

Dundee Partnership **Community Regeneration Fund**

Grant Application **2024/25**

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Dundee East Community Sports Club SCIO (SC040408)
Activity Title	New Seven Aside Goals
Grant Requested (£)	£4104

- The Physical & Environmental Improvement Fund is to provide financial assistance for community initiatives aimed at improving the local area through Capital expenditure. Capital expenditure is something of a physical nature including the acquisition, improvement or structural enhancement of an asset valued at £6,000 or more.

- 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	PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR
Coldside	Small Grant
East End	Physical & Environmental Improvement

Lochee	Youth Inclusion
Maryfield	
North East	
Strathmartine	<p>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</p>

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fully completed the information on the front of the form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Provided a response to all sections of the application form (including indicating a section as 'N/A' where relevant)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Checked that your budget adds up properly?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Included appropriate, measurable outputs & outcomes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Provided your groups accounts, or other appropriate financial information?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Checked that the bank details or financial code are correct / complete?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

x

Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)	Dundee East Community Sports Club SCIO		
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2023-24? (If yes, list all grants below)			No
Title of project funded	Amount granted	When	Was it fully spent?
Family Sessions At Douglas Sports Centre	£2800	April 2024	Yes

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

Three of our seven-aside roll-out football goals are in urgent need of replacement. They are used daily by hundreds of young people and have simply come to the end of their lives. Replacing these goals will allow us to continue delivering sessions using the excellent facilities we have at the Quest Arena.

Feedback from our 150 volunteer football coaches has highlighted the need for this project. Moving equipment before, during and after coaching sessions gives them insight into what our priorities should be

Our board has representation from all parts of our community - Youth Football, Girls Football, Amateur, Junior and over 35s - as well as parents and the local business community. The consensus from the Board is that this project needs to be a priority as not being able to move these goals will severely hamper our ability to continue offering training sessions and game time for our members.

The Quest Arena hosted a Community Fun Day with members of the Board speaking to attendees about members' experiences. We discussed this project alongside other priorities and feedback from attendees was that we should deliver this project first.

Our volunteer maintenance team have experience of assembling such goals so if we were successful in our application they would carry this out and ensure that relevant risk assessments and training are carried out.

An earlier project in 2023 (replacing our 11 aside goals and 2 (of 5) seven aside goals) has been really successful. The modern 360-degree wheels allow them to be used much more easily, and, in more combinations, which improve the sessions offered by our coaches,

Receiving such a grant would benefit people in the **East End** in the following ways.

- The goals would be used as part of our work with **Claypotts Castle Primary School**. Our professional football coaches hold sessions every weekday (around 15 hours a week in total) at the school and at our facility (next door across the park from them). Around 70 children from Douglas each week would benefit from using these goals at the school sessions held at Whitton.
- Dundee City Council Youth Team – sixteen pupils from **Braeview Academy and Craigie High School** attend sessions using these goals each Monday and Tuesday during term time.
- **Douglas Youth Football Club** have 3 seventy-five-minute sessions a week using these goals. Around 50 kids plus half a dozen adult coaches from the East End benefit from our facilities.
- **St Pius and Fintry Primary Schools** use our seven aside pitches for their home games.
- **Longhaugh Support Group**. We have weekly sessions with the LSG (many of which) are held on our wee pitch at Whitton where we would be putting one of these goals. Many of the young people they work with (currently six) are from **East End Ward** and would benefit from these new goals.
- **Community Outreach at the Douglas Sports Centre** We offer weekly (Saturday morning) sessions at the sports centre for between an average of 35-45 people each session. 10% of the participants are adults and the remaining number of participants made up of children and young people. A number of sports are offered to the group, and we would be keen to extend this to offer the use of these goals.
- Weekly Sunday Sessions for **Dundee East Walking Football and Dundee East Women's Recreational Football Clubs**.

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

City Plan

- REDUCE Child poverty and inequalities in incomes, education and **health**.
- BUILD **resilient and empowered communities**

East End Community Plan

- We need local opportunities to learning, social and **physical activities** which promote wellbeing.
- We need to improve life chances for **children** and families.
- We need **quality** green and **open spaces** that people can access in their own communities

How many people will benefit from this project?

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

Based upon usage by Douglas Youth Football Club, Longhaugh Support Group and our Community Outreach Programme, over 100 young people from East End Ward will benefit. Also, over 70 pupils from Claypotts Primary School will benefit, 16 from local High Schools, 90 female players from Dundee East Girls will benefit, as will other members of Dundee East Community Sports Club from other parts of the city.

Hundreds of young people from the east of Dundee, older men from our Walking Football Club and ladies from our Women's Recreational Football Club will also make use of these goals.

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

The project is necessary to address the urgent need for functional and modern seven-a-side football goals at the Quest Arena. The current equipment is worn out and no longer meets the safety or usability standards required for the hundreds of young people and community members who use it daily.

Replacing these goals will ensure the continuity of high-quality coaching sessions and sporting opportunities, which are vital youth football development in the east of the city. As highlighted in consultations with our 150 volunteer football coaches and the broader community at our annual Fun Day, this project is a top priority. Coaches and participants have repeatedly identified the challenges posed by outdated equipment, emphasizing the importance of investing in modern, durable goals to enhance training and match experiences.

The project aligns closely with the East End Community Plan and the City Plan, both of which prioritize reducing child poverty, **promoting physical well-being**, and fostering resilient communities. By upgrading this essential infrastructure, Dundee East will support local initiatives aimed at improving life chances for children and families, offering accessible and inclusive sporting opportunities. The provision will particularly benefit underserved populations, as the area ranks among the top 15% of the most deprived regions in Scotland according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

The new goals will directly impact over 100 young people through DECSC's programs, including Douglas Youth Football Club and Longhaugh Support Group. Additionally, 100+ pupils from Claypotts Castle Primary School and female players from Dundee East Girls will benefit. Weekly sessions hosted at the Douglas Sports Centre and other outreach initiatives will further extend the impact, engaging 35–45 participants, 90% of whom are children and young people.

Moreover, the new equipment's modern design will significantly improve usability, allowing coaches to run more efficient and varied training sessions. This is a continuation of the success seen in 2023 when similar upgrades were made to 11-a-side goals and some seven-a-side goals.

Feedback from participants and coaches has been overwhelmingly positive, demonstrating the potential of such investments.

By securing this grant, the DECSC will promote physical activity, and provide a safe and inclusive environment for sports. This project is not just about replacing equipment; it is about sustaining a hub of positive activity that addresses social challenges, reduces inequalities, and fosters a sense of pride and ownership within the local community.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

Internal.

We consulted our DECSC volunteer football coaches who named this as their number one priority for the Charity to address. We consulted with attendees at our annual Fun Day. We discussed this project alongside other priorities and feedback from attendees was that we should deliver this project first.

External.

A consultation conducted by Douglas Action Group demonstrates that a large number of local people that were asked suggested that children's/youth provision is a priority.

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 East End Community Plan demonstrates that the local community are looking for opportunities for physical activities which promote wellbeing and projects that will improve life chances for families.

This provision will support both of these local priorities.

[locality community plans 22-27 east end.pdf \(dundeecity.gov.uk\)](#)

How will the project / activity tackle deprivation or benefit those experiencing deprivation?

(Refer to Section 1 of the Guidance Notes)

The area of Dundee where the provision is located is in the top 15% of the most deprived in Scotland as indicated in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

The provision aims to support access to sport and fitness resources.

For Physical & Environmental Improvements (which must be Capital worth at least £6,000 in value) the following questions must be answered:**Have all relevant permissions been agreed?** (please state what these are)

N/A

How will the planned project be maintained? (please state who will be responsible for this)

N/A

What is the expected 'life' of the improvement? (e.g. before it will require replacement)

N/A

Could a plaque indicating the Community Regeneration Fund as a source be added on location for this award? (If there would be additional costs for this, please indicate this in the budget section)

Yes, we could place stickers on the goals or put a plaque on one of the fences next to them..

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)	£
None as we felt that CRF funding was a very suitable potential source of funds for such a project.	

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 (£)
Purchase of 3 x Regulation Size 7 a side football goals (best quote received from Net World Sports).	£4925	
VAT	£821	
Total Requested (as DECSC can claim back VAT)	£4104	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>What other documents are you attaching to evidence the budget costs for this application? (e.g. quotes, estimates, projected income and expenditure)</p> <p>Quote from Net World Sports. Link to similar goals from Harrod Sports 4G Swivel Portagoal - 7v7/5v5 Harrod Sport</p>

<p>How do you intend to monitor the project Outputs and Outcomes?</p> <p>Feedback will be sought from our volunteer coaches, professional coaches and member clubs and discussed by the Trustees at our regular Board Meetings. Consideration has been given to increasing the number of these goals to further improve the facility so this and any other proposals received will be considered for implementation.</p>

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>)	31 st March 2025
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	31 st March 2035 (estimated ten year lifespan of the goals)

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 local opportunities to learning, social and physical activities which promote wellbeing.	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: Provision of these goals will allow DECSC to continue to provide facilities for the local community to play football in a safe and supportive environment.	
	Target 2024-25
Outputs	
Evening sessions per week using these goals (Winter)	60
Evening sessions per week using these goals (Summer)	40
School Sessions per week using these goals	10
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Feedback from stakeholders indicating the benefits from these new goals	Yes