

Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application 2023/24

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	The Campy Growers (Camperdown Growing Collective) SCIO
Activity Title	Banishing Bambi – protective fencing for food garden
Grant Requested (£)	TBD - ~£20,000

- 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
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North East

Strathmartine

Please note that communications regarding this application will be sent to you via email unless you indicate otherwise

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

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

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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?

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(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 and given accurate contact details?

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Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)		The Campy Growers (Camperdown Growing Collective SCIO)	
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2022-23? (If yes, list all grants below)			YES / NO
Title of project funded	Amount granted	When	Was it fully spent?
Saturday Picnic Project	322	Dec 22	Yes

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

The Campy Growers are a charitable organisation dedicated to growing fresh, healthy vegetables on a 9-acre site in Camperdown Country Park (the old DCC plant nursery). We have been slowly expanding our cultivation space over the past three seasons and produced several tonnes of tasty veg this year, which was distributed to local residents, families, community cafes and food larders. Although we are committed to organic growing methods and working with biodiversity, there are some wild creatures that cause problems in the garden. Camperdown Park has always had a resident population of roe deer and the nursery space has been protected by a deer fence to prevent them eating the cultivated plants. The original fence has reached the end of its functional life and we have been advised that the entire fence-line needs to be replaced. Occasional damage has occurred due to storms, fallen trees etc and this has been fixed up but the support posts are now rotten and incapable of supporting the fence. So we are requesting support to replace the deer fence around the entire growing space to protect our fruit and veg for decades to come.

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

Dundee City Plan 10-year outcome: Adults and children living in Dundee will be more physically active and those living in our most deprived communities will enjoy greater access to green space.

How many people will benefit from this project?

Up to 100

Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic)
 No specifics – everyone is welcome.

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

The Campy Growers site has been highly productive over the last 3 seasons, but recent collapses of the aging perimeter fence has led to deer entering the growing space and causing enormous damage to various crops. Deer damage has been particularly detrimental to fruit production since deer target fruit trees and raspberry bushes. The only way to ensure success and full productivity is to exclude deer from the site.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

DCC's Head of Forestry has surveyed the existing fence and determined that it requires to be replaced entirely. Needed by volunteers and staff within the Campy Growers organisation. We work with a lot of volunteers and it is distressing for them to see veg plants etc. damaged beyond survival by deer. The deer damage also reduces the quantity of veg we can distribute to food larders etc.

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 Campy Growers are a community-led charitable organisation which is open to all for volunteering, learning how to grow, attending workshops/events etc. We regularly welcome volunteers from across Lochee. The Campy Growers have donated large amounts of veg to local food larders and have held outreach events at Camperdown/St Clements Primary School and Charleston Community Centre. Further activities and events are already planned for the coming growing season:

Locations for veg stalls in Lochee ward for 2024

Lochee Library (Discussed with Duncan Falconer)

Hillview nursery (Discussed with Paula Duffy)

Menziehill Library (Discussed with Dawn Harris)

Charleston Community Centre (Discussed with Elspeth Burns-Chater)

Our fresh veg is well-received by community groups and individuals as we work to build resilience to cushion the damaging increase in cost of living as well as climate shocks impacting prices and availability of food.

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

The community market garden has been established to grow and distribute fresh, healthy food to local communities where deprivation is common, such as Charleston, Dryburgh and Whorterbank. Aside from directly donating food, we offer a space to learn, connect and relax while contributing to climate resilience and food security. Volunteering in green spaces can help to improve mental health

and the project is walking distance from some of the most deprived communities in Dundee. Although the project is technically within the Strathmartine ward boundary, it lies adjacent to deprived postcodes in Charleston and Dryburgh. There are 10,000 addresses in Lochee ward located within 2km of the garden (25 minutes' walk); we help to encourage local people to access the city's biggest greenspace and make full use of the free health-improving facilities it offers. The Campy Growers' project directly improves health and wellbeing with provision of fresh, healthy food, but also helps with social isolation and improving local green spaces. These are all targets for the Lochee Locality Community Plan 22-27. Increasing physical activity for both adults and children is a specific 10-year outcome within the Dundee City Plan: Campy Growers offer daily opportunities to help out with garden tasks, learning how to grow, harvest and eat fruit and veg while meeting friendly people.

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)

Yes we are working in partnership with DCC (land-owners)

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

The fence will be the responsibility of the Campy Growers as site managers unless there is serious storm damage from fallen trees etc. This will be dealt with by DCC Forestry section under pending lease.

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

20 years +

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 at no cost.

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)

£

Dundee City Council's Forestry Dept. have surveyed the fence, determined that it needs to be replaced and obtained a quote. They have been unable to identify an internal funding source to pay for it. Hence the Campy Growers are applying for funding.

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 (£)
Replacement of 820 m of deer fencing protecting the Campy Growers' food-growing project	~20,000	~20,000
Totals	~20,000	~20,000

- **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)
Three quotes for deer fence replacement to follow.

How do you intend to monitor the project Outputs and Outcomes? The Campy Growers have a coordinator who keeps a record of food produced and distributed as well as the numbers of visitors/volunteers with postcodes. We operate wildlife cameras to observe the deer as they are usually active at night.

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>)	March 2024.
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	Within a month of starting

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 City Plan 10-year outcome: Adults and children living in Dundee will be more physically active and those living in our most deprived communities will enjoy greater access to green space.	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: to enhance and expand food-growing activities and vegetable production in a public community market garden. To ensure a successful food-growing project that is open and accessible for all, but especially those within walking distance of the Campy Growers site.	
	Target 2023-24
Outputs:	
New deer fence installed	No deer within the site
Less damage to crops.	Greater productivity of fruit and veg.
Outcomes / Indicators:	
More people accessing the Campy Growers site	At least 50 new visitors/volunteers from Lochee ward.
Volume of veg distributed to local larders and community cafes.	Double that of 2023

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2023-24
Outputs:	
Outcomes / Indicators:	
