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Dundee Partnership
Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application
2026/27

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Fintry & beyond Community Action Group
Activity Title	Fintry and beyond Winter celebration
Grant Requested (£)	£4770.00

- 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	PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR
Coldside	Small Grant
East End	
Lochee	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)	Fintry & Beyond Community Action Group		
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2025-26? (If yes, list all grants below)			**NO**
Title of project funded	**Amount granted**	**When**	**Was it fully spent?**

Please give a description of what you want this grant for We plan to bring the whole community together for a special Christmas celebration. We have a strong track record of organising successful community events and have delivered similar celebrations on several occasions. Subject to funding, our aim is to make the entire event completely free for everyone, as we have done in previous years. We recognise that the North East is an area where many families face financial pressures, particularly during the winter months, and we want to make a positive difference by providing an opportunity for the whole community to come together and enjoy Christmas without financial barriers. Throughout December, we plan to bring the area to life with Christmas lights, banners, a Christmas tree and festive lighting. This will lead up to a main celebration featuring free food, rides, disco music, balloons and entertainment from local community groups. We will also invite local groups and individuals to showcase their talents through dancing, performances and demonstrations. Our previous event attracted more than 500 people, with all activities provided completely free of charge. We received extremely positive feedback, with the event described to us as one of the best Christmas community events in the North East. We want to build on that success and continue creating the same sense of community, positivity and togetherness, particularly at a time of year when many people can face increased financial and social pressures. Our ambition is to make this year's event even more memorable and, if successful, establish it as an annual community celebration for many years to come. Ultimately, we want to give the people of the North East something they can look forward to each Christmas and create a lasting positive legacy for the local community.

Which City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome(s) will it address? The project will support the City Plan and Local Community Plan outcomes by bringing local residents together through an inclusive and accessible Christmas community event. The event will help reduce social isolation, strengthen community connections and promote community participation, while providing a welcoming opportunity for families and residents to come together and enjoy activities at little or no cost.

The project also supports the priority of reducing inequalities by ensuring that local people, including families and residents who may experience financial pressures during the Christmas period, can participate in a community celebration without cost being a barrier. It will contribute to building stronger, resilient and empowered communities by encouraging local involvement and creating a positive sense of community spirit.

How many people will benefit from this project?	
Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic) We anticipate that we will have 500 people attending the event at different time between the tree switch on and the arena where the rides and food will be available. It will benefit male, female, kids and whole families across the whole of the north east at a time when budgets can be put under severe pressure	

Please say why the project is needed The project is needed to provide a positive, inclusive and affordable Christmas experience for people living in Fintry and the surrounding community.

Christmas can be a particularly difficult time for families and individuals experiencing financial pressures. The ongoing cost-of-living pressures mean that some local families may struggle to afford festive activities, presents, food and opportunities to socialise. This can result in people, particularly children, families, older residents and those living alone, missing out on opportunities to come together and celebrate with their community.

The proposed Christmas event will provide a free or low-cost opportunity for local residents to come together, socialise and enjoy festive activities in a safe and welcoming environment. It will help reduce social isolation, encourage community participation and create stronger connections between local residents.

There is also a need to create positive opportunities for children and young people within the local community. The event will provide activities that allow families to participate together and will help create a stronger sense of belonging and community pride.

The project directly supports Dundee's priorities around reducing poverty and inequalities and building resilient and empowered communities. Dundee's community planning approach recognises the importance of local communities identifying and responding to local needs, while current city priorities continue to focus on tackling poverty, inequalities and strengthening communities.

CRF funding would allow the community to deliver an event that would otherwise be difficult to provide due to the financial pressures facing local organisations and residents. The funding would ensure that cost is not a barrier to participation and that local people, regardless of their financial circumstances, can experience a positive Christmas celebration together.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?
(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)
he application has been developed in response to identified local needs within the Fintry community, particularly the importance of providing affordable opportunities for local families and residents to come together during the Christmas period. This time period can put enormous pressure on families and can force them to potentially spend money they may need for something else

If funding is secured, the community will be engaged in the planning and development of the event to help ensure that the activities reflect local interests and needs. Feedback from residents and participants will also be welcomed as part of the event and used to inform future community activities. There has been great feedback previously from

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?) he project has been developed around identified needs within the Fintry community, particularly the need for affordable and inclusive activities that bring local families and residents together during the Christmas period.

The proposed event is intended to benefit the wider Fintry community by providing an accessible opportunity for local residents, particularly families and children, to enjoy a Christmas celebration without the financial barriers associated with many commercial activities.

If funding is awarded, we will actively involve local residents in the planning of the event and seek feedback from participants. This will allow us to demonstrate community engagement and ensure that the event reflects the needs and interests of people living in the area.

How will the project / activity tackle deprivation or benefit those experiencing deprivation? (Refer to Section 1 of the Guidance Notes) The project will help tackle the effects of deprivation by providing a free or very low-cost Christmas event that is accessible to everyone in the Fintry community, regardless of their financial circumstances.

For families and individuals experiencing financial hardship, Christmas can be a particularly challenging time, with the cost of food, presents, heating and everyday household expenses making it difficult to afford additional activities or celebrations. The cost of attending commercial Christmas events can also prevent children and families from taking part in festive experiences.

The project will remove financial barriers by providing local residents with the opportunity to enjoy Christmas activities within their own community without the need for significant expenditure. This will particularly benefit families on low incomes, children and young people, older residents and people who may otherwise be socially isolated.

As well as providing a positive experience, the event will help reduce social isolation and strengthen connections between local residents. Bringing people together in a safe, welcoming environment can help build stronger community relationships and encourage residents to participate in other local activities and support networks.

Delivering the event locally in Fintry is also important, as it reduces the need for residents to travel elsewhere and incur additional transport costs. The project will therefore help ensure that financial circumstances do not prevent local people from participating in a community Christmas celebration.

Overall, the project will provide a practical and immediate benefit to people who may be experiencing financial hardship or social isolation, while contributing to a more inclusive, connected and resilient local community.

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)	£
Festive Fund but all money was gone after first round. Will attempt to do a potential crowd funder.	

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 (£)
Food Provided at the church	1450	1450
C& s leisure Rides.	3000	3000
Gaming Van	320	320
Totals	4770	4770

- **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)

Attaching the quotes attached for the above funding application

How do you intend to monitor the project Outputs and Outcomes? Outputs will be monitored by recording:

The number of people attending the Christmas event. **The number of children, young people, families and adults participating.** **The number and type of activities delivered.** **The number of local volunteers involved in organising and supporting the event.** **The level of community participation and engagement throughout the project.** **Outcomes will be monitored through feedback from participants. We will use a short, informal feedback process at or following the event to establish whether residents felt the event was accessible, enjoyable and beneficial. We will specifically seek feedback on whether the event helped people feel more connected to their local community, reduced the financial barriers to taking part in Christmas activities and provided an opportunity to meet and socialise with other local residents.** **We will also record comments and feedback from families, residents and volunteers, including suggestions for future community activities. Photographs and other appropriate evidence of participation will be retained, where consent is provided, to demonstrate the activity and community engagement.**

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)*	4th December 2026
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	4th December 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: Reducing poverty and inequalities
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: To reduce financial barriers to participation by providing an inclusive and affordable Christmas community event for families, children and residents in Fintry. The project will ensure that local people experiencing financial pressures are able to participate in a positive Christmas experience without the cost of commercial activities becoming a barrier.

	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Christmas community event delivered	Dec 26
Free/low-cost activities provided	Dec 26
Children and young people participating	Dec 26
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Reduced financial barriers to participation	Dec 26
Children and families benefit from a positive Christmas experience	Dec 26
Improved wellbeing and social inclusion	Dec 26

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