

Ref: L2612

Dundee Partnership
Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application
2026/27

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Lochee Community Larder & Café SCIO
Activity Title	Re-opening of Lochee hub
Grant Requested (£)	5,000

- 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 East End Locheex Maryfield	PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR Small Grantx Youth Inclusion
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North East	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
Strathmartine	

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 | ☐ |
| 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)		Lochee Community Larder & Café SCIO	
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?
Fresh Food Grant	£3250		yes
Mini – Café equipment cups etc	£500		Yes
Mini – Kitchen equipment	£500		Yes

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

The Lochee Community Hub operated for almost ten years under the management of Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action (DVVA). Unfortunately, the facility which operates from refurbished shop units owned by Dundee City Council at 118-120 High Street, Lochee, closed in March 2026.

The community was devastated by the loss as this facility provided many activities and acted for specialist services to operate from.

The aspiration in the community is to operate this facility again as a welcoming, community led facility in the heart of central Lochee, providing accessible activities, support, and advice for residents. The Hub will address social isolation, support recovery, strengthen families, and improve access to services in an area that experiences high levels of disadvantage and limited low-cost provision.

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

Health & wellbeing, children & families, empowering communities, cost of living

How many people will benefit from this project?	Whole community
Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic)	

Please say why the project is needed (please limit your answer to 500 words or less) Operating five days per week, the Hub will deliver a programme of activities for older people, children and families, and individuals in recovery, alongside advice and employability services delivered in partnership with Dundee City Council and other local agencies. Community engagement and professional insight from Dundee-based community practitioners like the CONNECT team and other advice agencies highlight challenging conditions for those living in the community. The community profile identified large percentages compared with other communities of single person households, particularly living in the six multi-story blocks that dominate the community. The data also shows a high percentage of families compared with other parts of the city. When an analysis of service provision is done there are considerable gaps for: • A lack of low-cost activities for children and families. • Low level of children's provision out of school. • Insufficient safe, welcoming spaces for people engaging in recovery activities. • Reduced access to local advice and support following the closure of previous community provision. • Limited social opportunities for older people. A survey of older residents conducted in 2025 and completed by nearly one hundred people clearly demonstrated demand for increased social and wellbeing opportunities within walking distance of bus stops in the central Lochee area. Feedback from recovery groups and families further confirms the need for a locally based, community-run facility. Lochee Hub responds directly to this need by restoring a trusted local asset and designing activity around what residents say matters to them.
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What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

This application has been developed in response to strong community demand following the closure of the former Lochee Community Hub. Prior to its closure, local residents launched a "Save the Hub" petition, demonstrating the value placed on the facility by the community.

Since the Hub closed, local people have regularly highlighted the loss of the service and the need for a welcoming community space in central Lochee. Partner agencies have also reported that residents frequently ask where they can access local support, advice, activities, and social opportunities.

The proposal has also been informed by previous community consultations, including a survey of older residents and feedback from local groups and organisations, which identified a need for increased social activities, support services, and accessible community facilities.

The project directly responds to this feedback by restoring a valued community asset and providing services that local people have identified as needed

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?)

This application has been developed directly in response to community demand following the closure of the Lochee Community Hub in March 2026. The loss of the facility generated significant concern among local residents, community groups, and service providers who valued the Hub as a trusted and accessible community resource. The proposal is supported by local stakeholders who have come together to form the Hub's initial management sub-committee, including representatives from Lochee Community Larder, Lochee Residents and Tenants Association, Beechwood Residents Group, and Westgait Parish Church. These organisations have strong links with local residents and have helped shape the proposed programme based on identified community needs.

The project therefore reflects both long-standing evidence of need and direct community support for restoring a valued local facility at the heart of Lochee.

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

Lochee Hub will support people living in one of Dundee's most disadvantaged communities by providing free and low-cost activities, support, and advice in an

accessible local venue. The Hub will reduce barriers to participation by offering services within walking distance of local housing and public transport.

The project will tackle deprivation by reducing social isolation, improving wellbeing, supporting recovery, and increasing access to advice, welfare support, and employability services. Activities for older people, children, families, and individuals in recovery will strengthen community connections and improve physical and mental health.

The Hub will also create volunteering opportunities that help local people build confidence, skills, and pathways towards employment. By restoring a trusted community facility and enabling early access to support, Lochee Hub will help residents improve their wellbeing, resilience, and quality of life.

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)	£
Common good fund (submitted)	£6040

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 (£)
Rates	1250	0
Insurance	800	0
Cleaning and basic maintenance 35 weeks @£100 plus cleaning materials	4000	10
Internet/phone line1	600	600

Pat Testing	100	100
TV licence	200	200
Refreshments @£30 per week	840	840
Printer/photocopier	750	750
Office supplies – paper, etc	300	300
Grand re-opening event	200	200
Admin & contingencies	700	700
Volunteer expenses & support	1000	1000
Kitchenware/microwave	300	300
Totals	11040	5000

- **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**
- See additional detail on reserves in the Guidance section 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)
DVVA costings as previous tenants of building

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

Lochee Hub will use a combination of quantitative and qualitative monitoring methods to measure both participation (outputs) and the difference the project makes to people's lives (outcomes).

Outputs will be monitored through:

- Recording attendance at all activities, groups, and events.
- Monitoring the number and type of activities delivered.
- Recording the number of volunteers involved and volunteer hours contributed.
- Tracking referrals to advice, recovery, and employability services.
- Recording the number of residents accessing support and information.

Outcomes will be monitored through:

- Participant surveys and feedback forms to measure changes in wellbeing, confidence, and social connectedness.
- Pre- and post-participation questionnaires for specific programmes and activities.

- Case studies and personal stories demonstrating the impact of the Hub on individuals and families.
- Feedback from partner organisations and service providers.
- Regular community engagement events to ensure activities continue to meet local needs.

Monitoring information will be reviewed regularly by the Hub sub-committee and reported to funders. This will enable us to measure impact, identify emerging community needs, and continuously improve the services and activities delivered through the Hub.

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>)	Sept 2026
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	Ongoing

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: Improve local support for people in recovery and their families	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: Groups/activities will run in the hub offering support	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
• Regular wellbeing, family, and support groups delivered.	5 per week
• Advice and employability sessions provided through partner agencies.	1 per week

Outcomes / Indicators:	
• Reduced social isolation and increased community connections. • Improved mental health and wellbeing for participants. • Increased access to advice, support, and local services. • Greater confidence, skills, and employability for residents.	

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Outcomes / Indicators:	