

Ref: NEY2607

Dundee Partnership **Community Regeneration Fund**

Grant Application **2026/27**

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Angus Housing Association
Activity Title	Housing, Education and Young People (HEY) Project
Grant Requested (£)	£3094

- 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
Lochee

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

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:

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

Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)		Angus Housing Association	
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2025-26? (If yes, list all grants below)			YES
Title of project funded	Amount granted	When	Was it fully spent?
October Family Fun	235	Sept 2025	Yes
Social Events and community resources	1178	Jan 2026	Yes

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

Angus Housing Association (AHA) is a local registered social landlord with approximately 2,200 properties across Dundee and Angus.

For over 14 years, AHA has been involved in delivering the Housing Education and Young People (HEY) Project, a multi-agency initiative developed in response to rising levels of youth homelessness in Dundee.

The HEY Project is delivered in partnership with Dundee City Council Homeless Services, Action for Children, and The Corner. It provides secondary-aged young people with clear, age-appropriate information about housing options, homelessness, anti-social behaviour, and the support services available to young people who are at risk of homelessness.

The project focuses on early intervention and prevention by improving young people's understanding of housing systems, tenancy responsibilities, and the factors that can put them at risk of homelessness.

In recent years, the sustainability of the HEY Project has been challenged by reduced capacity across partner agencies. Action for Children, previously the lead agency, no longer has the capacity to coordinate or deliver the programme due to budget reductions and staffing changes.

Dundee City Council was approached to assume a coordination role, but was unable to do so due to similar resource pressures. In response, Angus Housing Association has taken on an interim lead role to ensure delivery continues, including liaising with schools and partners, developing timetables, adapting content to meet individual school needs, and supporting delivery. This work has been resource-intensive and has placed significant pressure on existing staff while maintaining core service delivery.

It has become clear that the continued delivery, development, and expansion of the HEY Project requires a dedicated post. Funding is therefore sought to support a full-time HEY Project Co-ordinator, whose sole remit would be to coordinate, develop, and deliver the HEY Project across Dundee secondary schools, strengthen partnerships, and ensure the programme remains responsive to local need.

The HEY Project Co-ordinator post has been calculated at Grade 4, with a total cost of £49,500 per annum, including salary and employer costs (e.g., National Insurance and pension contributions). The post would be advertised as a full-time (35 hours per week), one-year fixed-term contract, with the option of a secondment. Angus Housing Association is committed to supporting 50% of the cost of the post. Contributions are being sought for this financial year to meet the remaining costs, and we will continue to seek and apply for additional funding to sustain the post beyond this period.

Funding is being sought from Dundee Partnership forums to contribute towards the remaining 50% of the project cost, with part-funding requested from each forum to support delivery for one year. During this period, the project will be evaluated in partnership with delivery agencies and schools. Subject to evaluation and discussion with partners, Angus Housing Association will work towards maintaining funding and mainstreaming the post to ensure the long-term sustainability of the HEY Project.

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

This proposal directly contributes to the Dundee City Plan 2022–2032 outcome of creating a Fair and Prosperous Dundee by improving access to housing advice, preventing youth homelessness, and supporting young people into stable accommodation. It aligns with Local Community Plan outcomes that seek to ensure people live in affordable, secure homes; that children and young people have improved life chances; and that communities are resilient and supported through early intervention.

Outcome:

People experience less poverty and inequality and have improved life chances.

How the project contributes:

The post will support young people experiencing or at risk of social housing need and homelessness by providing early intervention, housing advice, and support to access and sustain suitable accommodation. By preventing homelessness and reducing housing instability, the post will help remove barriers linked to poverty, poor health, and limited educational or employment opportunities.

Outcome:

Children and young people have improved life chances and are supported to achieve positive destinations.

How the project contributes:

The post will focus on preventing youth homelessness and supporting young people to understand housing options, access social housing, and sustain tenancies. This work supports safer transitions and reduces the risk of crisis homelessness.

The post will strengthen local homelessness prevention by providing advice to young people. It will support access to social housing pathways, improve understanding of tenancy rights and responsibilities, reducing homelessness. This supports Local Community Planning priorities to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability at a community level.

How many people will benefit from this project?	2200
<p>Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic)</p> <p>Specifically, young people will benefit from this project.</p> <p>During Jan - March 2026, 96 HEY sessions were delivered to the S3 and S6 cohorts across six different Dundee High Schools.</p> <p>Numbers for each session varied from double classes to assemblies – approximately 2000 young people received input from the HEY deliveries however, with a project co-ordinator, this number will increase with provision to seven schools and greater capacity.</p>	

<p>Please say why the project is needed (please limit your answer to 500 words or less)</p> <p>Recent homelessness statistics highlight the urgency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28% rise in households in temporary accommodation (2023/24) • 404% increase in breaches of the Unsuitable Accommodation Order • Emerging risk of systemic failure identified by the Scottish Housing Regulator (2024) • Young people aged 18–25 account for 34% of homeless applications <p>Youth homelessness continues to be a significant and growing challenge in Dundee, driven by wider pressures including housing supply shortages, poverty and inequality.</p> <p>Recent data shows that homelessness demand in the city is increasing at a time when access to permanent accommodation and temporary housing options remains severely constrained.</p> <p>In 2024/25, 1,638 homelessness applications were made to Dundee City Council, representing an 18% increase on the previous year (Scottish Housing News, 2025; Dundee City Council, 2025a). Of these applications, 1,259</p>
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households were assessed as homeless with a duty to rehouse, and 776 households were still awaiting an offer of permanent accommodation at the end of March 2025 (Dundee City Council, 2025a).

The number of households in temporary accommodation also increased significantly, with approximately 1,416 households living in temporary accommodation during the year, reflecting a 20% rise in demand (Dundee City Council, 2025a).

Young people are particularly vulnerable within this context. Dundee's Strategic Needs Assessment identifies that the city has one of the highest homelessness application rates in Scotland, strongly linked to deprivation, low income, and housing instability (Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership, 2021). Young people affected by family breakdown, experience of care, financial insecurity, or poor mental health are at heightened risk of homelessness, particularly where early support and advice are unavailable.

While Dundee's Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP) focuses on rehousing people as quickly as possible and reducing time spent in temporary accommodation, it also recognises that rising homelessness demand cannot be addressed through crisis response alone (Dundee City Council, 2025a). The continued increase in applications highlights the urgent need for strengthened prevention and early-intervention approaches, particularly for those at greatest risk of entering the homelessness system at a young age.

There is a clear gap in preventative housing education and support for young people, particularly within school settings. Schools provide a vital opportunity to engage with young people before housing issues escalate, including those experiencing hidden homelessness, overcrowding, or family instability. Many young people enter adulthood without a clear understanding of housing options, tenancy rights and responsibilities, or how to access support, increasing the likelihood of homelessness during key transition points.

By raising housing awareness, improving access to support, and acting earlier, the project will reduce the risk of youth homelessness, support smoother transitions into adulthood, and advance Dundee Partnership priorities on early intervention, reducing inequality, and improving long-term outcomes for young people.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

No formal local consultation was carried out specifically for this funding application. However, Angus Housing Association held a small-scale evaluation session with Braeview S6 pupils two years ago to identify the housing information young people felt was most important. The project has also been shaped through ongoing planning and review meetings with partner schools and delivery staff, with session content and delivery adapted in response to feedback and emerging issues.

The proposal is informed by local evidence and strategic priorities identified in the *City Plan for Dundee 2022–2032* and *Local Community Plans 2022–27*, which highlight rising homelessness, the importance of early intervention, and the need for targeted youth homelessness prevention aligned with local and national priorities.

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 is supported by ongoing demand and engagement from local schools and partner services working with young people in Dundee. The project has been developed through regular planning and review meetings with education, housing, and third-sector partners. Schools have actively requested delivery and worked collaboratively to ensure that this is part of the S3 plus PSE delivery.

The application also directly addresses locally identified needs and priorities set out in the *City Plan for Dundee 2022–2032* and *Local Community Plans 2022–27*, particularly around rising youth homelessness, inequality, and the importance of early intervention.

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

This project focuses on addressing inequality and supporting young people in regeneration areas who are potentially at risk of housing instability and youth homelessness.

Housing insecurity is a key driver of deprivation and is closely linked to poor health, lower educational attainment, and reduced life chances.

The project delivers early-intervention and preventative support through schools and community settings, removing barriers associated with deprivation, including lack of knowledge about housing options, tenancy rights, budgeting skills, and access to support services. Delivery takes place within existing educational settings and is free at the point of access, ensuring young people from all households can participate without financial, transport, or confidence barriers.

By supporting young people to make informed housing choices and access help earlier, the project aims to reduce crisis homelessness, reliance on temporary accommodation, and repeat disadvantage, directly contributing to Dundee Partnership priorities around fairness, inclusion, and improved outcomes for those living in areas of deprivation.

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	Unsuccessful
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation	Unsuccessful

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 (£)
Part funding towards HEY Project Co-ordinator Post	49,500	£24,750 across 8 forums £3,094 request per forum
Totals	49500	3094

- **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)

The Project Proposal prepared for Dundee City Council, Housing, Construction and Communities Dept.

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

We will monitor outputs and outcomes through session registers (number of schools, year groups, and sessions delivered), and structured feedback from school staff and partner agencies will inform outcomes.

We will review results with partners through regular planning and review meetings, using the findings to refine content, delivery methods, and targeting across schools.

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>)	1 st April 2026
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	31 st 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: Reduce child poverty and inequalities in incomes, education and health	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: Provide information to the S3 plus year groups in secondary schools across Dundee in relation to housing	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs	

Deliver a minimum of 100 HEY sessions	100 session
Provide housing rights, housing support services raise awareness of homelessness risk factors amongst young people to at least 2,200 secondary pupils across Dundee schools	2200 young people
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Young people will have an increased awareness of housing options and homelessness support services (feedback from young people, schools, partner agencies, and professional observations)	
500 pupils reporting increased confidence in accessing housing advice and financial support	500 pre/post forms

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