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Dundee Partnership **Community Regeneration Fund**

Grant Application **2023/24**

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Douglas Community Spaces Group SCIO SC043807 in partnership with Douglas Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association
Activity Title	Contribution to New Water Supply
Grant Requested (£)	£6000.00

- 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	
Coldside	<input type="checkbox"/>
East End	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lochee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maryfield	<input type="checkbox"/>
North East	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strathmartine	<input type="checkbox"/>

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR	
Small Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical & Environmental Improvement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Youth Inclusion	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please note that communications regarding this application will be sent to you via email unless you indicate otherwise

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) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Checked that the bank details or financial code are correct / complete? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Signed the form and given accurate contact details? | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)	Douglas Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association		
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2022-23? (If yes, list all grants below)			YES
Title of project funded	Amount granted	When	Was it fully spent?
Lighting for Douglas playpark & MUGA	£29,195	24/3/23	Yes

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

The Community growing area is a part of the newly opened Douglas Park. The growing area was originally opened in 2015.

Over the last year the Growers association has installed an additional 6 beds making a total of 33. A new polytunnel has been installed which allows The Growers to extend the growing season. The growers have water butts which give limited access to water when there is enough rain. However, when all the beds are being used the water butts do not provide an adequate, reliable supply.

The community garden also has a number of fruit trees and bushes all which require a reliable source of water.

The water supply will also be useful for events held in the Park.

The purpose of this grant is to ask for a contribution to install a secure reliable water supply to the growing space. The growers have been working in partnership with Douglas Community Spaces Group (DCSG) to try and address this. The groups have been in contact with Business Stream who are the company who work on new connections and supply for Scottish Water. DCSG has already paid £2606.40 for an initial desk top proposal for the design and application for a new water connection.

Following the results of the desk top assessment, Business Stream have submitted 2 new proposals / quotes (dated 28th July 2023 and 10th August 2023) see attached. The total amount for the new supply and connection is £11,547.66. The Growers are asking for a contribution to this amount.

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

City Plan – Dundee will be a greener city, made up of stronger communities where people feel empowered, safe, and proud to live.

Local Community Plan – We need quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities.

How many people will benefit from this project?	100+
Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic) Primary aged children and local people	

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

DCSG are a SCIO who work in partnership with the Growers (a constituted group). Both groups work in partnership with DCC, and the Douglas food larder. A partnership is being developed between the Growers, DCSG, DCC (Communities and Claypotts Primary School) and Alba Explorers which will allow children to learn about food growing and their environment.

Please see details from Alba Explorers of why the water connection is so important:-

“A dedicated water connection in the community garden is essential to optimize the success of planting and growing projects with pupils. By ensuring a reliable water source with a dedicated water connection, we can streamline the process of watering plants, allowing kids to engage directly in caring for their crops. Consistent access to water will support the establishment of robust root systems, ensuring the vitality of the crops throughout their growth cycle. This reliable water source would also enable us to cultivate a diverse range of plants and experiment with different varieties, broadening the educational scope for the children.

This hands-on experience instils a deeper understanding of plant growth, responsibility, and the interplay between human actions and nature. Moreover, the resilient availability of water enhances the practicality and continuity of our projects, as it minimizes disruptions caused by the need to transport water from other locations and negative impacts of adverse dry weather.

Beyond the immediate benefits, a dedicated water connection reinforces the community-centred aspect of our projects. It will help empower the community, including children, parents, and local stakeholders, to actively contribute to the sustainable growth and well-being of the garden. In essence, a water connection acts as a foundational element, amplifying the impact of our planting and growing projects by nurturing a sense of connection to the land, food, and the environment.”

A reliable water supply will allow the plot holders to continue to benefit from growing produce, being outside, meeting people, which helps address social isolation and mental health concerns.

As well as the individual bed holders any surplus fruit and vegetables are donated to the Douglas Food Larder.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

Ongoing consultation with members of DCSG, the Growers group, and other partners interested in being involved with growing (including Claypotts primary school)

The issue of an unsecure, unreliable water supply has been discussed by group members and at recent East End Locality partnership meetings. Everyone agrees that, without a secure supply the community garden will not be viable or sustainable going forward. This has become more of an issue in recent years due to the increasing effects of drier, hotter summers.

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?)

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Minutes of meetings and feedback from local people involved with community growing.

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

The East end census profile (2020) shows that 43% of the population of Douglas live in the 15% most deprived data zones. Douglas is also the highest populated part of the East End ward (41.8% of the total population live in Douglas). 54.9% of children across the east end live within a 5% most deprived data zone. As the Growers and DCSG work with the local schools, the impact and benefits of this small project are helping across the wider east end ward.

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)

Yes. DCSG have a 25-year lease with DCC. All work is being carried out with the support and advice of DCC City Development and Environment departments.

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

Once installed, the Growers group will be responsible for maintaining the supply in the garden area.

DCSG have funds allocated to support the growers with utility costs which will include ongoing water costs. Scottish Water have an exemption policy for charities which we will apply for to keep water bills as low as possible. Water usage is usually only needed for approx. 6 months although the groups recognise that standing charges apply throughout the year.

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

10 years +

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)

Yes. Please advise costs of plaques so this can be included in the quote.

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)

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Source of Funding (detail if this funding is for more than 1 year, if applicable)	£
Additional funding will be provided from DCSG budget. DCSG are funded by the National Lottery. Funding runs until 2025.	£5,547.66

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 <u>all</u> 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 (£)
Business Stream / Scottish Water standard water approval	£1340.46	£0
Business Stream / Scottish Water mains connection quote. £8506 + vat	£10,207.20	£6,000
Totals	£11,547.66	£6,000

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>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</p>
<p>What other documents are you attaching to evidence the budget costs for this application? (e.g. quotes, estimates, projected income and expenditure)</p> <p>Quotes from Business Stream.</p> <p>Accounts for 21/22. Accounts for 22/23 will be available after the DCSG AGM which is on the 14th of September.</p> <p>Copy of constitution</p>

<p>How do you intend to monitor the project Outputs and Outcomes?</p> <p>Measure the amount of bed usage and the increase in produce that can be grown with a secure supply</p>
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<p>What is the planned start date of the event/activity?</p> <p>Please note turn around on applications is 6 - 10 weeks and funding cannot be retrospective (<i>see section 2 of the guidance notes</i>)</p>	<p>We are dependent on Scottish Water</p>
<p>What is the planned end date of the event/activity?</p>	

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	If possible before the 2024 growing season.
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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 2023-24
Outputs	
Provide high quality green spaces for growing food for people living in Douglas	
Outcomes / Indicators:	

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2023-24
Outputs	
Outcomes / Indicators:	

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