

Dundee Partnership **Community Regeneration Fund**

Grant Application **2024/25**

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Sew Much More
Activity Title	Clubhouse Collection
Grant Requested (£)	£4000

- 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	PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR
Coldside	Small Grantx
East End	Physical & Environmental Improvement

Locheex	Youth Inclusion
Maryfield	
North East	
Strathmartine	<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)	Sew Much More		
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2023-24? (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)

Our small sewing group started in September 24 with the mission statement "non-profit community sewing group offering a safe space to learn new skills, upcycle, and repair clothes. Aimed at helping people take a break from daily life, improve mental health, combat isolation, and make friends.

We have absolutely smashed this in our first 4 months with our group growing in numbers to on average 10-14 people attending weekly. Our members have learned the basics and are now looking to build on this and improve and perfect their techniques and have expressed a huge interest in making their own clothes and accessories from scratch.

We currently use old and unreliable sewing machines, only have enough tables to set up 6 sewing stations, and rely on fabric donations and members bringing their own fabrics and sewing accessories. The grant would be used to increase the number of sewing stations to 10 by purchasing tables, machines and items that would be required to design and make our own clothes and ensure the continuation of our group. Funds would also be used to bring in local educators to deliver the sessions and assist with the process of making items of clothing.

Ultimately, we want to educate and empower our members and the local Lochee community by providing them with a safe space to learn a new skill and improve their confidence and wellbeing in the process.

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

Health and Wellbeing
Empowering Communities
Cost of Living
Children and families

How many people will benefit from this project?

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

Females aged 25+ Due to room size we can only facilitate 10 people sewing at a time, but we can accommodate 15-20 people in one session, using the seated area to do other crafts/hand sewing, knitting and crochet. But the reach is much more as children and family members can be inspired by the people attending, and the skills learned can be transferred between generations and peer to peer.

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

Not everyone can participate in physical activities and finding something to get involved with can be difficult for the over 25 demographic. Sewing is a great skill to learn however the current cost of living crisis means that sewing lessons are unaffordable to many with lessons costing about £55 per lesson. Learning a new skill provides a sense of achievement and wellbeing, thus improving mental health and also increasing employability chances.

Since starting in September our existing members have reported how much the group has helped them with one of our members going on to secure employment in the fashion industry, another started a course in textiles at Dundee College. Two other members have been inspired to join a Business Gateway course about setting up their own small businesses. Peer support and encouragement from other group members played a huge part in this.

At the end of each session we record everyone's "one good thing" and this tells us that the group is very much needed.

Comments have included

"I got out of bed and made it here"

"Just being around like minded people and being creative"

"I was feeling down, but seeing what everyone has made has cheered me up"

"Talking has given me clarity on what I need to do"
"I realised that I can do it if I put my mind to it"
"Finally completing a project with your support"
"Making something to wear, I'm so proud of myself"

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

169 FB members have expressed interest in joining our group, currently we cannot accommodate them, but this will allow us to expand and perhaps even run the group on another day too.

Our existing group have expressed the need/want to continue the group and expand their skills

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?)

Our people continue to come back week after week.

Existing members of Sew Much More have expressed their desire to continue growing their knowledge by learning to design and make their own clothes.

We have over 260 FB followers who regularly comment on our page supporting the work we do.

Lochee Library are supporting us with our group sessions in the Clubhouse

How will the project / activity tackle deprivation or benefit those experiencing deprivation?

(Refer to Section 1 of the Guidance Notes)

Providing free lessons will allow members access to sewing classes that they would normally not be able to afford. The skills learned can also be shared and are helpful in tackling the cost of living crisis.

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)	£

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 (£)
<u>MACHINES</u>		

4 x Heavy Duty Sewing Machines @ £300 1 x Cover Stitch Machine	£1200 £600 <u>£1800</u>	£1200 £600 <u>£1800</u>
<u>EDUCATORS</u> 20 hours @ £20 per hour	<u>£400</u>	<u>£400</u>
<u>FABRIC AND HABERDASHERY</u> 60M of Jersey Material @ £10 pm 60M of Cotton Material @ £7 pm Fabric Scissors 6 @ £10 Threads £30 Interfacing 10m @ £5pm Straps 20m @ £2pm Bag Hardware 2 packs @£10pp Cutting Mats 2 @£14 Rotary Cutters 4 @ £10 Various other Haberdashery(pins chalk etc) Labels for clothing	£600 £420 £60 £30 £30 £50 £40 £20 £28 £40 £20 £50 <u>£1388</u>	£600 £420 £60 £30 £30 £50 £40 £20 £28 £40 £20 £50 <u>£1388</u>
<u>FURNITURE</u> Tables 5 x £35 Lockable storage 2@£15	£175 £30 <u>£205</u>	£175 £30 <u>£205</u>
<u>IRON & IRONING BOARD</u> Ironing Board Iron	£35 £35 <u>£70</u>	£35 £35 <u>£70</u>
<u>DESIGN TOOLS</u> Pens 10@ £5 Pads 10@ £5	£50 £50 <u>£100</u>	£50 £50 <u>£100</u>
<u>REFRESHMENTS</u>	<u>£37</u>	<u>£37</u>
Totals	£4000	£4000

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- **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)

Amazon wish list https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2WC9DY00J9SXXN?ref=wl_share

Educator Quote

As we have only been in existence from sept 24 we do not have a copy of our Annual Accounts yet, however we have attached a copy of our most recent bank statement

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

“one good thing” data will be collected at the end of every session which will allow us to gauge the impact on individuals wellbeing and confidence

Activity within the whatsapp and FB group will allow us to measure the sense of community being built

Physical items made will evidence success in learning to make new items

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*)

Immediately

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

Funds will spent by the end of the tax year 24/25, but the project will be ongoing

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: Health and Wellbeing	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: To improve mental health, tackle isolation and give a sense of achievement . Improve confidence & wellbeing while learning a new skill ,which will also help employability chances	
	Target 2024-25
Outputs	
Provide sessions for 10-20 people weekly	
Make wearable items of clothing & accessories	
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Participants note an improvement in their wellbeing & confidence has grown from the start and acquisition of new skills	
Physical items made	

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

