

Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application 2026/27

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	FINMILL FAMILY FUN CLUB
Activity Title	GROUP FOOD AND RESOURCES
Grant Requested (£)	£3416.00

- 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
<p>Coldside</p> <p>East End</p> <p>Lochee</p>

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR
<p>Small Grant x</p> <p>Youth Inclusion</p>

Maryfield	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
North Eastx	
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 | <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 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? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)		FINMILL FAMILY FUN CLUB	
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?
Food and resources	1718.00	2025	£32.25 underspend

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

The grant is being requested to cover the costs of providing family meals each week including holidays and to purchase some new equipment to use when cooking meals. We would also like to run a small family summer fun day event to attract new families, this would involve a magician and providing families with food.

The group would also like to provide family cooking sessions weekly over the summer holidays for families to come along and learn how to cook healthy meals on a budget.

Project Activities

Weekly Sessions (2.5 hours)

- Fresh, nutritious hot meals
- Family crafts, games, play opportunities
- Quiet spaces for sensory or calm play
- Seasonal, cultural, or themed activity days

Support for Families

- Informal advice from Community Learning & Development staff
- Signposting to local services (benefits support, health visiting, employability, mental health support)

Community Capacity Building

- Volunteer roles in cooking, activity preparation, and welcoming families
- Opportunities for local parents to co-design future sessions

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

Local community plan – Responding to the cost-of-living crisis
Improving life chances for children and families
Empowering communities

How many people will benefit from this project?

21-50 per week

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

Children with additional support needs

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

The project provides a safe, welcoming space where families can access nutritious hot meals, child-friendly activities, social connection, and early intervention support. Funding is sought to continue and expand this provision to address food insecurity, social isolation, and reduced access to affordable activities affecting local families.

The area surrounding the Finmill Centre is identified as being within the most deprived 10% SIMD data zones. Families face persistent challenges including:

- High levels of child poverty and food insecurity
- Limited access to affordable, safe family activities
- Poor mental wellbeing and social isolation
- Ongoing pressures from cost-of-living increases

Families attending our existing sessions report that:

- The hot meal provided is often their main nutritious meal of the week
- The group offers a rare, affordable opportunity for children to play safely in a structured environment
- Parents value the chance to socialise, seek advice, and reduce isolation

This project directly supports the Dundee Partnership's strategic aims around:

Building Stronger Communities

Reducing Child Poverty

Improving Health and Wellbeing

Tackling Inequalities at a neighbourhood level

Expected Outcomes

Immediate Outcomes:

- Families experience reduced food insecurity
- Parents/carers feel welcomed, valued, and less isolated
- Children engage in safe, stimulating play

Medium-Term Outcomes:

- Stronger peer support networks among parents
- Improved parental confidence and family relationships
- Increased awareness and uptake of support services

Long-Term Outcomes (Strategic Impact):

- Reduced inequalities in an SIMD 10% area
- Improved health and wellbeing across families

- Stronger, more connected community aligned with Dundee Partnership's Local Community Plan priorities

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

Families attending the group have been consulted on the application and have worked on this together.

The local community were consulted on the initial set up of the group which is where the need for the group was identified from.

Local Consultation

A range of local consultation activities have taken place to ensure that the Finmill Family Fun Club is shaped by the needs and priorities of families living in the community.

Ongoing Feedback from Families Attending Existing Groups

Parents and carers who currently attend programmes at the Finmill Centre—including family drop-ins, play sessions, and holiday activities—have consistently highlighted:

- Rising household costs impacting their ability to provide regular hot meals
- Limited affordable activities available locally for children
- Feelings of social isolation, particularly for lone parents
- A desire for more regular family-based provision in a safe, welcoming space

This feedback has directly informed the design and focus of the project.

Informal Conversations with Residents

Community Learning & Development (CLD) staff have gathered views during day-to-day engagement with local residents. Themes raised include:

- Need for community meals to address food insecurity
- Demand for structured activities to support children's wellbeing
- Importance of creating spaces for parents to meet and support each other

These informal conversations demonstrate clear local appetite for a family-focused initiative.

Consultation with Local Partners

Discussions with local partners—including Housing Officers, Family nurses/Health Visiting teams, and local third-sector organisations—highlight ongoing challenges around:

- Child poverty
- Parental mental health
- Early years development
- Barriers to engagement with services

Partners have expressed support for a regular family session that can serve as both an early-intervention contact point and a community connection hub.

Insights from the Local Community Plan & LCPP Priorities

The project aligns with the priorities identified in the Local Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) plans for the area, including:

- Tackling poverty
- Improving wellbeing
- Enhancing access to community learning opportunities
- Supporting families in SIMD 10% neighbourhoods

This ensures alignment with existing local strategies and known community needs.

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?)

High Demand and Consistent Attendance at Existing CLD Family Activities

Existing family sessions at the Finmill Centre—such as family play sessions, holiday programmes, and community meals—regularly reach capacity, with families requesting additional weekly provision. Attendance figures over recent months show repeat participation, indicating that families value and rely on this type of support.

Direct Feedback from Parents and Carers

Through informal conversations, feedback forms, and ongoing engagement, parents have expressed clear support for a weekly group that offers:

- Free or low-cost family activities
- Access to hot meals during the current cost-of-living pressures
- Social opportunities for both children and adults
- Reliable, local support within walking distance

Comments frequently reflect the challenges families face and the importance of a consistent community space.

Alignment with Local Priorities Raised at LCPP Meetings

Discussions within Local Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) forums highlight the need to:

- Tackle child poverty
- Improve family wellbeing
- Strengthen community connections
- Provide accessible food provision in SIMD areas

The project directly responds to these locally identified priorities.

Requests from Local Residents for More Family Activities

Residents frequently raise the need for more activities suitable for young children and families, particularly those that are free. Parents have repeatedly asked for sessions that allow children to play safely while adults socialise and access support.

Taken together, this evidence demonstrates clear support from families, professionals, and wider community stakeholders. The community not only endorses the project but has actively influenced its design, reinforcing that this proposal is grounded in real, current local need

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

Finmill Family Fun Club offers essential support to families facing significant challenges. By providing free hot food, enriching activities, and a safe, supportive environment, the project directly addresses the social, emotional, and financial pressures experienced in one of Dundee's most deprived areas.

Your support will enable us to continue delivering this vital lifeline for families who need it most.

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)	£
No other funding sourced as no funder identified	

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 (£)
Magician fees for 2 hours for family fun day	300	300
Food for fun day	169.15	169.15
Resources for family fun day (amazon)	67.11	67.11
Food/drinks costs £50 x 48	2400	2400
Play therapist £120 x 4 sessions	480	480
Totals	3416.00	3416.00

- **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)

Quotes from magician and play therapist

Basket from asda and amazon

Receipts from food purchases in last year

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

- Outputs will be monitored through the number of people attending each session
 - Outcomes will be monitored through the capacity building that takes place within the group throughout the year

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

June 2026

Please note turn around on applications is 6 - 10 weeks and funding cannot be retrospective (<i>see section 2 of the guidance notes</i>)	
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: Responding to the cost of living crisis	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: The activity provides families with a free hot meal and activities each week within the Finmill Centre reducing the outgoings for families.	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Families will participate in the sessions each week apart from over the Christmas holidays when Finmill centre will be closed.	21-50 per week
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Ongoing evaluations from adults and children attending the provision	10

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:

	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Outcomes / Indicators:	