

Ref: L2505

Dundee Partnership **Community Regeneration Fund**

Grant Application **2025/26**

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Ace Community Events
Activity Title	Candy Floss Machine
Grant Requested (£)	£2339.99

- 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
Coldside	Small GrantX
East End	
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:

Read the guidance sections of the form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fully completed the information on the front of the form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Provided a response to all sections of the application form (including indicating a section as 'N/A' where relevant)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Checked that your budget adds up properly?	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Included appropriate, measurable outputs & outcomes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Provided your groups accounts, or other appropriate financial information?	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Checked that the bank details or financial code are correct / complete?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Signed the form, given accurate contact details and ticked the GDPR box?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)		Ace Community Events	
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2024-25? (If yes, list all grants below)			YES / NO
Title of project funded	Amount granted	When	Was it fully spent?
Purchase of 4mX8m professional Gazebo	£4,834	12/12/2024	Yes

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 working on the delivery of four free community Events during 2025, Easter Family Fun Day, Dundee Fawkes Light Night, Menzieshill Countdown to Christmas and Lochee Light night. We are also looking to support other community events which will take place within the Lochee ward throughout 2025, this will include the Lochee Larder family fun days and hopefully other events such as the Menzieshill Community Fun Day.

We are looking to purchase a commercial triple slush machine and a commercial candy floss machine. This will allow us to deliver free candy floss and slushes at not only our own events but at other community events that we are supporting. Having this equipment will allow us to enhance peoples experience when attending our events without putting a financial burden on families that are all ready struggling and do not have the disposal income available to attend events or purchase these kinds of treats.

We believe that the small details of things such as getting a candy floss when attending an event help to create positive memories within Children and as such support their mental health and wellbeing. Also being able to deliver these goods for free at events takes away the stigma of having to get a token or voucher to get a candy floss. Everyone who attends our events attends as an equal and is treated no different to anyone else

The machine we are purchasing is a commercial machine which gives an output of seven portions of candy floss per minute, compared to other cheaper machines that only give an output of one or two portions per minute. To be able to deliver this element within our events we require a machine that can deliver a much higher output, which is required when we are catering for events of thousands of people within a short time span.

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

Children & Families
Building Stronger Communities

How many people will benefit from this project?

8000

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

Our Events are open to everyone.

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 will be taking place during 2025.

Free Easter Family Fun Day Lochee Park Saturday 19th April 2025

Dundee Fawkes light night.

We will also be delivering of the Menzieshill Countdown to Christmas event and working with the Lochee Light night team to deliver the outdoor element of the event.

We have spoken with Sam at Lochee Larder and she has said she would love us to assist with their summer fun days doing candy floss and slushies. This is an offer we will extend to other community groups running events within the Lochee ward

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 everyone has the equal 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 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. I have attached feedback from the Menzieshill Countdown to Christmas event which highlights the importance of these events.

At the point of writing this application we have just started our first stage of promoting the Easter Family Fun Day on Saturday 19th April with one thousand two hundred people on Facebook having indicated they are interested in attending the event.

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 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.

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 believe that the small details of things such as getting a candy floss when attending an event can help to create positive memories within children and as such support their mental health and wellbeing. Also being able to deliver these goods for free at events takes away the stigma of having to get a token or voucher to get a candy floss. Everyone who attends our events attends as an equal and is treated no different to anyone else.

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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)

We are currently seeking funding to cover the cost of the triple slush machine, we have submitted an application to Dundee rotary club and are seeking other potential funders.

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 triple Slush Machine	£1,378.80	£0
Professional Candy Floss Machine	£2339.99	£2339.99
Totals	£3,718.79	£23339.99

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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**

- **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

As we were only constituted in March 2026 our first set of accounts are not ready yet, but we would be in a position to send a draft copy of accounts in April.

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

Documents regarding price and specification of candy floss Machine

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

When delivering our events we utilize Dundee City Council events team smart survey software which to capture data such as number of people attending, social and economic 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.

We will also log our support at other community events, this will include numbers of candy floss or slushies distributed.

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 (<i>see section 2 of the guidance notes</i>)	1 st June 2025
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	31 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 2025-26
Outputs	
Dundee Fawkes light Night	4000 people
Menzieshill Countdown to Christmas	1500 people
Lochee Light switch on	1000 people
Attending other locally organised community group events	1500 people
Outcomes / Indicators:	
High Quality Free events and attractions	
High attendance	
People enjoying themselves	
High level of participation	

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2025-26
Outputs	
Outcomes / Indicators:	

