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Dundee Partnership
Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application (Ferry / West End)
2026/27

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Broughty Ferry Parish Church
Activity Title	Toastie Thursday
Grant Requested (£)	£1168.34

The Local Community Planning Partnerships (LCPPs) in the Ferry and West End will examine their existing Local Community Plans to identify outstanding actions with a direct relationship to community regeneration and consider allocation of some or all of their available funding to commissioning works that would allow achievement of these agreed priorities. Each area has an allocation for 2024/25 with which to commission activities, and so activities that attract external funding may be prioritised.

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 ward, 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	
The Ferry	☐
West End	☐

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? (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)		Broughty Ferry Parish Church	
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?
Mission & Outreach Group, Broughty Ferry Parish Church As part of the Broughty Ferry Cost of Living Sub-Group	£1050	Sept 2025	yes

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

Toastie Thursday is a new initiative to provide a safe space with wifi and cheap food for young people (senior school pupils) in Broughty Ferry. The cafe will be run by volunteers out of the St Aidan's Centre on Brook Street during school terms on a Thursday (initially) between 3-5pm. If successful, opening hours could be extended to include lunchtime on a Thursday. The project has been developed in response to a lack of accessible after-school provision in the area, particularly on Thursday afternoons when Broughty Ferry Library is closed. Toastie Thursday will help address this gap by offering a positive place for young people to spend time after school, reducing isolation and providing opportunities for social connection and informal support.

The cafe will provide a safe space to eat, study, and socialise in Broughty Ferry when the local library is closed (it is closed every Thursday afternoon). The food provided will comprise a "meal deal" of a toastie (cheese, or ham, or

cheese and ham), a can of juice, a packet of crisps, and a sweet treat for a token sum. The toastie cafe is a model that is in operation in a number of churches, attracting hundreds of young people weekly. We aim to cater initially for 50 young people a week, but hope to expand this rapidly, with the possibility of other youth projects.

Funding is being sought to purchase the kitchen equipment required to establish the café, including equipment to prepare, cook, and safely keep toasties warm during opening hours. This one-off investment will provide the essential infrastructure needed to launch and sustain the project, enabling volunteers to deliver a safe, affordable, and welcoming service for local young people.

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

Toastie Thursday contributes to the Dundee City Plan outcomes of Building Strong and Empowered Communities, Children and Families, and Health, Care and Wellbeing. The project will provide a safe, welcoming space for young people to meet, study and socialise after school, helping to reduce isolation and improve wellbeing. By offering affordable food, free Wi-Fi and positive adult supervision in a community setting, the project supports young people's health, inclusion and development while strengthening community connections and making effective use of a local community facility. The project also supports priorities within the Ferry Local Community Plan by increasing opportunities for young people, promoting community wellbeing, providing a safe place to gather, and helping young people feel more connected to their local area and community resources.

How many people will benefit from this project?	Initially 50 per week
Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic)	

The project is expected to benefit approximately 50 young people each week initially during term time. As awareness of the café grows and the service becomes established, we anticipate attendance increasing significantly. There is also potential to expand opening hours and develop additional youth-focused activities, allowing the project to reach even more young people from Broughty Ferry and surrounding areas.

The project is open and accessible to all young people of secondary school age, regardless of gender, background, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or other protected characteristics. It is anticipated that both male and female young people, as well as those who identify with other genders, will benefit from the project. The café aims to provide an inclusive, welcoming, and safe environment where young people can socialise, study, access Wi-Fi, and enjoy affordable food. Particular benefit is expected for young people who may otherwise have limited access to safe after-school spaces within the local community.

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

Toastie Thursday has been developed in response to a recognised gap in provision for young people in Broughty Ferry. In particular, pupils from Grove Academy finish school at 3pm on Thursdays, at a time when Broughty Ferry Library, one of the few free and accessible places for young people to study or meet friends, is closed.

While some young people are able to access local cafés and other commercial venues, many do not have the financial means to do so. Others may experience social isolation and lack opportunities to spend time with friends in a safe and welcoming environment. The project will provide an

affordable alternative where young people can gather, access free Wi-Fi, complete homework, study, or simply spend time with others after school.

The café will offer low-cost, nutritious food and refreshments in a supervised setting, helping to reduce barriers for young people who may be affected by food insecurity or financial pressures. As well as addressing practical needs, the project will support young people's mental health and wellbeing by creating opportunities for social connection, reducing isolation, and fostering a sense of belonging within the local community.

The project aims to provide a safe, inclusive space where all young people feel welcome, respected, and supported. By creating positive opportunities for engagement after school, Toastie Thursday will help strengthen community connections and provide a valuable local resource for young people and their families.

In the longer term, once the café is established, we hope to involve young people in volunteering opportunities within the project. This will allow them to develop confidence, responsibility, teamwork and communication skills, while gaining valuable experience that can support future education, training and employment opportunities.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

Although no formal consultation has been undertaken, the proposal has been informed through discussions with local young people and community members. These conversations highlighted a number of issues affecting young people in Broughty Ferry, including loneliness, social isolation, food poverty, and a lack of safe, affordable places to meet after school.

Young people have identified that when Broughty Ferry Library is closed on Thursday afternoons, there are very few free spaces available where they can study, access Wi-Fi, complete homework, or spend time with friends. While

some young people can afford to use local cafés, others are unable to do so because of financial constraints. Some also reported feeling isolated because they lack friendship groups or feel different from their peers.

In addition, the local Community Officer is currently working with a group of S6 pupils from Grove Academy to explore opportunities for young people within the Ferry. Initial findings suggest that young people are keen to access informal learning opportunities, develop social connections, and have access to safe, welcoming spaces where they can spend time outside school. The proposed Toastie Thursday café aligns closely with these emerging priorities by providing an inclusive environment where young people can study, socialise, access affordable food, and engage with their local community.

To help inform the development of the project, representatives visited the successful Toastie Tuesday café in Bonnyrigg. This project operates within a community similar in size and character to Broughty Ferry and has been running successfully for four years. It has demonstrated how a simple, affordable café model can provide a safe and welcoming environment for young people while helping to build positive relationships between young people, volunteers, and the wider community.

The project began by supporting around 50 young people each week and now attracts more than 350 young people weekly. Feedback from young people involved in the Bonnyrigg project highlighted the value of affordable food, free Wi-Fi, opportunities to socialise, and access to trusted adults within a supportive community setting. These findings have helped shape the development of Toastie Thursday and provide confidence that there is a similar need and opportunity within Broughty Ferry.

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?)

Young people are often seen as a nuisance and an annoyance, and whilst many young people have friends and funds many do not and as result, they

are isolated and experience food poverty and are without wifi when the library is closed. Young people are supportive of the application as the cafe is designed for their needs, and they may be able to get employability skills because of the cafe operation.

The project also aligns with discussions planned at the Ferry Local Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) Café Conversation on 10 September, where community partners and residents will be exploring ways to strengthen provision for young people and families in the area.

As the project develops, it is hoped that volunteering opportunities will be created, enabling young people to gain confidence, practical experience and employability skills. For these reasons, Toastie Thursday responds directly to needs identified by local young people and has the potential to become an important community resource.

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

Toastie Thursday will help tackle food poverty, social isolation and digital exclusion by providing affordable food, free Wi-Fi and a safe place for young people to meet after school.

The café will offer a low-cost hot meal and refreshments, ensuring that financial circumstances are not a barrier to accessing food or participating in community activities. It will also provide a welcoming environment where young people can socialise, make friends and feel connected to their community, helping to reduce loneliness and isolation.

Free Wi-Fi will help address digital poverty by enabling young people to complete homework, study and access online resources, particularly on Thursdays when the local library is closed.

As the project develops, it is hoped that volunteering opportunities will be offered, allowing young people to gain valuable employability skills such as teamwork, communication, customer service and responsibility, helping to build confidence and improve future opportunities.

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)

No other funding has been sourced. We are looking to trial this project over the winter months as a test for change.

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

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 (£)
Commercial kitchen equipment:		
2 double toastie makers	575.96	575.96
3 warming plates	395.94	395.94
6 lidded serving containers	196.44	196.44
Hall rental and power (in kind contribution) per week	180	-
Food per week	200	-
Consumables (food safe bags, gloves, napkins etc) per week	25	-
Totals	1573.34	1168.34

- **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 unrestricted 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)
Screen shots from Nisbets, the commercial cooking equipment supplier.

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

We will closely monitor the number of young people who attend the cafe and who stay to eat and those who stay to chat and do homework etc. We will survey the young people who come to the cafe to ask them for feedback etc

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*)

29th October 2026

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

The cafe will run on every Thursday during the school terms, ongoing.

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:	
City Plan: Children and families	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Number of safe after school sessions	19
Affordable food and refreshments provided.	Yes
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Greater participation of young people in community activities	

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:	
Ferry Community Plan	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Number of participants participating in community provision	35
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Improve opportunities for young people	30
Reduce barriers caused by low income.	30

