We will monitor both the outputs and the outcomes using a combination of attendance records, participant feedback, volunteer feedback, and observation.

Outputs will be measured by:

- Number of attendees participating in the event.
- Number of different cultures and communities represented.
- Number of volunteers involved in planning and delivery.
- Number of community organisations participating.

Outcomes will be measured by:

- Short feedback forms completed by participants at the end of the event.
- Informal conversations and testimonials gathered from attendees, volunteers, and partners.

Success will be demonstrated through increased community participation, evidence of new social connections, improved understanding of different cultures, and positive feedback regarding feelings of inclusion and belonging. We will also collect anonymous quotes and case studies to capture the personal impact of the event.

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*)

What is the planned end date of the event/activity?

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 2026-27
Outputs 80 people	80 people
Outcomes / Indicators:	

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