

Ref: S2503

Dundee Partnership
Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application

2025/26

| Applicant Information | |
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| Name of Applicant Group | Campy Growers |
| Activity Title | Campy Workshops/Events Co-ordinator 2025 |
| Grant Requested (£) | £4,941 |

- 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

Maryfield

North East

Strathmartine

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT
YOU ARE APPLYING FOR

Small Grant

Youth Inclusion

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

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Fully completed the information on the front of the form

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Provided a response to all sections of the application form

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(including indicating a section as 'N/A' where relevant)

Checked that your budget adds up properly?

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Checked that your start date is after the date at which funds could be available,

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(see page 6) and that your end date is within the financial year?

Included appropriate, measurable outputs & outcomes?

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Provided your groups accounts, or other appropriate financial information?

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Sourced and attached all relevant quotes?

n/a

(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?

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Signed the form, given accurate contact details and ticked the GDPR box?

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| Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department) | | Camperdown Growing Collective (Campy Growers) | |
| Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2024-25? (If yes, list all grants below) | | | YES / |
| Title of project funded | Amount granted | When | Was it fully spent? |
| Banishing Bambi – Protective (deer) Fencing for Food Garden (Lochee) | £19363 | March 2024 | Yes |
| Stronger Foundation for bigger community Impact (Strathmartine) - for administrative costs | £559 | Sept 2024 | Yes |
| Greener Campy Growers (Lochee) -- for garden materials | £3214.76 | March 2025 | Yes |
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| <p>Please give a description of what you want this grant for - (please limit your answer to 500 words or less)</p> |
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Campy Growers is a 9 acre community growing space in Camperdown Park, Strathmartine ward. Currently around 2 acres is veg growing space, and we have been developing an orchard in part of the remaining 7 acres. We currently have two members of staff (with an additional member on maternity leave for over 9 months). The garden is run for and by the community: volunteers are key to running of the garden and much of our veg goes to community larders including in Strathmartine and Lochee wards. Our charitable purposes are listed in section below. In the last two years there has been two aspects of our offer to the Community: 1) opportunities to volunteer in the Garden; and 2) attending workshops/events. This application relates to our community workshop/event offer.

The funding will be used to pay for a part-time co-ordinator to organise around 15 community workshops/events at Campy Growers, and monthly climate cafe sessions during 2025.

Workshops

With regard workshops, the role will be responsible for: finalising our 2025 workshop/event programme; contacting workshop leaders; outreach into surrounding communities and use of social media for raising awareness of workshops/events; organising bookings; organising volunteer / participant expenses; supporting workshop leaders to make sure the events run smoothly; and 'telling the story' of the workshop afterwards, eg on social media.

Over the course of the 2024, we identified a number of workshop themes for 2025 including: Gardening (including starting a garden, growing your own veg, botany, taking cuttings, soil health, mushroom growing...); Cooking from scratch (focusing on cooking healthy using seasonal produce from the garden); Biodiversity workshops (moth and bats workshops); and Community events (movie screenings, open days, harvest celebrations...).

We have a draft workshop plan developed during 2024.

Climate Cafes

These will be monthly group meetings open to all where people come to discuss concerns about the impact of climate change and practical ways in which individuals can address the issues, inspired by the Campy Growers growing space.

Funding to date for workshop programme

We have funding for the workshops/events themselves: workshop leaders' time, materials and volunteer expenses from two sources: Dundee Climate Fund including 9 workshops and monthly climate cafe sessions (including training); and DVVA 2025 level 1 funding for 6 workshops.

We are applying for Strathmartine CRF funding for a Workshop/events co-ordinator' to organise these workshops/events, and to raise awareness of them in the communities around us.

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

- 1) Responding to the cost of living crisis
- 2) Quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities (developing a network of community growing spaces and community and gardens.
- 3) We need to improve life chances for children and families

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| How many people will benefit from this project? | 150+ |
| <p>Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic)</p> <p>Our workshops are open to all, including families.</p> | |

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| Please say why the project is needed (please limit your answer to 500 words or less) |
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Our small team would like to create more sustainability and breadth to our workshop offer. In 2024, over 10 months, we ran 28 workshops with over 250 attendees, and 12 bigger events with over 1100 attendees in total. Feedback has always been positive and encouraging. However, many of the workshops in 2024 have been run by a single staff member, and we would like to extend the breadth of topics we can offer - skills and knowledge around food, cooking, nature and the environment - by bringing others in. Linked to this, a number of volunteers have expressed an interest in running workshops on different topics. Supporting them in this is the next capacity building step for our young project - empowering those involved with us and giving them a greater ownership in the running of Campy Growers. The workshop co-ordinator role offers us a resource to co-ordinate and support this effort, and reach out into surrounding communities to raise awareness of our workshops/events.

The time available to our two existing staff to communicate with local networks, raising awareness of what we do, is limited, and the workshop co-ordinator role would enable us to strengthen the community connections we have made over the last three years.

The approach we have in the Garden and what we see Campy Growers to be in the future is largely influenced by our volunteers' input. We have organised frequent tours of/talks in the garden to compile ideas, support volunteers in the projects they want to run. Many volunteers have expressed the desire to support or run workshops and, as a collective, we want to embrace this enthusiasm. We have established a list of potential workshops volunteers and professionals could and would want to run or contribute to. Having a dedicated staff member would enable us to make this happen.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

Since 2022, we have run volunteer sessions; workshops around gardening, cooking and biodiversity; and we have started delivering vegetables to various locations around Dundee. By quadrupling our growing space since 2022, we have been able to show individuals and groups how to grow their own food, and distribute hundreds of kilos of nutritious, locally grown vegetables. We have a local impact by working with local schools, groups and food larders, and also have city-wide and national recognition: 'Outstanding' certification from Keep Scotland Beautiful; and we were one of three finalists from the BBC OneShow in September 2024.

In August 2024 alone, we were able to distribute over 600kg of veg. This went to local food larders, to local people, was used in food workshops and distributed through our veg box scheme. During the growing season we average 600 visitors a month (through open days, workshops, walk-in visitors...).

The general feedback about Campy Growers workshops has been very positive. Examples of feedback include:

"Campy Growers helped sow seeds for the 100 families projects. 10 volunteers were delighted to support other projects and came together to learn about growing media, types of pots and sowing methods. Together, we've sown over 2250 seeds!

"It inspired some volunteers who kept the "Big Sow" going at home and have sown many more seeds for their own growing spaces. "

"I have cooked so much since the cooking group. I got a small food processor and I am having so much fun. That's thanks to the cooking group"

"Thank you so much for letting me visit yesterday and taking the time out to show me round your amazing site. I love what you are doing here and all the different ways to grow and propagate your vegetables. Also for all the information, hints and tips I took away. Loved my goody bag, so delicious. Hope you have a great growing season and much success with your charity."

"Space is beautiful. Soup was amazing! particular thanks to the presenter who was very knowledgeable and enthusiastic and knowledgeable. First Class" Participant to the Stargazing night

“It was an excellent meal, with lovely company! Highly recommend and will be returning! What a fantastic resource for the community to learn and gain skills from.”
Cooking group participant

“My head is still buzzing with the information and ideas”. Volunteer joining our EcoTour at Bamff to learn about rewilding.

I would love to dig a pond at Campy to bring more wildlife and more people together”
Volunteer coming on site with his son. After consultation and planning, the pond has been created in September 2024!

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 approach we have in the garden and what we see Campy Growers to be in the future is largely influenced by our volunteers' input. We have organised frequent discussions / garden tours to compile ideas, and supported volunteers in the projects they want to run.

Out of our 2024 workshop programme, many volunteers have expressed the desire to support or run workshops and, as a collective, we want to embrace this enthusiasm. We have established a list of potential workshops that volunteers and professionals could and would want to run or contribute to.

For example, we would like to run the following workshops which have received lots of positive feedback in 2023 and 2024: botany; start your own garden, making

cuttings, seed bombs, PYO session, moth events, bat event, cooking, veg stalls, big spring sow, big winter sow, gardening with kids and more.

During the high of the growing season (May to October) we had on average 500 volunteering hours a month in 2024 vs 400 hours in 2023 which shows the growing interest in the project. The empowerment through volunteering is leading to volunteers wanting to take more ownership of the project and run or support the delivery of workshops:

- Some volunteers would like to run gardening sessions such as botany for beginners, the 'big sow', or cooking sessions using produce grown on site.
- Others would like to focus on specific projects and connect with other like-minded people for e.g. biodiversity events, pond building, wildlife identification etc.
- New users are also offering to come to Campy Growers to share skills they gained through work or previous experience and would like to contribute to Campy Growers charitable purposes (nutrition and food, soil workshop, bats and moth night, jam making ...).

To deliver the project, we have identified volunteers interested and ready to run a workshop as well as volunteers who would like to shadow and become more confident.

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

Campy Growers charitable objectives include:

- 1) To advance health and wellbeing by facilitating access to growing opportunities and contributing to improved diet through increased access to fresh local produce in a natural environment
- 2) To advance education and skills, particularly related to food (growing cooking, eating) and by developing and hosting land based educational programmes and courses such as gardening and environmental activities.
- 3) To promote environmental improvement including protecting and increasing biodiversity above and below the soil by adopting and promoting environmentally sustainable practices.

The *Garden Organic* study from sustain web “reviews the extensive scientific literature showing the benefits of gardening and community food growing for both physical and mental health”. We think that being able to come to workshops around food, health and nature potentially empowers people to take control of their lives in many ways, counter-acting the impacts of deprivation:

- Offering people the skills to be able to grow their own food
- Offering people the skills to be able to cook healthily and seasonally
- Motivate people to take control of their basic needs – food and exercise, with positive impacts for physical and mental health

- Develop new interests – food, cooking, nature and the environment – that can help bring purpose to people’s lives
- Meet new people at workshops at the garden, helping people build community’ and counter-act loneliness.
- Coming to a workshop is a reason for many people to come to the Campy Growers garden and connect with a biodiverse green space (9 acre site), often a kind of ‘natural’ therapy for difficulties in a person’s life.

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) | £ |
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| Dundee DVVA 2025 – Level 2 (Unsuccessful) – this application included for a workshop co-ordinator | £24,016.70 |

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| Dundee DVVA 2025 – Level 1 (Successful) – £1000* of this total included funding for running 6 workshops. | £3,214.76 |
| Dundee Climate Fund 3.0 (Successful) – Most of this funding is for a Green Gazebo – an outdoor space to run workshops. £1,170* was for workshops and volunteer expenses; and £920* was for expenses and training related to climate cafe events. | £24,962 |
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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> | | |
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| Cost Heading | Full Costs (£) | DP Aid (£) |
| Workshops and participant expenses (*DVVA and DCC above) | 2,170 | 0 |
| Climate cafe (participant expenses and training) (*DCC above) | 920 | 0 |
| Staff salary - £15/hour @ 16hrs per week | 4500 | 4500 |

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| National Insurance | 351 | 351 |
| Pension | 90 | 90 |
| Totals | 8,031 | 4941 |

- **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)

n/a

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

1) We record workshop/event participant numbers

2) We ask people to fill in evaluation forms following workshops / events

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| 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>) | June / July 2025 |
| What is the planned end date of the event/activity? | November/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:

We need to improve life chances for children and families; To respond to the cost-of-living crisis

Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:

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| To offer families and members of the community generally opportunities to learn about growing food, cooking seasonal produce and nature and the environment | |
| | Target 2025-26 |
| <i>Outputs</i> | |
| To run workshops / events around the food, cooking and environmental themes above | 15+ workshops |
| <i>Outcomes / Indicators:</i> | |
| Participants report enjoyment and benefits from workshop participation | 80% |
| Participants have ideas about how they can use learning from events to inspire material and positive change in their lives | 80% |
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| City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome: | |
| Quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities (developing a network of community growing spaces and community and gardens). | |
| Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: | |
| Through workshops and events, to bring people into a local green space managed for both biodiversity and growing food. | |
| | Target 2025-26 |
| <i>Outputs</i> | |
| Number of people visiting the Campy Growers Garden as a result of workshops / events | 150+ |
| <i>Outcomes / Indicators:</i> | |
| Number of people reporting positive impact from being in our Garden | 120+ |

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