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Dundee Partnership
Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application (Ferry / West End) 2026/27

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Harris Academy FP Hockey Club
Activity Title	Indoor Hockey Boards
Grant Requested (£)	£4650

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 End**X**

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

Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)	

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?**
Hockey in the West End	£360	Sept 25 to March 26	Yes

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

The grant will be used to replace the old wooden indoor hockey boards that we currently use for training, games and youth festivals. The boards are over 50 years old and don't fit together properly. They are joined by clips which constantly need replaced. The boards are all slightly different and must be joined in a set order. Safety is important, with care needed when setting up the boards to avoid wood splinters. During coaching sessions and games, hockey balls often lift off the floor after deflecting against the boards instead of running flat. This happens due to poor linking up and uneven surfaces on the faces of the boards. New wooden interlocking boards will help with setting up and removing boards and will improve deflections off the sideboards.

The boards are used from 5pm to 9pm on Wednesdays and 6pm to 9pm on Thursdays during the period from October to February. The Wednesday sessions are for U8, U10, U12, U14 and U16 players, the majority coming from schools in the west end of Dundee. Youth membership continues to increase, building on the foundation of free after school and lunchtime clubs that we provide in the community. We have over 120 young players taking part over four sessions on Wednesday evenings. The Thursday sessions are for men and women along with youth players looking to transition into our adult teams. Adult membership has also increased and a main factor has been moving training to the west end of Dundee. The citywide hockey facilities are well equipped, but putting hockey into the heart of the community has raised awareness locally of what we are doing and made it easier for parents and players to get along to training.

As well as our programme of school hockey clubs in the west end, we invite the schools to play inter school games at indoor festivals in Harris Games Hall where they get access to a bigger playing area. Last season, we purchased a trophy for the primary schools' festivals.

While we use Dundee University Sports Ground for outdoor training, we rely on indoor hockey to introduce hockey to schools as part of our 'hockey in the community' programme. This ongoing work in the community has paid off and our young players have been successful locally and nationally at

indoor hockey. At local level we have teams at U10, U12, U14 and U16 teams competing monthly in Midland District festivals and we have U16 and U18 teams competing in national competitions. Our U14 boys last season won the prestigious 2025-26 national indoor tournament organised by HPC Hockey based in Perth and our U16 girls finished fourth. By improving facilities with the purchase of indoor sideboards, it will help to continue the development of our sport, attract young people to play hockey and provide players with improved playing conditions.

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

We need community facilities in the West End

How many people will benefit from this project?	

Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic)
Pupils in ten schools west end of Dundee and members of the local hockey club. We will provide all the pupils in primary with a chance to take part in hockey amounting to over 3000 young people. Approximately 200 of these primary aged players will be able to take part in festival games with boards and at Harris Academy. Over 1000 secondary aged pupils will get the opportunity to train and play games during the school year. The sessions are for boys and girls and all age groups and abilities

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

Facilities for indoor hockey in Dundee are mainly situated centrally or in the east end of the city. After moving our coaching and training to the west end of Dundee at Harris Academy, we've seen the benefits of basing training in the west end, with increased numbers for both our adult and youth training sessions. The majority of the youth section have joined after playing hockey for the first time at our free school lunchtime and after school clubs which have been set up by working with Active Schools. We've also helped to increase our adult membership by getting parents involved and offering

affordable family membership. We aim to provide safe and affordable hockey in the community for players of all abilities and ages.

We organiser hockey coaching sessions at Camperdown, St Clement's, Tayview, St Ninian's, Ancrum Road, Victoria Park, St Joseph's, Blackness, St Mary's and Harris Academy as part of our 'hockey in the community' programme. Without access to these sessions, most of the young players would not participate in our sport as there's currently no hockey during the school day and no organised school games.

We also support schools with Fun and Fitness sessions during the school day to help support them in achieving health objectives in Curriculum for Excellence. We aim to provide more than just hockey. While players get access to a free healthy activity, they also learn new skills, meet friends and have fun. They get to understand the benefits of sport and how it can help develop physical and mental health. The skills and knowledge they develop can be applied to schoolwork and other areas of life and help them to gain confidence through the support, praise and encouragement from our coaches. It needs practice, patience and effort to improve, all key life skills. Through hockey we aim to contribute to building a stronger community by bringing people from different backgrounds together.

We provide opportunities for all levels of ability, from simply taking part through to playing in teams and participating in district and international training. While we're developing hockey in the community through a wide programme of visits to local schools, we want to continue to improve on what we're doing. Ensuring our coaches get to work with suitable equipment makes it easier to encourage players to participate. The purchase of indoor boards will support the continuing development of hockey in the west end of Dundee

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

Discussion of this application started at club committee meeting level shortly after the West End Community Sports Hub meeting in September where CRF funding was discussed. Following the committee meeting we sought advice from Alison Mackenzie and Fraser Bain regarding the suitability of a bid for funding to replace the indoor boards that are currently in use.

We contacted Daryl McKenzie from Active Dundee regarding the old boards we're using. Daryl has been very helpful in supporting our development work.

We sought advice locally and nationally regarding the availability and purchase of indoor boards. There is currently nowhere in Scotland providing boards and only one main supplier of wooden boards in England.

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?)

While other local hockey clubs have struggled to increase membership we have an increasing number of players, particularly young hockey players, joining our club to play indoor and outdoor hockey. We want to maintain this progress and provide safe equipment and better game conditions that will contribute to helping to take this forward.

The hockey club has engaged with Active schools to develop a free hockey programme in west end schools and this has been a major factor in membership growth.

Surveys carried out with the help of Active Schools and the West End Community Sports Hub regarding our school clubs demonstrate that parents are very pleased that their children are getting the chance to take part in hockey without any financial pressures and no travel issues to deal with.

We use Class for Kids to monitor the number of children taking part in our free school sessions and our own Pitchero Club app which keeps track of membership and training attendance for club sessions.

The increase in family memberships has been a key indicator of success and the support given from members helps us to make decisions on future direction.

How will the project / activity tackle deprivation or benefit those experiencing deprivation? (Refer to Section 1 of the Guidance Notes)
We are getting young players and families to enjoy participating in sport with no financial pressure involved and no need to organise travel. Funding for indoor boards will allow us to improve the quality of training and coaching which we provide without any need to consider any increases to our club membership. Affordable membership is helping to encourage greater participation in the community.

We provide clubs at Camperdown, St Clements, Tayview, Ancrum Road, St Ninian's and St Mary's which are based in Lochee, designated and area of deprivation. This allows us to raise awareness of our club and our sport with young people and their families and allows them to have easy access a healthy activity in a safe environment with no cost involved.

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)

Our sources of funding have only been used to cover coach visits to local schools using funding received from Tesco, Asda and Scottish Hockey. We have not been able to find a source of funding to purchase new indoor hockey boards

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 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 (£)
Hockey Sideboards including delivery and VAT	£4650	£4650
Trolley for storing and moving boards including VAT	£905	£0

Totals	£5555	£4650

- **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)

Quote for hockey boards
Annual Accounts

How do you intend to monitor the project Outputs and Outcomes?
We will monitor the project by tracking participation at school sessions with the help of Class for Kids app and at our own training sessions using the Pitchero Club app. The new boards will open up opportunities to arrange games with other schools and clubs, whereas up until now the old boards would not be reliable enough for actual games.

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)*	January 2027
What is the planned end date of the event/activity? The project would start as soon as the new boards were in place. While purchase would mark the end point of the project, the use would be ongoing to support the development of indoor hockey and youth development in particular for years ahead	Ongoing after January 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: Community facilities in the west end	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: To replace old equipment to improve playing experience and contribute to increased participation	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs Improved facilities and a safe environment to develop hockey in the west end of Dundee	20 new boards @ 3 metres to replace old and broken equipment
Increase participation at youth and adult level	400 players participating in free school clubs and club training 3000 others getting at least one chance to experience hockey at school
Sport at an affordable price based in the community	Continue to provide free school clubs at 10 local schools and set affordable club fees
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Increase the number of players participating	Monitor the number of players participating in schools and at club level
Contribute to the community and citywide development of hockey	Participate in the citywide development plan for hockey by taking part in

	festivals and school games