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Dundee Partnership
Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application (Ferry / West End) 2026/27

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Yusuf Youth Initiative
Activity Title	Health and wellbeing
Grant Requested (£)	£1650

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 2024/25 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☐

West EndX

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)	Yusuf Youth Initiative		
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2025-26? (If yes, list all grants below)			**YES**
Title of project funded	**Amount granted**	**When**	**Was it fully spent?**
West End youth Sessions	£2500	April 25	Yes

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

The grant will support the delivery of our weekly youth club sessions at Harris Academy from 17th October to 3rd April 2027. We work in partnership with Leisure and Culture, who provide the venue at a subsidised cost of £60 per session (covered under CRF Funding). These sessions engage up to 60 young people each week, offering a safe and inclusive space for socialising and personal development.

We also provide paid opportunities for young people to help staff the sessions, at a weekly cost of £75. This not only supports the running of the club but also offers valuable work experience and skills development.

Through this programme, the grant will contribute to improving young people's physical and mental wellbeing, strengthening positive relationships, and building essential life skills that support their future development.

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

Dundee will be a fair and socially inclusive society.

How many people will benefit from this project?	60
Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic)	

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

Yusuf Youth Initiative (YYI) has over 19 years of experience delivering youth work in Dundee. We are an active member of the Dundee City Council youth work network and are one of the largest minority-led youth work providers in the city. We support a diverse group of young people from over 25 nationalities and maintain strong partnerships with Dundee City Council youth teams.

In recent years, young people have faced increasing challenges, including social isolation, reduced confidence, and limited access to safe, welcoming spaces. Demand for youth services continues to grow, but access to suitable, affordable facilities remains a significant barrier to expansion.

Our partnership with Leisure and Culture represents an important opportunity to address this need. Access to Harris Academy provides a high-quality, accessible base in the West End—an area where we have been rooted since our inception—and enables us to expand our reach and increase the number of young people we support.

Our youth work delivers meaningful outcomes for young people, including improved mental and physical wellbeing, stronger social connections, and the development of essential life skills. Through our sessions, young people build positive relationships, gain confidence, and benefit from consistent support and mentorship from trusted youth workers.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?
(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)
We have undertaken ongoing consultation with young people, parents, and local partners to shape this application. Our engagement is continuous through our existing youth sessions, where young people regularly share feedback on the activities, support, and facilities they need. A consistent theme has been the demand for more accessible, high-quality spaces and increased opportunities to take part in structured youth provision.
We have also engaged with Dundee City Council youth work teams and are active members of the local youth work network, which provides insight into wider needs and gaps across the city. Through these discussions, it is clear that there is growing demand for inclusive provision, particularly for young people from diverse backgrounds.
Our partnership with Leisure and Culture has been developed in response to these identified needs, ensuring that the proposed sessions at Harris Academy are both accessible and aligned with local priorities. This collaborative approach ensures that the project is rooted in community demand and complements existing provision in the area.

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?)

This application is directly informed by the needs and feedback of the young people and families we work with. Through our regular youth sessions, we gather ongoing informal feedback, and young people have consistently told us they want more frequent opportunities to meet, take part in activities, and access safe, high-quality spaces. Attendance at our sessions remains high, with up to 60 young people attending each week, demonstrating clear demand for our provision.

Parents and carers have also expressed strong support for our work, highlighting the positive impact on their children's confidence, wellbeing, and social connections. Many have specifically requested additional sessions and more accessible venues.

In addition, our involvement in the Dundee City Council youth work network and close working relationships with local youth teams provide further evidence of need. Partners have identified a gap in inclusive provision for young people from diverse backgrounds, particularly in the West End, and have been supportive of our plans to expand.

This project has not only been shaped by community input but responds directly to clearly identified local need for accessible, inclusive youth services and suitable facilities.

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

This project will support young people who are experiencing, or at risk of, deprivation by providing free, accessible youth work in a safe and supportive environment. Many of the young people we work with face barriers linked to low income, social exclusion, and limited access to affordable activities. By removing cost and location barriers, the project ensures that all young people can participate regardless of their circumstances.

Our sessions help tackle social deprivation by reducing isolation and creating opportunities for young people to build friendships, develop confidence, and feel a sense of belonging. This is particularly important for those from minority backgrounds or newly arrived communities, who may face additional challenges in accessing mainstream provision.

The project also contributes to improving mental and physical wellbeing by offering structured activities, trusted adult support, and positive role models.

Through participation, young people develop key life skills such as communication, teamwork, and leadership, which can improve their future education and employment prospects.
In addition, we create pathways for young people to take on volunteering and paid roles within the sessions, providing valuable work experience and helping to address economic disadvantage.
Overall, the project directly responds to the impacts of deprivation by increasing access to opportunities, strengthening resilience, and supporting young people to achieve positive outcomes.

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)	£

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).

Cost Heading	Full Costs (£)	DP Aid (£)

Staff costs (£75 per week x 22 weeks)	£1650	£1650
Totals	1650	1650

- **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)

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

We will monitor both outputs and outcomes through a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods.

Outputs will be tracked through weekly registers, recording attendance numbers, demographics (age, gender, ethnicity), and levels of participation. This will allow us to evidence how many young people are engaged and the consistency of attendance over time.

To measure outcomes, we will gather feedback directly from young people through regular informal discussions, short surveys, and feedback forms. These will focus on changes in wellbeing, confidence, social connections, and skills development. We will also use simple before-and-after self-assessment tools where appropriate to capture individual progress.

Our youth workers will maintain session records and reflective logs to document observations of young people’s development, engagement, and any emerging needs. Case studies will also be collected to provide deeper insight into individual journeys and the impact of the project.

We will seek feedback from parents/carers and partner organisations to understand wider impacts on behaviour, wellbeing, and community engagement. All data collected will be reviewed regularly to inform ongoing delivery and ensure the project continues to meet the needs of young people, as well as to report clearly on outcomes to the funder.

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)*	June 2026
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	March 2027

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: Dundee will be a fairer and socially inclusive society	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: To support young people improve their mental health and build new relationships	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Sport sessions on Saturday mornings 22 weeks)	22 weeks
Outcomes / Indicators:	

The youth sport sessions will support 60 young people aged 8-16 years old through a range of sport activities improving their physical and mental wellbeing	60

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