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Dundee Partnership
Community Regeneration Fund
Grant Application
2025/26

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	PEACE N JAM CIC
Activity Title	Technical Infrastructure support for Sober Discos & Family Discos (Positive Peace wellbeing community activities)
Grant Requested (£)	£4,954.00

- 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	X
East End	
Lochee	
Maryfield	

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR	
Small Grant	X
Youth Inclusion	

North East

Strathmartine

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

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)	Peace n Jam CIC Managing Director, Dominic Venditozzi SC 855670
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2024-25? (If yes, list all grants below)	NO

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

To run 5 x Sober Discos (16+ event) and 10 x Family Disco Events over the next 12 months in Coldside. (TOTAL = 15 Events)

Technical infrastructure is a necessity to professionally establish Dundee’s only sober disco and Dundee’s only family disco. Discos will be planned between two venues in Coldside, building on the successes of Spring 26 events at Dudhope Community Centre and Maxwell Gardens.

Creating the necessary conditions for a successful, impactful wellbeing initiative in Dundee.

- All discos are sober spaces.
- All events involve programmed wellbeing elements (relaxation, visualisation, mindful movement).
- All events include provision and/ or sharing of food.
- All event environments are safe, non-discriminatory, inclusive community settings.
- Peace n Jam CIC aims to provide benefit for any particularly marginalised groups, specifically individuals or families affected by drug, alcohol or addiction-related harm.
- We aim to de-stigmatise our offer of a supportive space for any beneficiary groups: all events open for any music lovers who wish to enjoy being in a drug and alcohol-free celebration/ party environment.

PA EQUIPMENT

This application is principally for PA equipment that is necessary to successfully host positive community experiences in Coldside. Hiring unreliable and outdated equipment is a non-returnable financial drain as well as a risk to sound quality and in-event technical reliability. Peace n Jam CIC needs equipment that is:

- reliable
- professional
- high sound quality specification

Engaging Professional DJ Services

Peace n Jam is proud to partner with long-standing independent Dundee DJ legend, Miss DLove.

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

City priorities. Peace n Jam CIC aims to:

- Support tackling health-related inequalities so people realise their full potential
- Address barriers to personal wellbeing and growth, especially those affected by alcohol, drugs or addiction-related harm
- Increase social opportunities for local people

- Encouraging participation in healthy, family activities
- Reduce social isolation
- Enhance local engagement in Positive Peace Building events
- Contribute to Dundee being a Caring City

Local Community Plan Outcomes. Peace n Jam CIC will work to:

- Provide a real response to the stated need for recovery networks
- Prioritise partnership working with established community and statutory organisations to benefit health and wellbeing of Coldside citizens at risk of poverty-related inequalities.
- Positively contribute with our vibrant, diverse Dundee cultures in Coldside and celebrate them in joyful events.
- Improve the lives of children and families in Coldside by prioritising Positive Peace Building activities within enjoyable, fun celebration event gatherings.

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

Coldside deserves the necessary supports in social infrastructure to make improvements in the challenging health inequalities data reflected in our city and country.

This proposal for partnership between Peace n Jam with Dundee City Council (alongside developing community collaborations with Maxwell Gardens, Hope for Families and Bharatiya Ashram) takes a step towards beginning an unique approach to this social challenge.

Adopting a wellspring of untapped spiritual wellbeing within, between and among us is a 'different way' of grounding our work alongside those we serve. At Peace n Jam, a core belief is that our spirit of natural peace awaits, ready to articulate with social, emotional, physical and mental health. It only requires deliberate, conscious attention and action. In a recent keynote delivery at the DVVA 'Recovery Cities' event, Prof. David Best spoke to this type of thinking as a real and viable preventative alternative to traditional recovery settings and social activity. He also said that an identifying marker of a Recovery City was that it had at least 6 public-facing events in the annual calendar.

Social capital-building

Peace n Jam sober and family discos are intended to grow as a social hub for people seeking alternative experiences to counter social isolation or the limited social activity choices that may also be unaffordable to many. With this funding, we can afford to secure professional-quality, reliable equipment that is owned as a community-building asset and able to extend to both the cycle of this CRF funding period and to other events with which we collaborate on request from local community partners.

Peace n Jam thinks seriously about how to have fun!

- Positive Peace Building is cultivated through our uniquely considered blend of enjoyable community experiences.
- Everything we do embeds contemplative action and conscious learning as fundamentally crucial, necessary protective factors to help us all; particularly those who are struggling in life, in any kind of recovery phase or affected by ongoing addiction.
- All people of good will are welcome at the sober 16+ disco or sober Family Disco, regardless of their background, culture or standing.

We know that Positive Peace Building develops:

- empowered people of deliberate, cultivated peaceful living in the face of poverty, harm, division or marginalisation.
- support for ourselves and others so we take more responsibility for making and sustaining a peaceful, caring Dundee.
- our ability to meet the inevitable challenges of daily living with greater strength, flexibility and connection to positive social habits.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

No official consultation has been made in respect of Peace n Jam's application to date. The application references the minutes of Coldside LCPP meeting of February 2026. Highlighted in the previous application sections are the key points of note:

- A need to improve life chances for children and families
- A need to improve local supports for people in recovery and their families
- A need for a co-ordinated communication strategy (for the above)
- A need to address the current health issues in the community
- A need to create social and community spaces
- A need to create stronger connections in partnerships
- A need to increase support for parents in accessible settings

Peace n Jam Managing Director Dominic Venditozzi met last month with Maxwell Gardens to discuss the opportunities to collaborate in response to local family and social opportunities to support. He is engaged to support the Hope For Families Sumer BBQ in Baxter Park in August.

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?)

It is hoped with good faith that those present at the LCPP who spoke to the summarised above views can agree that this application directly addresses identified needs in Coldside.

In particular, section 7. The Community Health and Wellbeing Issues around Substance Use & Addiction, Mental Health and vulnerable young people.

It is also hoped that the application is seen to articulate strongly to a Solution-Oriented position as taken in the sections on 'What Currently Makes the Community Healthier' and 'What More Could Be Done to Improve Health'. Peace n Jam will work to meaningfully:

- promote a positive, healthy activity and service
- be recognised as a positive form of social prescription
- employ dance as a social active movement groups
- reduce stigma
- support prevention and community-based activities

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

A peaceful event

The sober and family discos will aim to improve the quality of lives for those who engage with the **contemplative action** dynamic of this event. With unconditional positive regard, people in deprivation who attend an event will be treated as anticipated, welcome guests in a homely, safe environment. The aim is for all people to share in something special where they sense their value and their being valued.

Hope

The welcoming atmosphere offer **hope & stability** to support people in recovery and their families.

Wellbeing is a priority

Activities include a twenty-five minute quiet zone within the event before the real dancing happens:

- Guided relaxation
- meditation or visualisation
- conscious body movement
- Sound bath

Building Peace yourself

The Peace n Jam 'Peace Tree' is available for attendees to write or draw what they think about 'What peace means to you?' On a paper dove then hang it on a branch. This forms feedback and thoughts are anonymously used as a direct contribution for the next session's theme in relaxation...

Positive energy

The Peace n Jam Volunteer Team gently encourage those present into the dance as it is led through the end of the relaxation and into the funky upbeat energy.

Nurturing space

Food and drink are available to attendees and a 'house party' vibe is encouraged.

<p>What other sources of funding have you secured / tried to secure for this project?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If none, please state why this is the case <p>(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)</p>	
Source of Funding (detail if this funding is for more than 1 year, if applicable)	£
No other source of funding confirmed as yet. Peace n Jam has an application submitted to current cycle of The Common Good Fund for another aspect of the technical infrastructure.	£5,579.00
Another application is being submitted to Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol or Drugs 'New Family Recovery Initiative Fund' for a third necessary component of the Technical Infrastructure for Sound Production for community wellbeing celebration events	£5,954

<p>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).</p>		
Cost Heading	Full Costs (£)	DP Aid (£)
Project Management, Logistics and Event Production for 10 community wellbeing celebration events	£5,250.00	Common Good Fund application in process
Technical Infrastructure support for Positive Peace wellbeing community activities.	£5,579.00	SFAAAD NFRI Fund application in process
Technical Infrastructure for Sound Production for 15 community wellbeing celebration events	£4954.00	This application only
Totals	£15,783	

- **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