

Dundee Partnership

Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application

2024/25

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Fairfield Community Sports Hub SCIO
Activity Title	Panto
Grant Requested (£)	£2480.00

- 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">TICK THE WARD WHERE YOUR PROJECT WILL OPERATE</p> <p>Coldside <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>East End <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR</p> <p>Small Grant <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Physical & Environmental Improvement <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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Lochee <input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Inclusion <input type="checkbox"/>
Maryfield <input type="checkbox"/>	
North East <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Strathmartine <input type="checkbox"/>	<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>

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

Signed the form, given accurate contact details and ticked the GDPR box?

x

Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)	Fairfield Community Sports Hub SCIO		
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2023-24? (If yes, list all grants below)			YES / NO
Title of project funded	Amount granted	When	Was it fully spent?
Studio Flooring	£7500	31/10/23	yes
Heaters	£1644	April 25	yes
Defib	£1656	March 25	yes

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

Touring Panto - Wizard of Oz

If successful with this funding, we would like to run Christmas Pantos within our Community Hub at Fairfield, this would take place on Sunday 7th Dec 2025. We would be using a professional company, who provide all sets, costumes and performers. This company has a track record of working in community venues and schools.

On the day in question the idea would be to run 3 90 minute performances, with each performance accommodating 80 people at each show. The panto is targeted at 3-12 year olds at each performance there will be a blend of children and parents/carers At the end of each performance we will also provide food and a chance for the families to mix and socialise with each other

All performances will be charged at £3-£5 per person, but will be ticketed and we will work with the local community, partners and other relevant bodies to ensure those attending would be people who often miss out on these opportunities due to a lack of money or means. We feel that the nominal amount will give attendees a sense of ownership and pride that they are able to contribute to the show

This is our second year of running a panto and last Christmas was a great success - with full seats at all performances

Which City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome(s) will it address?
We need to tackle social isolation and improve mental wellbeing

How many people will benefit from this project?	
240 local people	

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

Families in Dundee's North East End face some of the highest levels of deprivation in Scotland, with many households struggling to meet basic living costs. For children growing up in these circumstances, opportunities to access cultural or leisure activities are often out of reach due to cost. Something as simple as attending a pantomime – a traditional family event at Christmas – can be unaffordable, leaving local children at risk of missing out on shared experiences that others may take for granted.

Our Community Panto is designed to break down these barriers by offering tickets at only £3- £5 per head. This ensures that all families, regardless of income, can attend and enjoy the event together. By keeping the price low, we are tackling inequality directly: making sure no child is excluded because their family cannot afford commercial ticket prices.

Beyond affordability, the project also supports wider wellbeing. Shared cultural experiences like pantomimes create joy, laughter, and lasting memories for children, helping to build confidence, imagination, and a sense of belonging. For parents and carers, it provides an opportunity to connect with their children and neighbours, strengthening family bonds and community spirit.

The need for projects like this has been amplified by the cost-of-living crisis, which has left many families unable to prioritise anything beyond essentials. Without accessible initiatives, children in our community risk being further disadvantaged, socially isolated, and excluded from the enriching experiences that contribute to childhood development.

This project addresses those inequalities head-on by making cultural participation affordable, local, and inclusive. It ensures children in our community are not left behind, but instead are given the same chance to laugh, join in, and feel part of something special with their peers.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

As we had this last year, we know there is a need for it - the tickets sold out in less than a week and people still wanted tickets. Everyone said they wanted to come back again this year and had a great family experience

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?)

The idea for a Community Panto came directly from local families and community members who told us they wanted more affordable, family-friendly activities in the North East End, particularly around Christmas time. Many parents highlighted that they cannot afford to take their children to commercial pantomimes due to high ticket and travel costs, and asked for a local, low-cost alternative so their children would not miss out.

We regularly engage with our community through Fairfield Community Sports Hub activities, the Fairfield Food Larder, and other family programmes. Feedback gathered from these sessions has consistently shown a strong desire for inclusive cultural and social events within the area.

This project directly addresses those needs by providing a £3-£5 per head pantomime that is affordable, local, and open to all. The response from families so far has been extremely positive, with many community members already expressing excitement and commitment to attend.

The project has also been shaped with the involvement of local volunteers, who are helping to organise and deliver the event, showing clear community ownership and support.

In short, the Community Panto is not only backed by local demand but also co-created with the very people it is designed to benefit.

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

The Community Panto is designed to reduce inequalities faced by families in Dundee's North East End, an area ranked within the top 5% on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. Many households struggle with low income and rising costs, meaning cultural activities like pantomimes are simply out of reach.

By keeping tickets at £3- £5per head, the project removes financial barriers and ensures no child is excluded due to cost. For families who cannot afford commercial ticket and travel prices, this provides an affordable, local alternative that brings the same sense of fun, joy, and tradition.

The benefits go beyond one performance. Shared cultural experiences help children's wellbeing, confidence, and social development, while giving parents and carers valuable time to bond with their children. Making the event local

also saves on travel costs and makes it more accessible for those with limited resources.

Importantly, the Panto also helps reduce isolation by bringing families together and creating a sense of community pride. It provides a positive, inclusive experience that lifts spirits at a difficult time of year.

In the longer term, we see the Panto as a gateway for families to engage more fully with Fairfield Community Sports Hub and other local initiatives, supporting sustained involvement in activities that improve health, wellbeing, and community connection

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)

N/A

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

By Fairfield Community Sports Hub staff

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)

Yes

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)	£
None other than the bid	

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 <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 (£)
Panto x 3 seasons x 90mins	2480	2480
Totals	2480	2480

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>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</p>
What other documents are you attaching to evidence the budget costs for this application? (e.g. quotes, estimates, projected income and expenditure) Quote from Panto company

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

We will monitor outputs by keeping a register of ticket sales and attendance, recording the number of children, parents and carers taking part. Feedback will be gathered at the event through short forms and informal conversations, capturing families' views on affordability, enjoyment, and impact.

To measure outcomes, we will look at how far the project has:

- Provided access to a cultural experience that families could not otherwise afford.
- Reduced social isolation by bringing local families together.
- Increased engagement with Fairfield Community Sports Hub, with families encouraged to take part in future activities.

Evidence will include attendance data, participant feedback, photos, and volunteer reflections. We will also note how many families go on to engage in other hub activities after the event, helping us measure longer-term impact.

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>)	7/12/25
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	7/12/25

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: We need to tackle social isolation and improve mental wellbeing	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2024-25
Outputs –	
Run community pantos	Run 3 pantos
Outcomes / Indicators:	
People attending	240 people

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2024-25
Outputs	
Outcomes / Indicators:	