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Dundee Partnership
Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application
2026/27

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	MAXwell Centre & Garden
Activity Title	Community Garden
Grant Requested (£)	£1,716.94

- 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×

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF
GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR

Small Grant×

East End	
Lochee	Youth Inclusion
Maryfield	
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:

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| 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?

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(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?

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

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Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)	MAXwell Centre & Garden		
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?
MAXyouth Work	£16,533	March 26	On-going
MAXwell – Next Gen	£3,931.47	Feb 26	Yes

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

We want the grant to buy new tools and equipment for our community garden. We will also use the grant to restock our tool and seed library, have improved storage and provide additional equipment that members have requested. Finally we will use part of the grant to host 4 workshop events employing experts to come and share additional knowledge and expertise with our community. The workshops will also include all the resources participants need to participate.

This will support our garden project which over the last year provided the following for our local Coldside Community:

- Monthly plant and seed swaps (Over 500 attendees).
- A creative programme of gardening workshops. We ran 41 workshop with over 400 attendees. Twice weekly garden volunteer sessions.
- Harvest boxes and Pick your Own (PYO) sessions weekly with recipes. Last year we distributed 50 harvest boxes and 65 participated in harvest your own sessions.
- Cooking workshops using seasonal garden produce. Weekly multicultural lunch.
- Seed and Tool Library, free access to gardening tools, books and seeds (163 members 635 Tools shared).
- Hosting regular visits from local community groups to learn from our growing experiences and get support from our team to further develop their own projects.
- The Big Grow – this year over 70 individuals, groups and families signed up and we provided all the resources and support to grow their food.
- We are one of 4 partners running Changemakers - Dundee Climate Hub. This is driving positive change with, by and for our communities and environment. 2 of the 4 partners are based in Coldside.

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

City Plan:

- Mental health of our citizens will improve through accessible community support.
- 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.
- A reduction in social isolation and loneliness amongst older people will result in improved physical and mental health.

Local Coldside Plan:

- We need quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities. By increasing and developing the number of growing spaces.

How many people will benefit from this project?	400
Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic)	

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

Our garden project is well established and the garden has 100's of visitors each week meaning we regularly have to replace and maintain equipment. We need to replace wheelbarrows and hoses.

We have had an increase in not only the numbers that are signed up to our tool and seed library but also the amount of tools and equipment being borrowed each week. One of our lawnmowers needs replaced and we have had members asking for a power washer as they don't have the resources themselves to acquire one, and or the space to keep one.

The storage units for our tool and seed library are old, damaged and no longer fit for purpose. New units and boxes will allow us to store resources and equipment safely and make it more accessible.

The workshops will allow us to bring in specialists and experts in specific fields to teach new things and increase our depth of knowledge. In the past, delivering these specialist workshops have been very popular and well attended with excellent participant feedback. Our community deserves access to the very best resources and activities we can provide.

Our garden provides the following benefits:

- Improved access to fresh, local food via community growing spaces, shared gardens, free access to seeds, plants, tools and resources and growing advice. People can grow their own produce at home, in community beds, or through local plots, empowering them to feed themselves and their families affordably.
- Increased local food production, contributing to reduced food insecurity and increased availability of fresh produce across the whole of Dundee.
- Enhanced mental and physical wellbeing through outdoor activity, gardening, movement, and social inclusion. Many participants report feeling happier, healthier, and less isolated.
- New skills, qualifications, and confidence, supporting employability, lifelong learning, and personal development. People gain experience in gardening, food growing, cooking, community guiding, leadership, communication, and more.
- Greater social inclusion, breaking down barriers between cultures, classes, religions, and generations. Our inclusive events and growing activities create spaces where people connect meaningfully.
- Support for families, helping children and parents connect to nature and healthy eating through gardening, outdoor learning, and shared meals.
- Increased pride and ownership, as local people contribute to the design, care, and success of growing spaces and shared facilities.
- Empowered individuals and groups, who gain the skills, networks, and confidence to take action, lead local change, and influence decisions.
- Environmental awareness and sustainable behaviours, helping people better understand climate change and develop eco-friendly habits through growing and composting.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

It was community consultation that first identified the need for the garden project and through post-covid discussions with participants we identified the need to set up the tool and seed library. Over the last year an increase in members and loans has prompted us to ask for suggestions for new tools and we received evidence that a power washer would be valuable.

Feedback from workshop participants in support of our application:

Herbalism workshop- Surpassed expectations

- Learnt about essential oils and how medicinal compounds are transferred by these oils.
- More of this please, fantastic
- Will try and make some tinctures at home

Garden sign workshop- Well Done, 😊Keep Smiling, You make a difference

Willow weaving workshop- The best part was learning in a social group and crafting together

Sprouting workshop- I want to learn more about growing real food

- We would love to come again

Thank you for the class, you made it really easy to understand and follow along. I'm neurodivergent and can sometimes struggle to follow along and take in information but your method of teaching works great for me. I feel more confident in trying things now. I'm going to keep my eyes peeled for more classes coming up because I really enjoyed that.

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?)

Local people are involved in the development and running of our centre at every level. From our board of trustees who steer the overall project, to the individual volunteers who deliver and support our daily activities, to participants of all ages. Our youth groups are very actively

involved in the whole process too - they have a say in determining the activities we provide not only for their groups but across the centre.

There is strong evidence that the local community supports this application and values the impact of our project. Over the past several years, we have gathered extensive evidence through case studies, evaluations, staff observations, and feedback.

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

The MAXwell exists because our community deserves better access to support, connection and opportunity without stigma or barriers. From crisis support to creative expression, gardening to community meals, everything we do is grounded in the belief that change starts with care and grows through community

The latest SIMD statistics show our local area falls within the top 15% most deprived areas in Scotland, with one part ranking in the top 5%. The effect of this level of inequality is that expected outcomes in relation to learning, health and employability are significantly lower than the Scottish average. Poor mental health, obesity, high incidence of type II diabetes and low school attainment are all hallmarks of this community. The Coldside Community Cupboard contributes to the extensive range of services and activities we provide to help tackle current issues and make us stronger, more resilient for the future.

In Dundee, 31% of children live in poverty. (Child Poverty Action). Coldside, has the highest rate in the city at 41%. The Community Cupboard addresses this by giving families dignified access to fresh produce and support to access a wide range of services and activities dedicated to closing the gap that exists for our community.

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)

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Source of Funding (detail if this funding is for more than 1 year, if applicable)	£
Additional resources required out with budget	

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 (£)
Power Washer	299.99	299.99
Workshops £180.00 x's 4	720.00	720.00
Wheel Barrows £64 X's 2	128.00	128.00
Crinkly Hose	58.00	58.00
Heavy Duty Industrial Shelves 2	234.99	234.99
Storage Boxes Pack of 5 @ £34.99 X's 4	118.97	118.97
Lawn Mower	159.99	159.99
Totals	1,716.94	1,719.94

- 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**

- See additional detail on reserves in the Guidance section 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)
Scanned copies of quotes for all items

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

We will use the following methods:

- Footfall tracking across garden.
- Case studies and personal stories.
- Focus groups and interviews, particularly with volunteers and young people.
- Web and social media engagement.
- Participant demographics, including age, ethnicity, and gender.
- Observations and feedback from partners.
- Pilot projects and test-of-change evaluations.

We use our evaluation framework to spot patterns, identify successes, and highlight where we need to adapt. This is reviewed regularly by staff, volunteers, young people, and trustees. We foster a culture of "learning by doing", encouraging honest conversations, co-design, and experimentation.

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>)	1 st September 2026
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	31 st 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.

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome: We need quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities. By increasing and develop the number of growing spaces.	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Weekly access to our Tool & Seed Library with bespoke support and advice from staff. 150 plus members	26 Sessions
Twice weekly Garden Volunteer sessions with an average of 8 attendees	52 Sessions
4 Garden Workshops with 10 attendees	End December 2027
Access to fresh, local food via community growing spaces, shared gardens, free access to seeds, plants, tools and resources and growing advice. People can grow their own produce at home, in community beds, or through local plots	On-going
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Increased local food production, contributing to reduced food insecurity and increased availability of fresh produce across the whole of Dundee.	
Enhanced mental and physical wellbeing through outdoor activity, gardening, movement, and social inclusion. Many participants report feeling happier, healthier, and less isolated.	
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