Ref: NE2624

Dundee Partnership
Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application
2026/27

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Fairfield Community Sports Hub SCIO
Activity Title	Community Panto
Grant Requested (£)	£1622.40

- 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 <u>each</u> Forum, but it is essential that each application can stand on its own if agreed and that the application is <u>not</u> 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 Grantx
Youth Inclusion

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

Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)	Fairfield Community Sports Hub SCIO		
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?**
Fresh Fruit & Veg	3250	Yearly	Yes
Winter Grant	1500	Yearly	Yes

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

Touring Panto - Aladdin

If successful with this funding, we would like to run Christmas Pantos within our Community Hub at Fairfield, this would take place on Sunday 6th December 2026. We would be using a professional company, who provide all sets, costumes and performers. This company has a track record of working in community venues and schools.
On the day in question the idea would be to run 3 x 90-minute performances, with each performance accommodating 80 people at each show. The panto is targeted at 3–12-year-olds at each performance there will be a blend of children and parents/carers
At the end of each performance the children are welcomed into our Winter Wonderland and have the chance to meet Santa, receive a small gift and a selection box
Those attending would be people who often miss out on these opportunities due to a lack of money or means. We feel that the nominal amount will give attendees a sense of ownership and pride that they are able to contribute to the show

This is our third year of running a panto and each time has a great success - with full seats at all performances

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

Locality Community Plan 22/27 for Dundee North East & East End - We need to respond to the cost of living crisis

And also

We need to tackle social isolation and improve mental wellbeing

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

240 – local community of all ages

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

Families living in Dundee's North East & East End continue to experience significant financial pressures, with many communities affected by high levels of deprivation and the ongoing impact of increased household costs. For families already having to make difficult choices around everyday essentials, Christmas activities and family entertainment can quickly become an unaffordable extra.

Our annual Community Panto aims to ensure that local children and families can still enjoy the excitement and tradition of a Christmas pantomime without the cost associated with commercial productions. Across three performances, we will welcome up to 240 local people, with tickets kept at an affordable £7–£8 per person.

Importantly, the experience extends far beyond the performance itself. Following the panto, children and families will visit our Winter Wonderland, meet Santa, and each child will receive a selection box and an annual to take home. The project therefore provides an entire festive family experience at one accessible price, delivered within the heart of the community.

For some of the children attending, opportunities to visit a theatre, attend a Christmas attraction or meet Santa may otherwise be limited by the overall cost involved, particularly when travel, tickets and gifts for several children are considered. By bringing everything together locally, we remove both financial and practical barriers to participation.

The project is also about much more than entertainment. It brings families, neighbours and generations together, creates positive shared experiences and strengthens a sense of community and belonging. Children have the opportunity to laugh, participate and experience the excitement of Christmas alongside their friends and peers, regardless of their family's financial circumstances.

Support from Dundee City Council's Common Good Fund will allow us to subsidise the true cost of delivering the event and keep ticket prices affordable. Rather than generating profit, income from ticket sales will contribute towards delivery costs, enabling us to provide a high-quality, inclusive Christmas experience that would otherwise cost families considerably more.

Ultimately, our Community Panto is about ensuring that financial hardship does not mean missing out on childhood experiences. It gives up to 240 local

people the opportunity to come together, celebrate Christmas and create positive family memories within their own community.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?
(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

This is the 3rd year of having the Community panto and each year it sells out very quickly, with everyone wanting to know when the next one is
We get a lot of feedback from families in particular saying how affordable and inclusive it is

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?)

Our Community Pantomime is an established and much-loved Fairfield event, developed in direct response to what local families tell us they want to see happening within their community.
Previous pantomimes have attracted strong local attendance and very positive informal feedback from children, parents, grandparents and other residents. Families regularly ask whether the pantomime will return, demonstrating an ongoing demand for an affordable, inclusive festive activity within the Fairfield area.
Our day-to-day contact with local residents through Fairfield Community Sports Hub, our Food Larder, Fairfield Families and our other community activities also gives us regular opportunities to listen to local people. Families consistently value activities that are affordable, close to home and provide opportunities for different generations to come together.
The pantomime is particularly important for households who may find the cost of travelling to and attending a commercial theatre production unaffordable. By bringing a high-quality festive experience into the heart of the community, we can ensure that local children and families can participate regardless of their financial circumstances.
The continued attendance, repeat participation, direct feedback and requests for the pantomime to return provide clear evidence that this is an activity that is supported and valued by our local community.

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

Fairfield Community Sports Hub is based within an area where many households experience financial hardship and the wider impacts of deprivation. Our Community Pantomime is designed to ensure that cost is not a barrier to children and families taking part in a positive festive experience within their own community.

For families managing increasing household costs, attending a professional pantomime can be unaffordable once ticket prices, transport, food and other associated costs are considered. By delivering the pantomime locally and keeping attendance affordable and accessible, we can provide an experience that some families may otherwise miss entirely.
The project also addresses the wider effects of deprivation, including social isolation and reduced opportunities to participate in cultural and community activities. The pantomime brings children, parents, grandparents and other residents together in a welcoming local environment, strengthening community connections and creating a shared sense of belonging.
Through our existing work, including our Food Larder and Fairfield Families, we are already engaging with households experiencing financial pressures. This enables us to promote the pantomime directly to those who may benefit most and ensure that local families are aware of the opportunity.
CRF support will allow us to reduce financial barriers while still delivering a high-quality community event, ensuring that children and families can participate regardless of household income. In this way, the funding will help reduce inequality of access to cultural experiences while supporting wellbeing, inclusion and stronger community connections.

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)	£
We have used £600 of our reserves to pay the deposit and nearer the time we will approach local businesses to help with selection boxes and books for gifts	600.00

Applying to North East and End End CRF £1644.40 each	

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 (£)
Panto x 3	3844.80	1644.40
CRF Funding		1644.40
Totals	3844.80	3244.80

- **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)

Invoice from Panto Company

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

We will use a combination of quantitative monitoring and informal community feedback to measure the success and impact of the Community Pantomime. We will record key outputs including the number of performances delivered, audience numbers, number of children and families attending, volunteer

involvement and the number of affordable or supported places provided where applicable.
We will also gather feedback from audience members, volunteers and participating families. From our experience, informal conversations are often more effective and accessible than lengthy written questionnaires, particularly when engaging with families. Staff and volunteers will therefore speak with attendees before and after performances and record key comments, experiences and suggestions.
We will monitor whether the project has achieved its intended outcomes by considering whether it has:

- enabled local families to access an affordable cultural experience;
- brought different generations together and reduced social isolation;
- increased community participation and connection;
- provided a positive experience for children and families who may otherwise face financial barriers to attending a pantomime; and
- encouraged residents to participate in further activities at Fairfield.

Where appropriate, short case studies and participant comments will be gathered anonymously to demonstrate the difference the project has made. Attendance figures, feedback and observations will be reviewed following the pantomime and used to evaluate its success and inform future community events.

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)*	6th Dec 2026
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	6th Dec 2026

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: Improved wellbeing, inclusion and community participation for children and families in Dundee's North East and East End	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: Provide an affordable, accessible, and inclusive Christmas experience for local children and families who may otherwise be unable to access comparable festive and cultural activities due to financial pressures	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Deliver 3 community panto performances, each with capacity for 80 people	240
Outcomes / Indicators:	
240 Local residents have improved wellbeing and positivity	240

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