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## **Dundee Partnership** **Community Regeneration Fund**

### **Grant Application** **2023/24**

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Backyard Botanicals
Activity Title	Haven for pollinators and neighbour well being
Grant Requested (£)	£1748.76

- 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	Small Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
East End <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Physical & Environmental Improvement <input type="checkbox"/>
Lochee <input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Inclusion <input type="checkbox"/>
Maryfield <input type="checkbox"/>	
North East <input type="checkbox"/>	

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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:

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| Read the guidance sections of the form  | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> |
| Fully completed the information on the front of the form  | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> |
| Provided a response to all sections of the application form<br>(including indicating a section as 'N/A' where relevant)   | <input type="checkbox"/>                   |
| Checked that your budget adds up properly?  | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> |
| Checked that your start date is after the date at which funds could be available,<br>(see page 6) and that your end date is within the financial year?          | <input type="checkbox"/>                   |
| Included appropriate, measurable outputs & outcomes?  | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> |
| Provided your groups accounts, or other appropriate financial information?  | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> |
| Sourced and attached all relevant quotes?<br>(multiple quotes are required where >£5,000 is being applied for to ensure value<br>for money is being considered) | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> |
| Checked that the bank details or financial code are correct / complete?   | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> |
| Signed the form and given accurate contact details?   | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> |

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<b>Who is the grant for?</b> (Name of Applicant Group / Department)	Backyard Botanicals		
<b>Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2022-23?</b> (If yes, list all grants below)			<b>YES / NO</b>
<b>Title of project funded</b>	<b>Amount granted</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Was it fully spent?</b>
No			

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

Backyard Botanicals in Mid Craigie are neighbours who want to make our neighbourhood a happier, cleaner, healthier place to live. We have been given permission to maintain an unused council greenspace on our doorstep, which can only be accessed through houses which are on its boundary. When we started our work in the greenspace it was prone to litter, fly tipping, and an unloved depressing eyesore in the community.

All of the neighbours involved are determined to create a safe space where not only us but our children and grandchildren can be involved from the beginning, learning about growing food, growing plants and trees, attracting pollinators and wildlife, all whilst creating a social environment with neighbours through gardening which is good for health and well-being.

In order to achieve and thrive in the above, we would like the grant money to purchase a lawnmower designed so all our neighbours can operate it; a strimmer; fruit canes, shrubs, seeds, plants, trees; wheelbarrow; post hole digger and an extended length garden hose, a secure storage unit for the gardening tools.

Backyard Botanicals envisage growing long term and any investment on equipment needs to be good quality and built to last. Investment in trees, shrubs, perennial plants and flowers will be long term. With surplus harvest once our fruit trees, bushes and fruit canes are established, we aim to food share with family, neighbours, and if we have a successful food harvest we would share with local food larders. In addition, once we have plants and flowers established, we would share cuttings locally so other groups can benefit from planting if they share similar projects.

Backyard Botanicals is very open to sharing our experience with other local people in the area who may want to improve their own unused green spaces

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

- Dundee Climate Change
- Local community Planning:
  - Social and physical activities that promote well being;
  - Response to cost of living crisis;
  - Empowering communities - We need quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities;
  - Health and well being.

### How many people will benefit from this project?

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

Directly involved in Backyard Botanicals – Neighbours and family members are male and female - ranging from 4 years old to 65 years old approximately. Some child involved in the project are neurodiverse and we acknowledge the benefits of being outdoors in a safe, calming area.

Neighbours not involved in the project will benefit as although not directly involved they can view the project from their homes. This may give people pride in their neighbourhood and with a nicer outlook from their home it will be a more positive mental wellbeing and not depressing looking at an area of neglect and issues of flytipping. It will also hopefully inspire others with their gardens, greenspaces and environment.

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

Dundee has a vast amount of unused green space areas on the doorstep of peoples homes. They are prone to littering, fly tipping, are unloved depressing eyesores in communities, there is a feeling of lack of pride at times with your area and these unused greenspaces are difficult and costly for the council to maintain.

We seek to rejuvenate our area with wildflower, plants, shrubs and trees which support our eco systems and improve bio diversity. Our vision with our space is to grow our own food particularly fruit; create a tranquil, colourful haven and habitat for insects, animals, birds and bees. We hope to grow local flowers and plants that will support insect pollinators that have been in steep decline due to

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climate change and habitat loss. In addition to the food that we eat, pollinators support healthy ecosystems that clean the air, stabilise soils, and support other wildlife.

Through gardening and being in the greenspace, in fresh air, it will promote health and wellbeing between individuals and neighbours. As mentioned above, we have some children involved in the project who are neurodiverse and the benefits of being outside in nature; being involved with gardening activities; interacting with family and neighbours; the freedom of being outdoors in a clean safe area; we hope will reduce stress and anxiety. We believe the project will provide a sense of calm and peace for all involved in the project.

Where possible, reusing and upcycling second hand items preventing them going into landfill; using natural materials to create a wildlife corridor; sharing of plants, seeds and cuttings through community engagement.

We hope to inspire others to rejuvenate their greenspaces in their communities. Looking afresh at neglected sites within their neighbourhood could bring new possibilities for a healthier community and a healthier planet by reducing the carbon footprint on the food we eat and also bringing pride back into the areas where we live. Backyard Botanicals is very open to sharing our experience with other local people in the area who may want to improve their own unused green spaces.

### **What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?**

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

Local consultation for this application has been with the Backyard Botanicals members/constitution.

### **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 formed a constitution named Backyard Botanicals with members of our community.

We have had great support and feedback from the Community Allotments Officer, and individuals in the Community Empowerment Team.

Local council and housing office have given written permission authorising the use of the land to Backyard Botanicals.

Backyard Botanicals were previously successful with Dundee Climate Fund 2022 entry and were one of the winners. This was voted by local communities and those involved with the Dundee Climate Fund. We declined the funding as the major part of the funding was for two polycrubs which we had been advised to

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put on our application. We felt we did not have the expertise to construct them. Therefore, we had to decline all funding as without the polycrubs we didn't meet the threshold to apply.

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

The cost of living is affecting families everywhere, from all walks of life including those involved in the project. The cost of eating fresh fruit at times is very expensive. Once our fruit trees, bushes and fruit canes; and vegetables are established, we aim to food share with family, neighbours, and local food larders.

The cost of every day activities can also be expensive. There can be a lot of enjoyment in gardening and being in nature, for children and adults, without the cost of having the day out. This will hopefully reduce deprivation, if individuals and families spend time in their greenspaces gardening or doing wildlife projects and not worry about the cost of doing expensive activities.

Health deprivation will hopefully be improved by being involved in the project. Studies have highlighted that exposure to green space seems to reduce health inequalities related to deprivation.

**For Physical & Environmental Improvements (which must be Capital worth at least £6,000 in value) the following questions must be answered: N/A**

**Have all relevant permissions been agreed?** (please state what these are)

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

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

**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)

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<b>What other sources of funding have you secured / tried to secure for this project?</b> • <b>If none, please state why this is the case</b> (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)	£
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<b>What are the costs of your activity and how much money is required?</b> 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 (£)
Calido Lawnmower Husqvarna LC 151S self propelled LM	£469.99	
Sam Turner Strimmer Husqvarna 215il cordless	£189.99	
Screwfix Post hole digger	£54.99	
Screwfix Storage Unit Forest 6' x 2.6' Timber	£369.99	
Screwfix Wheelbarrow	£33.80	
Fruit canes, trees, shrubs, plants, compost, bird feeders	£500	
Netting, ground sheets, wire, hose	£130	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£1748.76</b>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>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</b></li> <li><b>If reserves held are less than three months operating expenses please confirm this below</b></li> </ul> 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
<b>What other documents are you attaching to evidence the budget costs for this application?</b> (e.g. quotes, estimates, projected income and expenditure)
None

<b>How do you intend to monitor the project Outputs and Outcomes?</b>
The quantity of litter picks done quarterly.



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Observation of insects, birds, wildlife.  
 Observation of fruit bushes and trees and monitor the amount of food we share.  
 Questionnaires to those involved with the project regarding health and well being etc.

<b>What is the planned start date of the event/activity?</b> Please note turn around on applications is 6 - 10 weeks and funding cannot be retrospective ( <i>see section 2 of the guidance notes</i> )	June 2024
<b>What is the planned end date of the event/activity?</b>	

### 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.

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

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	<b>Target 2023-24</b>
Outputs	
Outcomes / Indicators:	

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