

Ref: NE2604

Dundee Partnership
Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application
2026/27

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Whitfield Community Project – LMG group
Activity Title	Creative Family Workshop
Grant Requested (£)	£2900

- 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

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR
Small Grant

East End	Youth Inclusion
Lochee	
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)	Creative family workshop		
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?
Arts & Craft – Baker Ross – 38 wks activity	690.05		
Tea Club – 38wks provision.	1900.00		
Sundries – 38wks	309.95		

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

We are seeking funding to deliver a Creative Family Workshop that provides a safe, welcoming, and engaging space for families to spend meaningful time together. The aim of this project is to strengthen family relationships, reduce social isolation, and offer

positive shared experiences for households who may be facing challenges such as financial hardship, poor mental wellbeing, or limited access to creative opportunities.

The workshop will be centred around inclusive, hands-on creative activities designed for all ages and abilities. Families will be able to take part in arts and crafts, collaborative projects, and simple creative learning tasks that encourage communication, teamwork, and self-expression. By offering a relaxed and supportive environment, we hope to help families build confidence, try new skills, and enjoy quality time without the pressure of costs or materials.

A key part of the session will be providing a warm, nutritious evening meal for every participant. This removes the financial and practical barrier of food preparation, ensures families can fully engage in the workshop, and creates a sense of community by allowing everyone to sit together, share food, and connect with others in a comfortable setting. Offering a meal also helps support families who may be experiencing food insecurity or who benefit from structured, supportive social environments.

This grant will allow us to cover essential costs including materials for creative activities, facilitator time, and ingredients for the shared meal. All funding will go directly towards delivering sessions that are free, accessible, and inclusive for families within our community.

Overall, this project aims to nurture positive family experiences, build community connections, and offer a creative outlet that supports emotional wellbeing. By bringing families together around creativity and shared meals, we hope to foster resilience, confidence, and a sense of belonging for everyone who takes part.

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

The North East Local Management Group is located at The Crescent, within the Whitfield electoral wards, enabling us to effectively support and engage with the local community.

How many people will benefit from this project?

25-35

Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic)

The group is designed to engage families in general, particularly those who would benefit from additional creative, social, and wellbeing-focused support. We welcome families who may be experiencing isolation, financial pressures, or a lack of access to community activities.

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

Families within the Whitfield area and the wider North East community are experiencing increasing pressures that affect their wellbeing, resilience, and ability to spend positive time together. Many households are facing the combined challenges of financial hardship, social isolation, mental-health strains, and limited access to affordable family-friendly activities. As a result, opportunities for families to connect, communicate, and build strong relationships are decreasing at a time when they are needed most. This project responds directly to those needs by providing a free, welcoming, creative, and supportive space where families can come together, learn new skills, and enjoy meaningful time with one another.

For many families, the cost of arts, crafts, clubs, and enrichment activities is a significant barrier. Creative experiences are often the first things that struggling households cut back on, despite the well-known benefits for emotional wellbeing,

confidence, and child development. By offering a no-cost workshop with all materials provided, we remove financial barriers and make creativity accessible to everyone, regardless of income. This allows parents, carers, and children to participate equally and experience the joy, pride, and achievement that creative expression can bring. The project is also needed because many families lack structured opportunities to engage positively with one another. Everyday stress—such as work demands, caring responsibilities, or managing limited budgets—can reduce the amount of quality time families spend together. Our workshops create an environment that encourages teamwork, communication, and shared problem-solving through enjoyable, hands-on activities. These experiences help strengthen family bonds, improve relationships, and contribute to long-term resilience.

Another vital element of the project is the provision of a warm, nutritious evening meal. Food insecurity remains a challenge for some families in the area, and meal preparation can be both time-consuming and stressful, particularly for parents juggling multiple responsibilities. By offering a free meal, we reduce that pressure for at least one evening, while also creating a sense of community. Shared meals bring people together, open up conversations, and help families feel connected not just within their own household, but to others in the community who may be facing similar challenges.

In addition, families in Whitfield and the surrounding wards often experience a lack of accessible community-based activities that promote positive mental wellbeing. Our workshops provide a relaxed, non-judgemental space where families can socialise, make connections, and feel part of a supportive network. This can be especially valuable for families who are isolated, new to the area, or lacking wider support systems.

Overall, this project is needed because it directly addresses social, emotional, and practical barriers that many families experience. By providing creative opportunities, relationship-building experiences, and a shared meal, we are creating an inclusive space where families can thrive. The workshops support wellbeing, strengthen family relationships, reduce isolation, and contribute to a stronger, more connected community. This project offers families not just a service, but a place of belonging, comfort, and positive engagement—something that is increasingly essential in today's challenging times.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

Our LMG core monthly meeting – minutes will be attached.

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?)

We have strong evidence that the local community supports this project. Using our general fund, we were able to run a 12-week trial during the first quarter of the year, and the response from families has been overwhelmingly positive. Attendance numbers exceeded our expectations, with sessions reaching full capacity and families regularly returning each week. Many participants shared positive feedback, expressing how valuable the creative activities and shared meal have been for their wellbeing, family relationships, and sense of community. Several parents also requested that the programme continue beyond the trial period, highlighting a clear ongoing need. This high level of engagement demonstrates that the project is not only welcomed by local families but meets an identified need within the Whitfield and wider North East community.

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

This project directly supports families experiencing deprivation by removing the financial, social, and practical barriers that prevent them from accessing positive, community-based activities. Whitfield and the surrounding North East wards include areas with higher levels of economic disadvantage, social isolation, and food insecurity. This project is designed specifically to meet the needs identified within these communities by offering free, meaningful opportunities that support wellbeing, family connection, and access to food.

Firstly, the project reduces the financial pressures faced by families. Many households' experiencing deprivation cannot afford extra-curricular or creative activities and often struggle to prioritise family time due to limited resources and daily stress. By providing all creative materials, activities, and an evening meal completely free of charge, we ensure that families can participate regardless of income. This helps remove cost as a barrier and ensures equal access for everyone.

Secondly, the project provides practical support by offering a warm, nutritious meal. Food insecurity remains an issue for some families in the area, and providing a shared meal relieves financial pressure, supports household food budgets, and ensures that every child and adult attending receives a healthy meal that evening. This also reduces stress around meal preparation for parents who may already be overwhelmed.

Social isolation is another form of deprivation experienced within the local community. Many families, particularly those on low incomes or experiencing mental-health challenges, have limited opportunities for social connection. This project offers a safe, friendly space where parents, carers, and children can form relationships, build support networks, and feel part of the wider community. The shared experience of creative activities and communal meals helps strengthen both family bonds and local social connections.

The workshops also promote emotional wellbeing and resilience. Deprivation often impacts mental health, confidence, and family relationships. Our sessions give families opportunities for positive engagement, communication, and creativity—all of which support emotional development and reduce stress. Families have told us that these sessions give them time and space to reconnect away from the pressures of everyday life.

By delivering this project within the Whitfield area—an area where many residents face multiple challenges—this activity ensures that the support is local, accessible, and targeted to those who benefit most. The strong attendance during our 12-week trial

period shows that families experiencing deprivation are actively seeking this type of support and are engaging enthusiastically when it is offered.

Overall, the project helps tackle deprivation by reducing financial pressures, addressing food insecurity, providing social support, improving emotional wellbeing, and creating a sense of belonging for families who may otherwise feel isolated or excluded. It offers not just an activity, but a vital, supportive community resource that directly benefits those most in need.

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 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 (£)

Arts and crafts – baker ross – 38 weeks provision	690.05	
Tea- food – 38 weeks provision	1900	
Sundries – 38 weeks	309.95	
Totals	2900	

- **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)

End of year accounts

Bank statement

Club funds sheet

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

We will use a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods to monitor the success of the project and ensure it is delivering meaningful benefits for families in the Whitfield and North East community. Our monitoring approach will be practical, consistent, and focused on capturing the changes families experience because of taking part.

Monitoring Outputs (What We Deliver)

We will track:

- **Attendance numbers** at each weekly session, including returning families and new participants.

- **Number of meals provided** to understand consistent demand for the shared evening meal.
- **Number and type of creative activities delivered**, ensuring the sessions remain varied and appropriate for all ages.
- **Frequency of participation**, to assess whether families engage regularly over time.
These outputs will be recorded using simple sign-in sheets and weekly logs maintained by staff or volunteers.

Monitoring Outcomes (The Difference We Make)

To understand how the project is impacting families, we will gather:

- **Short feedback forms** from parents/carers at regular intervals, focusing on wellbeing, family relationships, and community connection.
- **Informal observations** from staff during sessions—for example, how families interact, participate, and engage with activities.
- **Verbal feedback** from families, which will be noted anonymously to capture comments about what they find helpful or what could be improved.
- **Feedback from facilitators** on what is working well and any emerging needs within the group.

Where appropriate, we may use simple outcome questions such as:

- "Has this session helped you spend positive time as a family?"
- "Has attending helped reduce stress at home?"
- "Do you feel more connected to others in the community because of these sessions?"

These outcomes will help us measure improvements in confidence, social connection, emotional wellbeing, and family bonding.

Review and Reporting

All monitoring information will be reviewed regularly to:

- Identify trends in attendance and engagement
- Understand areas of success
- Adjust activities to better meet the needs of families
- Provide evidence for funders and stakeholders

At the end of the funded period, we will prepare a summary report including attendance data, outcome findings, participant feedback, and any recommendations for future delivery.

What is the planned start date of the event/activity?	April 2026
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Please note turn around on applications is 6 - 10 weeks and funding cannot be retrospective (<i>see section 2 of the guidance notes</i>)	
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:	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Outcomes / Indicators:	

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: To provide accessible, inclusive, creative family workshops combined with a free evening meal, supporting families experiencing financial hardship, social isolation, and wellbeing challenges. The project strengthens family relationships, reduces household stress, improves emotional wellbeing, and builds community connections for families in the Whitfield and North East wards.

	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver weekly creative workshops for families across 12 months. • Provide a warm, nutritious evening meal at every session. • Support a minimum of 20–25 families per session (or insert your actual numbers). • Run approximately 40–48 sessions over the funded period. • Offer all creative resources, materials, and facilitation free of charge to remove financial barriers. • Track participation through weekly attendance logs. • Gather feedback through surveys, conversations, and observational notes. 	
Outcomes / Indicators:	

or Families:

- Families report improved **emotional wellbeing**, reduced stress, and more positive family time.
 - *Indicator:* 75% of families state the sessions help improve mood, reduce stress, or support routines.
- Increased **access to nutritious food** for families experiencing deprivation.
 - *Indicator:* Families report the shared meal helps household food budgets or reduces mealtime stress.
- Stronger **family relationships and communication**.
 - *Indicator:* Parents/carers report improved bonding and time together.

For Children & Young People:

- Increased opportunities for **creative expression, learning, and confidence-building**.
 - *Indicator:* Children engage positively with activities and return regularly.

For the Community:

- Reduced **social isolation** and strengthened local connections.
 - *Indicator:* Families report feeling more connected to others in the community.
- Improved **community participation** among families who may not access other services.
 - *Indicator:* Consistent weekly attendance and repeat engagement.
- Development of a **safe, inclusive, welcoming community space** within Whitfield.
 - *Indicator:* Positive feedback and high session uptake, building on the successful 12-week trial.

