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Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application (Ferry / West End) 2023/24

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Gate Church International SCIO
Activity Title	Community Christmas Ceilidh
Grant Requested (£)	3,124.14

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 2023/24 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
West End	<input checked="" 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)	Gate Church International SCIO		
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2022-23? (If yes, list all grants below)			YES / NO
Title of project funded	Amount granted	When	Was it fully spent?
Picnic at the Park – Magdalen Green	£1746	August 2022	Yes

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

To enable a family friendly outdoor community Christmas event for all local residents of the West End at Millers Wynd Car Park in combination with our church premises (Gate Church, 158 Perth Rd.)

The event will consist of live performances by a local ceilidh band with ceilidh dancing, spoken word and live music appropriate for all ages and all members of the public at Millar Wynd Car Park. Fire pits and Christmas lighting will also provide extensive community engagement opportunities.

We also aim to provide food with bacon rolls (+ vegan/dairy free jackfruit alternative) made on site at our church building while also providing an ‘open door café atmosphere’ from our Main Auditorium from our church premises adjacent. A Santa’s grotto will also be provided in the premises coffee bar.

At said premises we will also provide Christmas snacks, hot drinks and further community engagement opportunities of social interaction. Accessible toilet facilities will also be provided on said premises.

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

Our goal is to provide an event which engages the priorities of the West End War’s Local Community Plan by providing an open community event for all ages and abilities which can bring the whole community together.

The event will aim to tackle social isolation by allowing a physical outdoor opportunity with respective freedoms to come and go as one pleases but it will also empower all members of the public to attend a free of charge event with all amenities including food and drink – free of charge. There is therefore a removal of any potential barriers to what is a considerably costly time of year which is no

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doubt perpetuated by the cost of living crisis for all. Should any physical limitations prevent members of the public from dancing it is expected that the spectacle will also provide a delightful sensory experience of music and spoken word at the ceilidh but also the provision of a 'open door café atmosphere' from our Main Auditorium from our church premises adjacent will provide as engaging a festive treat with music, hot drinks, Santa's grotto etc.

This also serves well as a pop-up community space lending itself proactively to boost the life chances for children, families and more. Affording the chance to creatively engage in the Scottish cultural arts in the form of music and dance at no cost at the ceilidh. It also affords a fresh opportunity to engage with the Gate Church premises which is a listed historic building built in 1868 outwith the conventional hours of religious worship services. Finally, Santa's Grotto experiences can be considerably costly to families, by providing this free of charge we effectively create a Christmas memory which may not have been possible elsewhere in the city for the season.

Our desire is that this event would empower the community considerably with positive community social interactions (e.g. conversations) dissolving any separation of age, creeds, races and more.

Furthermore, in a season which is often interconnected with bereavement challenges, family stresses and mental health it can also be a welcome boost to all mental health or social isolation challenges by providing a positive base for recovery and respite.

How many people will benefit from this project?	Whole community
Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic)	
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Please say why the project is needed (please limit your answer to 500 words or less)

This event will be open to the whole community at no-cost and will include the provision of food, hot drinks and entertainment. It is also taking place in an easily accessible public space which can be accessed both via numerous public transport links and is within easy walking distance of a large portion of the residential areas of the ward. This should remove access barriers for low-income households.

It is widely reported that the cost of living crisis is perpetuated by the societal pressure to gift give during the festive season. Many people rack up considerable amounts of debt on credit in said season with as many as one third of Scots relying heavily on credit to cover costs in the Festive period (see Scotland Debt

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Solutions –(McDougal, 2021, Link: <https://www.scotlanddebt.co.uk/news/third-of-scots-may-rely-on-debt-to-cover-costs-of-christmas>, Accessed 14/09/23). The desire of this event to be fully 'free of charge' is therefore a unique opportunity where the types of entertainment, food, venues and Christmas grotto's being provided would usually come with considerable costs.

It is also worth noting that after prolonged periods of isolation experienced during the worst of the covid pandemic many community groups and activities are also still not operating or are at reduced capacity. Some businesses or charities who would have sponsored or held events no longer exist which has only worsened due to the cost of living crisis. We believe that this event will provide a sense of celebration, and an unparalleled opportunity for connection for those who feel lonely and help to foster a sense of community amongst local residents.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

Having recently ran a similar event in Miller Wynd Car Park in 2021 ('Christmas Community Pageant') where CRF funding was provided we received high levels of positive feedback after said event. Many attendees have expressed a desire to see similar events take place in the future.

Our Picnic at the Park (Magdalen Green) event held in 2022 also received positive feedback and similarly with a Ceilidh in the Park, Baxter Park in August 2023.

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?)

After consulting the Local Community Plan for our West End alongside consultations with our West End Ward Community worker, Joanne Kelly and Fraser McPherson (Bailie) . The feedback received from said persons was extremely positive in brainstorming the event's goals/desires fully in line and in accordance with addressing the needs of the West End community as a whole. The feedback also allowed for any changes or new considerations to be made that we had not had thought of before.

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The event also ties into the West End Christmas fortnight which looks to fully celebrate the West End ward and foster community engagement. Our organisation was encouraged to host an event within said fortnight by committee members including Fraser McPherson. Said committee also includes local residents, head teachers, local clergy and more.

Verbal feedback from the Westend community council members in response to our Picnic in the Park event was similarly positive with a request to encourage similar events in the future from our local church.

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

The desire is for the event to be fully free of charge providing food, hot drinks, selection boxes from Santa's grotto (children only) totally free of charge.

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)

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

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

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)

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)	£
<p>Most of our running costs are greatly reduced due to our volunteer teams who will help set up/set down event in but who will also have full and necessary training in place for their respective roles. It is hard to equate for how much a saving that is monetarily but is quite significant.</p> <p>We have also secured by negotiations considerable discounts on the pricings named below. You'll see discounts noted via</p>	

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<p>ceilidh band, HSS hire – charitable discount of 25% and similarly with Audio Wave too.</p> <p>We are in the process of communicating with local Community Champions at Tesco and Morrisons in the city in hope that some potential partnerships can happen particularly in sponsoring food, drink and selection boxes for Santa's grotto</p>	
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<p>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).</p>		
Cost Heading	Full Costs (£)	DP Aid (£)
Sporran Again Ceilidh Band	975	975
Promoted Facebook posts targeting West End residents	68	68
All food/drink items incl. Bacon Roll Bar + Vegan alternative, All hot drinks, Selection Boxes, Mince Pies, etc (see spreadsheet for full detail)	937.85	937.85
HSS Hire for Generator, Lighting + Heating	999.19	999.19
Publicity flyers and banners via Urban Print, Perth Rd.	144.40	144.40
Christmas Lighting hire from Audio Wave, Dundee	939.00	939.00
Totals	3,124.14	3,124.14

- **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)

Please see the following Google Drive link which has all quotations attached:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aLIBpnlRi08bUp05wZIBf8hM9UsKrHu1?usp=sharing>

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

Monitor attendance at the event

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Ask attendees to engage with digital survey during the event and post event via an optional email survey.

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)	3/12/2023
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	3/12/2023

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:	
We need community facilities in the West End	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
To encourage local residents to access public spaces and participate in physical activity both outdoors and indoors with full community engagement, empowering communities and tackling social isolation. Addressing cost of living for providing a warm space in Main Aud and a totally free of charge community evening in both spaces.	
	Target 2023-24
Outputs	
Ceilidh dancing and all-age activities in car park cspace	Attended by 250 - 300 local residents
Main historic site of interest church auditorium open to public beyond normal Sunday worship setting with warm space provided, free tea/coffee	Attended by 250 - 300 local residents
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Number of dancers	50-100 dancers per dance
Number of attendees in Main Auditorium	250-300 attendees

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:	
We need to improve life chances for children and families	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
Provide a no-cost afternoon of fun activities for children and families	
	Target 2023-24
Outputs	
Additional activities specifically aimed at children and families (e.g. Santa's grotto, toasted marshmallow station, free food + tea and coffee)	250-300 children/families attending
Provide refreshments for families by giving out mince pies, hot and cold drinks e.g. juice/tea/coffee/hot chocolate	350-400 hot drinks/mince pies
Selection Box gift from Santa's grotto + picture with Santa opportunity	250 - 300 children
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Number of children/families attending event	250 – 300 children/families

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Number of refreshments distributed	250-300 hot drinks/mince pies
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