

## DUNDEE PARTNERSHIP FUND CRF GRANT APPLICATION

<b>City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:</b>	
Targeted activities established to reduce isolation and build community resilience.	
<b>Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:</b>	
	<b>Target 2026-27</b>
<b>Outputs</b>	
Primary school aged children in the ward will benefit from free and local sport and physical activity opportunities	100 primary school aged children.
<b>Outcomes / Indicators:</b>	
We will consult with 30 participants and 30 parents to find out their views on increased access to sport and physical activity opportunities to reduce isolation.	30 participants 30 parents

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£20 per hour x 1 hour x 6 week block (x3 – will deliver 3, 6 week blocks throughout the year)		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£880.00</b>	<b>£880.00</b>

- **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 are the same for all sports coaches - £20 per hour.

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

The WECSH committee will monitor the outputs and outcomes at our bi-monthly committee meetings. In addition, we will work in partnership with the schools, Active Schools and Active Dundee's Community Sport Hub Officer to evaluate the project through distributing surveys to parents and obtaining feedback from teachers.

Consultation will take place with participants and parents at the end of the block of activity. Through our existing strong relationships with school staff, we will work closely together to measure the impact of the delivery.

These methods of monitoring have been successful to date.

<b>What is the planned start date of the event/activity?</b> Please note turn around on applications is 6 - 10 weeks and funding cannot be retrospective (see section 2 of the guidance notes)	August 2026
<b>What is the planned end date of the event/activity?</b>	March 2026

### 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.

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### 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?)

We carried out a survey with the parents of those who attended previous sessions. The following quote received from a parent through the survey demonstrates the positive impact of the sessions: "my child loved it and was absolutely gutted when the block ended".

Another parent feedback that her son "loved the football sessions and would love further opportunities at new sports".

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

(Refer to Section 1 of the Guidance Notes)

The schools identified serve communities experiencing higher levels of deprivation, where children and young people face greater barriers to accessing sport and physical activity. By delivering free after-school sessions within local schools, the programme will bring opportunities directly to the young people, removing key barriers such as cost and transport.

We believe that every child should have the opportunity to participate in sport and physical activity, regardless of their background or circumstances. Providing activities in familiar and accessible school settings will create an inclusive environment where children feel comfortable, confident and supported to take part. In doing so, the project will help reduce inequalities in access to sport while encouraging healthier, more active lifestyles. By introducing children to positive sporting experiences at an early age, the programme will also support the development of lifelong habits and sustained participation in physical activity.

### 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, as this activity directly has a positive impact on children in Lochee we have identified Dundee Partnership as the most appropriate funding source to support addressing this local community need.	n/a

**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 (£)
Football: £20 per hour x 1 hour x 4 week block (x2 – will deliver 2, 4 week blocks throughout the year)	160.00	160.00
Hockey: £20 per hour x 1 hour x 6 week block (x3 – will deliver 3, 6 week blocks throughout the year)	360.00	360.00
Tennis:	360.00	360.00

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

Consultation with local schools and Active Schools Coordinators has identified a clear need for continued opportunities for children and young people in the Lochee Ward to participate in sport and physical activity. Limited local sports provision and coaching capacity mean many children do not have access to regular, affordable opportunities to be active. This lack of opportunities can have a negative impact on physical health, mental wellbeing, confidence and social development.

The programme will help improve physical activity levels, build confidence, develop skills, strengthen friendships and create a sense of belonging. By providing regular opportunities to be active, we expect to see positive outcomes for both the physical and mental wellbeing of participants.

WECSH uses sport as a vehicle for positive change within the community. In addition to improving physical health, sport can reduce social isolation, improve behaviour, build resilience, and develop important life skills such as teamwork, communication, leadership and self-discipline. These experiences help shape positive attitudes and behaviours that children can carry into adulthood.

Conversations with parents have consistently highlighted that rising household costs, particularly for food and energy, have reduced the ability of many families to pay for community activities. As a result, children are missing out on opportunities that support their health, wellbeing and development.

By delivering sessions free of charge and directly within school settings, this project removes both financial and practical barriers to participation. Children can access quality sporting opportunities in a familiar and supportive environment without families incurring additional costs for memberships, equipment or transport. This approach helps ensure that all children, regardless of their circumstances, have an equal opportunity to participate.

Feedback from parents demonstrates the value and impact of the programme:

“He really enjoyed the hockey sessions. As a result, he joined the Hawks a few months ago and is loving it. Without the introduction to hockey via school club, he would never have thought to join a hockey club. A few of his friends have also joined Hawks and his little brother has recently joined too”.

Another parent advised that their child “really enjoyed the sessions and had lots of fun”. The positive impact on the children was also demonstrated with another parent advising that their child “loved it and was absolutely gutted when the block ended”.

These comments highlight the ongoing need for this programme within the Lochee ward.

### **What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?**

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

Discussions have taken place with Active Schools Coordinators with schools outlining the need for more continued sport and physical activity opportunities for their young people.

Discussions have then taken place between the WECSH and the Active Schools Coordinators to discuss WECSH provision to support continuing to meet this community need.

Feedback has been received from local parents, as outlined above regarding the impact of the sessions and the continued need.

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experience of organised sport. Continued funding will help more children in Lochee become active, improve their wellbeing and develop skills and confidence that will benefit them throughout their lives.

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

A key priority within the Dundee City Plan is reducing inequalities and tackling poverty across the city. This proposal directly contributes to that objective by providing free, accessible sporting opportunities for children in the Lochee Ward, helping to address inequalities in health and wellbeing. By removing financial barriers to participation, we will ensure that children from all backgrounds can access the physical, mental and social benefits of sport.

There is substantial evidence linking poverty with poorer physical and mental health outcomes, including increased rates of inactivity, obesity and social isolation. Early intervention through regular participation in sport and physical activity is therefore essential. By engaging children at primary school age, this programme will help establish positive habits, improve wellbeing and support healthier lifestyles that can be sustained into adulthood.

I have outlined below how this application contributes to some of the outcomes in the City Plan:

#### **Mental health of our citizens will improve through accessible community supports:**

As community sports organisations, the WECSH recognises the important role that physical activity plays in supporting positive mental health. Through the delivery of free football, hockey and tennis sessions, children will benefit from increased confidence, improved self-esteem, stronger social connections and the positive impact that regular physical activity has on emotional wellbeing.

#### **Adults and children living in Dundee will be more physically active and those living in our most deprived communities will enjoy greater access to green space:**

This project directly addresses the low levels of physical activity identified among children in the Lochee Ward. By delivering free after-school sport within local primary schools, the programme will provide accessible opportunities for children to become more active on a regular basis. The initiative is focused on schools receiving fewer sport and physical activity opportunities.

Lochee Community Plan:

#### **Targeted activities to reduce isolation and improve mental health.**

The programme creates opportunities for children to come together in a positive and inclusive environment, helping to reduce social isolation and strengthen community connections. Through participation in sports, children will build friendships, develop a sense of belonging and learn important social skills.

#### **Families expressed that they sometimes struggle to cope due to lack of money:**

With the continued impact of the cost-of-living crisis, many families face challenges in accessing extracurricular activities for their children. By providing football, hockey and tennis free of charge, this programme removes a significant financial barrier and ensures that children can participate regardless of economic situation.

This proposal aligns strongly with the key priorities identified within the Lochee Community Plan, specifically: cost of living, health and wellbeing and children & families.

### How many people will benefit from this project?

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

Yes, children aged between 5 and 12 years old (P1-P7).

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<b>Who is the grant for?</b> (Name of Applicant Group / Department)	West End Community Sports Hub		
<b>Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2025-26?</b> (If yes, list all grants below)			<b>YES / NO</b>
<b>Title of project funded</b>	<b>Amount granted</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Was it fully spent?</b>
Multi-Sport Activity for Young People	£680.00	July 2025	Yes

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

Previous support from the Community Regeneration Fund has enabled the West End Community Sports Hub (WECSH) to deliver free, multi-sport after-school activities for primary-aged children across the Lochee Ward. The programme has successfully increased participation in physical activity, reduced barriers to community sport and created pathways into local sports clubs, as evidenced in our 25–26 end of year report.

WECSH member clubs contribute hundreds of volunteer hours each week to community sport and are seeking continued funding to sustain this provision. The proposed programme includes football, hockey and tennis, delivered by Riverside West End Football Club, Harris Hockey Club and West End Tennis Club, providing clear pathways into ongoing community participation.

There remains a strong need for accessible and affordable sporting opportunities in the area. An Active Schools survey found that only 17.6% of pupils meet recommended daily physical activity levels, with participation rates of 20.8% for boys and 14.0% for girls. These figures highlight the importance of providing local opportunities that encourage children to be active and develop lifelong healthy habits.

Funding will support free after-school sports sessions across the six primary schools in the Lochee Ward: Ancrum Road, Camperdown, St Clements, St Ninians, St Mary's and Tayview. Each school will receive a block of hockey or tennis coaching, while two additional football blocks will be allocated according to need identified by Active Schools Coordinators.

Delivering sessions within schools removes two key barriers to participation: cost and access. Activities are provided free of charge in familiar, safe environments where children feel comfortable participating. Parent feedback consistently highlights the value of school-based delivery in building confidence and encouraging children to engage in sport, while also creating pathways into local clubs and lifelong physical activity.

WECSH's overarching aim is to increase participation in sport and physical activity across the local community. While programmes are open to all children, particular focus is placed on engaging those who are inactive, face barriers to participation or feel excluded from traditional sporting opportunities.

This funding is especially important as the Lochee Ward includes communities within SIMD 1 and 2 areas, where financial barriers can significantly restrict access to community activities. Grant support will cover coaching costs, ensuring all sessions remain free and accessible regardless of personal circumstances.

In addition to increasing physical activity, the programme supports improved physical and mental wellbeing, builds confidence and resilience, develops teamwork and communication skills and helps children form positive friendships. For many participants, these sessions provide a first

## 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?



Ref:

## Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Fund

### Grant Application 2026/27

Applicant Information	
<b>Name of Applicant Group</b>	West End Community Sports Hub
<b>Activity Title</b>	Multi-Sport Activity for Young People in Lochee
<b>Grant Requested (£)</b>	£880.00

- 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	
Coldside	<input type="checkbox"/>
East End	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lochee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maryfield	<input type="checkbox"/>
North East	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strathmartine	<input type="checkbox"/>

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR	
Small Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Inclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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](mailto:dundee.partnership@dundeecity.gov.uk)