

Ref: L2607

Dundee Partnership
Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application
2026/27

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Charleston Matters
Activity Title	Charleston Summer Gala
Grant Requested (£)	5000

- 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 X

East End	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">Youth Inclusion</div> <p>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</p>
LocheeX	
Maryfield	
North East	
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:

- 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)	Charleston Matters		
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2025-26? (If yes, list all grants below)			NO
Title of project funded	Amount granted	When	Was it fully spent?

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

Charleston Matters is part of a collaboration in Charleston, who, last year, put on a Free Family Summer Gala for the whole Charleston Community. We are planning to do the same again this year. Ace Events will be commissioned to run the Gala, involving, fun rides for children and adults, food and refreshments, stalls, music and arts and crafts. The road around the community centre will be closed.

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

- **Responding to the cost-of-living crisis** by providing free community event, enabling families to come together for a fun family event
- **Tackle social isolation** by bringing local families, young and older people together to celebrate their community together
- **Improve life chances for children and families** by providing activities they can share together to improve family dynamics and benefit health and wellbeing

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

1500 local people of all ages, abilities and genders

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

The proposed free summer gala addresses a clear and evidenced need within the local community by removing financial barriers to participation and creating an inclusive space for social connection, wellbeing, and community engagement.

Many families and individuals are experiencing ongoing cost-of-living pressures, which significantly limit access to leisure, cultural, and social activities. Paid events can exclude those on low incomes, particularly during the school summer holidays when additional childcare and activity costs are common. By offering a free event, the gala ensures that all residents, regardless of financial circumstance, can take part equally and without stigma. The gala will play a key role in strengthening community cohesion. Community events that are welcoming and accessible encourage interaction between people of different ages, backgrounds, and cultures, helping to build trust, understanding, and a shared sense of belonging. For some residents, particularly older people, those living alone, or individuals new to the area, the gala may be their primary opportunity for social contact, helping to reduce isolation and loneliness.

The event also promotes physical and mental health through outdoor activities, play, and informal social interaction. Evidence shows that participation in community events can reduce stress, improve mood, and enhance overall wellbeing. A relaxed, celebratory environment helps people feel welcome and connected, contributing to stronger, more resilient communities.

Finally, the gala celebrates local identity and assets by showcasing community groups, volunteers, and local talent. This encourages pride in the area, challenges negative perceptions, and reinforces a positive narrative about the community's strengths.

In summary, a free summer gala is a vital, inclusive intervention that supports equality, wellbeing, and community cohesion, delivering meaningful social value and long-term benefits for residents

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

After last year's gala, everyone we have spoken to in the community have commented on how amazing the event was and saying they would love it to be an annual event. We are also planning additional collaborative events due to community requests.

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?)

As above, as a result of last year's success, with over 1600 people attending, not one negative comment has been received.

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

The gala will help tackle deprivation by reducing economic barriers, increasing access to opportunities, and strengthening social capital within the local community. While a single event cannot remove deprivation entirely, it can make a meaningful contribution by addressing its social, financial, and wellbeing impacts. Deprivation often limits access to social, cultural, and recreational activities. By being free at the point of access, the gala ensures that cost is not a barrier to participation. Families on low incomes, people affected by unemployment, and those experiencing financial stress can take part on an equal basis, reducing the exclusion and stigma often associated with targeted or paid provision. During the summer holidays, families in deprived areas face increased financial strain due to childcare and activity costs. The gala provides high-quality, local activities at no cost, helping families manage holiday pressures while ensuring children and young people can enjoy positive experiences alongside their peers.

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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)	£
Have contacted local businesses without any success yet. The other two groups are applying for funding towards cost.	0

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 (£)
Ace Events Cost	13,180	5000

Totals	13,180	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**
 - **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)

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

Photos and videos
 Questionnaires
 Interviews/Feedback
 Numbers attending

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>)	Saturday 22 nd August
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	Saturday 22 nd August

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: Responding to Cost of Living Crisis	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Free, locally accessible Summer Gala, removing cost to local families	1500+ Attendees
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Residents experiencing financial disadvantage have improved access to inclusive, free community activities	

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: Tackle social isolation	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Safe, welcoming space for social interaction for all the community	1500+ Attendees
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Attendees experience reduced isolation and increased social connection	

