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Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application 2024/25

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	ScrapAntics CIC
Activity Title	Stobswell Family Fun Days
Grant Requested (£)	£4,000.00

- 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

Coldside

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT
YOU ARE APPLYING FOR



Small Grant

East End

Lochee

Maryfield

North East

Strathmartine

Physical & Environmental Improvement

Youth Inclusion

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

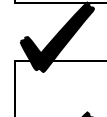
Before submitting your application form to the Dundee Partnership Team, please use the below checklist to ensure that your form is as fully completed as possible. Please also note that submitting an incomplete form can cause delays in processing or rejection of your application.

Have you:

Read the guidance sections of the form



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?



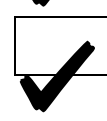
Sourced and attached all relevant quotes?



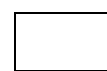
(multiple quotes are required where >£5,000 is being applied for to ensure value for money is being considered)



Checked that the bank details or financial code are correct / complete?



Signed the form and given accurate contact details?



Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)		ScrapAntics	
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2022-23? (If yes, list all grants below)			YES
Title of project funded	Amount granted	When	Was it fully spent?
Stobswell Family Fun Days	£5000	June 2023	YES
Coldside Family Fun Days	£3780	June 2023	YES
Lochee Family Fun Days	£2500	June 2023	YES
Strathmartine Family Fun Days	£1500	June 2023	YES

Please give a description of what you want this grant for - (please limit your answer to 500 words or less)
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ScrapAntics propose to facilitate ten local music and play sessions, creating a safe and welcoming environment for all. These sessions will prioritise people living in Stobswell West who have struggled to feel at home in more centrally located play sessions.

In delivering these sessions, we will use our knowledge around play and secure the participation of a musician with extensive experience of family engagement. ScrapAntics have previously planned and facilitated many large scale family activity days, including successful events in Maryfield last year. This grant will involve:

- Two family fun days in the spring holidays 2024
- Another for the May holiday
- Four during the summer holidays
- Two in the October holidays and
- A final activity for an in service day in November

ScrapAntics will be leading the essential play and music sessions which will be available at each family event. This will ensure local families receive provision across the year. There will be additional support from multiple partners in the planning and delivery of some sessions. These will be the Empowerment Team, School and Family Development Workers, BeFriends, DCA, Scottish Literacies Trust, Morgan Academy, Active Schools, Boomerang and Dundee International Women's Centre. Dundee Bairns will provide food provision.

Each session will offer families opportunities for play and an exploration of music using recycled materials. These interactive days will support family relationships, social interactions with the wider community and through art and play raise the overall physical, emotional and mental wellbeing of those involved.

The sessions will also enable community workers, including Community Empowerment staff and volunteers to engage with families and distribute free food and support if needed. The involvement of these local workers will support effective signposting for families to other services or networks..

The days will be free to attend and include juice, hot chocolate and snack bars as this helps teenagers engage - breaking down the barriers to play - and supports families to use the service, maintaining dignity during the ongoing cost of living crisis.

Play

We will use Loose Parts Play, which encourages creativity and imagination using completely recycled resources. ScrapAntics are well experienced in facilitating these play sessions both in schools and the community, and so can ensure the benefits are felt by the participants.

We know through our play sessions that they help young people regulate behaviour and support emotional balance, team building, friendships and individual confidence.

Experienced play workers will be used, who are skilled in encouraging communication, engagement and fun! Loose Parts Play is flexible and interactive - we can support significant numbers of people to engage or adapt to meet the needs of children with additional needs who may require more one to one support.

Music

As part of each session we will have a drop-in music activity, which can accommodate a number of families throughout each session. The aim will be to provide activities which can be accessed by children of various ages, and which offer ideas and inspiration for families to try themselves. The activities will be built around the interests of the local community and designed to enable everyone involved to learn new skills and feel more comfortable in family interactions.

Both the Loose Parts Play and music workshops will use recycled materials, encouraging conversation around sustainability and our role in looking after our environment.

Music is now less available for disadvantaged children and young people in school settings, increasing the importance of community provision such as this to encourage an exploration of sounds and potentially a lifelong interest.

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

Locality Community Plans - Maryfield:

We need to improve life chances for children and families

How many people will benefit from this project?

100 each session

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

As we have mentioned previously we will be targeting Stobswell West families specifically but the sessions will be open to all families across Maryfield.

We have previously had up to 100 people, 35 families attending sessions. Children tend to be primary school aged from lower primary classes. The sessions have a good mix of boys and girls.

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

This project has been developed as a response to positive feedback from last year's Family Fun Days in the Stobswell area.

In the past fun days have been held in Baxter Park, but there is concern that the families most needing support are not attending, possibly due to transport issues.

These sessions will be delivered on the door steps of families who have been identified as in need of support and who may lack access to transport - providing local opportunities for creativity and play in specific community green spaces.

Importance of play

The benefits of public play sessions include exercise, connection with nature, opportunities to socialise and respite from the stresses of everyday life which all go to support physical and mental well-being.

Our sessions support families of all ages and backgrounds, including single parent families, those with caring responsibilities or who may not regularly accompany their children when accessing the park.

The Scottish Government have recognised that there has been a deficit of play as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions imposed. There is evidence to suggest that the pandemic has disproportionately affected those who were already impacted by low income and unemployment.

Delivering play sessions in local green spaces supports families to take ownership of these areas. We have found through our play delivery that women can feel unsafe in accessing green spaces and this project will mitigate these fears.

Impact

Mental health issues and isolation are increasing, however families regularly use ScrapAntics community play sessions as a safe, fun and free opportunity to socialise and connect. Families have fed back to us that they have created lasting connections with neighbours they would not otherwise have met through attendance at our sessions.

Free, informal sessions are really needed because the rise in the cost of living means less money is available to families to provide access to arts and play clubs for their children. Lack of resources and ideas for creativity at home is also an issue. Our sessions provide inspiration and ideas around using everyday household excess or waste, so young people can be encouraged to imagine and design their own activities and games for no money at all.

In a recent survey following ScrapAntics play sessions we found that:

- 88% of parents felt the session encouraged their child(ren) to play outside more
- 90% of parents said the play sessions encouraged them to explore their community more
- 77% said they would be looking for more outdoor sessions as a result of this experience

Feedback:

"I love the outdoors, but sometimes feel like I don't have the creativity to share this with my child!

This session was brilliant." - Parent

"We came to the park to play football but this is much better!" - Child

"My kids are desperate to come to these sessions, they love the building and it's great to see them using their arms and legs and not just sitting indoors!" - Parent

"This feels like our park now!" - Child

"I like Loose Parts Play, it's good being outside and having something to do." - Child

"One family spoke to me and said they can't afford all the kids clubs and classes, they were really grateful for these sessions." - Play Worker

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

At each locally organised session run over the past two years families have asked for more physical play opportunities to socialise closer to home. This includes evaluations of play sessions delivered in Maryfield last year.

More art/music activities were regularly requested by families during evaluations at each of the sessions.

We have spoken with the Maryfield Community Empowerment Team and they have asked that we undertake this application and work alongside staff from the team to make the sessions as inclusive as possible.

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?)

Again, the evaluations undertaken at each of our sessions over the last two years have proven the families attending want more of these sessions

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

Pressure on household budgets due to rising living costs has made it almost impossible for those on the lowest incomes to pay for children to attend organised provision. Families are struggling to budget and need to prioritise essential food or heating. Holiday periods can be especially challenging for families and during these times access to recreational activities is important to break up the week and promote social interaction opportunities for those who are most isolated.

ScrapAntics are aware that with increased competition around funding there are fewer social opportunities through charitable groups for families to enjoy. We would like to use this grant to provide free food, music and play sessions for all ages of family members. ScrapAntics are experienced in supporting diverse cultural and community needs, ensuring accessibility and dignity around inclusion.

ScrapAntics run sessions in schools to support areas of the curriculum and primary to secondary transition and this experience will be incorporated into the play process. Play is recognized as effective in supporting improved communication skills, attention spans, team work, emotional regulation and the learning of transferable skills from the park to the classroom.

Access to nutritious snacks and drinks within the sessions will support stretched home incomes and our connections with Dundee Bairns and FareShare mean there is the potential to offer free food during activities and at home.

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)

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)

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)	£
Other partners will be involved in this project with no other costs attached with them. BeFriends, Community Empowerment Team and others will all provide staffing. 6 extra people at 3 hours per week for 10 weeks. This has added value to the project of approx £1,404 Lunch for 100 people provided by Dundee Bairns +£250.00	

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 (£)
Play session delivery £250 x 10	£2500	£2500
Music workshop delivery £150 x 10	£1500	£1500
Totals	£4000	£4000

- **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

Yes - reserves are less than 3 months operating expenses

What other documents are you attaching to evidence the budget costs for this application?
(e.g. quotes, estimates, projected income and expenditure)

N/A

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

Volunteers organised through Maryfield Community Empowerment Team will sign people up to the sessions so we will know how many participants and where they have come from.

Maryfield Community Empowerment Team will take photographs and undertake evaluations at each session.

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 (*see section 2 of the guidance notes*)

April 2024

What is the planned end date of the event/activity?

December 2024

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 physical, mental and emotional health for children and young people

Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:

Development of holiday provision in green spaces within the Maryfield ward

	Target 2023-24
Outputs	

10 x 2 hour sessions with up to 30 families participating in non structured and structured activities.	20 families per session
Minimum 100 people provided with a nutritious lunch and given information on key services in the locality.	100 people per session
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Enhancement of overall physical and social and mental wellbeing for both children and their parents.	

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

