

Ref: NEY2601

Dundee Partnership **Community Regeneration Fund**

Grant Application **2026/27**

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Active Dundee – Football Development
Activity Title	Freekickz – Diversionary Football
Grant Requested (£)	£

- 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
☐ East End
☐ Lochee

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR
☐ Small Grant
☐ 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? (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)			
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?
Freekickz – Diversionary Football	£1135.00	15.05.25	Yes

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

Freekickz Diversionary Football programme is focused on improving the lifestyle of its young participants (12-18yrs). Our sessions offer a safe environment for targeted young people to attend free regular activity within their community, keeping them off the streets and encouraging responsible behaviour, which should contribute to the development of stronger and safer communities.

Partnerships have been developed by the Leisure and Culture Football Development team, Dundee City Council Youth team and local community football clubs and hubs. The allows our staff, supported by CLD youth workers, to develop relationships with those young people and support their own individual pathways either in education, workplace or into community sport clubs.

We have a person-centred approach and work hard to identify the needs of each individual that attends our organised provision. Therefore, we can tailor the programme to offer additional sessions / workshops around skill development, further education / career support, alcohol, drugs and community safety.

Additionally, we can offer, our older participants, the opportunity to volunteer within their community through our programme and can implement a pathway to possible employment opportunities.

As this programme is designed to work with young people coming from disadvantaged backgrounds, we want to make sure that there is a pathway to lifelong participant in / through

sport. With our relationships / partners, we can help to break down barriers and allow these individuals to get involve in regular activity.

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

Children & Families – improving life chances for children and young people with disadvantaged backgrounds; responding to individual needs; fostering confidence, resilience and sense of purpose.

Reduce levels of anti-social behaviour

Health & Wellbeing – focus on supporting children and young people to keep themselves safe and providing opportunities for keeping physically, mentally and emotionally healthy.

Cost of Living – activities are free of charge which will allow children and young people to access diversionary provisions without putting additional financial-related stress onto families during the current financial crisis, removal oof money as a barrier to participation.

How many people will benefit from this project?	60 - 120
Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic)	
Male and Females aged between 12 and 18 y/o. Children and young people experiencing poverty.	

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

The Freekickz Diversionary Football programme will offer young people a safe environment to attend free regular activity within their local community. This allows our staff to develop relationships with these young people and support their own individual pathways either in education, their career or in sport.

There is strong evidence, nationally and internationally, that shows youth diversionary is a better way of addressing low-level criminal behaviour and create better outcomes for our young people by providing prevention, intervention and educational support.

Our Freekickz programme provides us with the opportunity to play an important role in developing resilience to youth offending and anti-social behaviour and building both understanding and relationships in a positive setting between young people and their community.

Other programmes that have been tried by other providers have not been successful as they have been short term and delivered in isolation. We believe that our wider partnership approach will allow us to get it right for each individual that attends our long term, needs based approach to supporting our young people in the community.

This also help us to complete a needs assessment of our young people, identifying what they want and giving our young people a voice.

Bringing Football Development, Youth Workers, school support staff together brings a wide range of skills and experiences to the programme that further enhances the delivery model. This approach also allows us to target local hot spots to divert them to the football activity on offer to them.

The programme will also develop an exit strategy for our young people providing pathways into clubs/hubs or local community youth work activities.

Furthermore, although this programme attracts mainly boys, girls are welcome to attend the provision, through the youth work team provision and support provided off pitch.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

Regular partnership meetings with Football Development, Youth CLD team, Community Club and school support staff. CLD Youth Team play a key role in the connection with local schools, police and community safety team. Meetings identify the need for a fun and safe environment for young people to take part in structured activity.

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?)

Wide partnership approach to complete needs-based assessment when targeting our young people to attend.

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

Activity will be free of charge and a targeted approach through links with local schools and clubs to identify those living in SIMD1/2

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)	£

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 (£)
Lead Football Coach @ £21.58p/h x 1.25 x 2hrs x 50 weeks	£2,697.50	£2,697.50
Totals	£2697.50	£2697.50

- **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)

Hourly rate documents produced by Leisure and Culture Dundee finance team

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

Monthly partnership meetings

Weekly Attendance figures

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*)

01.04.2026

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

31.03.2027

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: Children & Families

Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: Improve Physical, Mental & Emotional Health for young people	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Young people participating in the activity programme	30
Number of weeks programme will run	50
Outcomes / Indicators:	

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Outcomes / Indicators:	