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Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application **2026/27**

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Maryfield United Community Charity
Activity Title	Support Staff
Grant Requested (£)	£10,000

- 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	☒
East End	☐
Lochee	☐
Maryfield	☐
North East	☐
Strathmartine	☐

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

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	Y
Fully completed the information on the front of the form	Y
Provided a response to all sections of the application form (including indicating a section as 'N/A' where relevant)	Y
Checked that your budget adds up properly?	Y
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?	Y
Included appropriate, measurable outputs & outcomes?	Y
Provided your groups accounts, or other appropriate financial information?	Y
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)	Y
Checked that the bank details or financial code are correct / complete?	Y
Signed the form, given accurate contact details and ticked the GDPR box?	Y

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Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)	Maryfield United Community Charity		
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?
WELCOME TO FOOTBALL	£1296	FEB 26	YES

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

Maryfield United Community Charity is seeking £10,000 towards the creation of a new part-time Community Development Support Officer post. This investment will strengthen our capacity to deliver inclusive community programmes across Coldside, supporting children, young people, families and older adults to become more active, connected and resilient.

The Community Development Support Officer will coordinate and expand a wide range of activities, including school partnerships, holiday programmes, girls' football, Football Memories sessions for older adults, volunteer recruitment and development, safeguarding, monitoring and evaluation, and partnership working with local organisations. The post will also proactively engage residents experiencing social isolation, financial hardship and other barriers to participation, ensuring they can access opportunities that improve health, wellbeing and community connection.

Demand for our services continues to grow, but our current staffing capacity limits the number of programmes we can deliver and the external funding we can pursue. This new role will provide the dedicated resource required to increase participation, strengthen volunteer capacity, develop new partnerships and improve organisational sustainability through ongoing fundraising and programme development.

Funding from the Community Regeneration Fund will enable us to reach more residents, particularly those living in areas of deprivation, while creating a stronger foundation for long-term community development. The post will leave a lasting legacy by increasing opportunities for local people to participate in sport, physical activity and community initiatives that improve wellbeing, reduce isolation and strengthen community resilience.

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

The proposed Community Development Support Officer will directly contribute to the priorities within Coldside's 2022–2027 Local Community Plan by increasing opportunities for local residents to participate in community activity, improving access to support and strengthening local partnerships.

The post will contribute to the following priorities:

- Respond to the Cost-of-Living Crisis by providing affordable and free community activities, supporting families to access services and reducing financial barriers to participation.
- Improve the Life Chances of Children and Families through school partnerships, holiday programmes, positive activities, volunteer opportunities and early intervention support.
- Health and Wellbeing by increasing participation in physical activity, tackling loneliness and social isolation, supporting older adults through initiatives such as Football Memories, and promoting positive mental wellbeing.
- Empowering Communities by recruiting and developing volunteers, strengthening partnerships with local organisations and enabling residents to shape and participate in community activity.

The project also directly contributes to the Dundee City Plan outcomes by ensuring:

- Children and young people have the best possible start in life.
- People are socially connected, active and supported within their communities.
- Inequalities are reduced by targeting activities within one of Dundee's most deprived communities and improving access to opportunities for those facing the greatest barriers.

How many people will benefit from this project?

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

Approximately 400 direct beneficiaries including children, young people, families, older adults and volunteers.

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

Demand for Maryfield United Community Charity's services has grown significantly over the last two years as more local people seek affordable opportunities to improve their health, wellbeing and social connections. While our existing team continues to deliver a high standard of provision, current staffing capacity has reached its limit, restricting our ability to expand programmes, respond to increasing demand and develop new community initiatives.

Coldside is one of the most deprived communities in Scotland, with many residents experiencing financial hardship, poor health outcomes, social isolation and limited opportunities to participate in positive activities. Children, young people, families and older adults all benefit from accessible community programmes that reduce isolation, improve physical and mental wellbeing and strengthen community resilience.

A dedicated Community Development Support Officer is therefore essential to meet growing demand. The post will increase programme capacity, strengthen partnerships with schools and community organisations, recruit and support volunteers, improve monitoring and evaluation, and identify additional external funding opportunities. Without this investment, the charity's ability to grow its services and respond to community need will remain limited.

Funding through the Community Regeneration Fund will enable Maryfield United Community Charity to reach more local people, strengthen long-term sustainability and ensure that residents across Coldside continue to benefit from inclusive, high-quality community opportunities for years to come.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

Consultation on the creation of a new part-time Community Development Support Officer has taken place through ongoing engagement with local partners, schools, community organisations, volunteers, parents, participants, trustees and local residents involved in Maryfield United Community Charity's programmes.

Feedback consistently identified increasing demand for affordable community activities, alongside the need for additional staffing capacity to maintain and expand the charity's services.

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Consultees highlighted the importance of strengthening links with schools and community partners, increasing volunteer support, improving programme coordination and developing new activities that respond to local needs.

Stakeholders also recognised the importance of ensuring the charity has sufficient capacity to secure external funding, monitor programme outcomes and maintain high-quality service delivery as participation continues to grow.

The consultation has directly informed this proposal by shaping the responsibilities of the Community Development Support Officer. The role has been designed to increase programme capacity, strengthen partnership working, support volunteers, improve monitoring and evaluation, and identify additional funding opportunities to ensure the charity remains sustainable and responsive to the needs of the Coldsides community.

Overall, consultation demonstrated strong local support for the creation of this post and confirmed that increasing staffing capacity is a priority for sustaining and developing community provision across the area.

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?)

Evidence of community support has been gathered through ongoing engagement with participants, parents, volunteers, local schools, community organisations, partner agencies and trustees involved in Maryfield United Community Charity's work. Feedback has consistently highlighted increasing demand for affordable, accessible community activities and identified the need for additional staffing capacity to support continued growth.

Community members have told us they value the positive opportunities our programmes provide and want to see them expanded to reach more children, young people, families and older adults across Coldsides. Local partners have also identified the need for a dedicated member of staff to strengthen partnership working, improve communication and increase opportunities for joint working across the area.

The proposal has been shaped directly by this feedback. The Community Development Support Officer role has been developed to increase programme capacity, coordinate volunteers, strengthen community partnerships, improve access to funding and ensure the charity can respond more effectively to local needs.

The application is also supported by evidence of increasing participation in Maryfield United Community Charity's programmes and by the continued commitment of local partners to work collaboratively in delivering activities that improve health, wellbeing, community cohesion and opportunities for residents living within one of Dundee's most deprived communities.

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

Coldside is one of Scotland's most deprived communities, where many children, young people, families and older adults experience financial hardship, poor health, social isolation and limited access to affordable activities. Rising living costs, transport barriers and reduced opportunities mean many local residents are unable to participate in activities that improve their physical and mental wellbeing.

The proposed Community Development Support Officer will directly address these inequalities by increasing the charity's capacity to deliver accessible, affordable and inclusive programmes for those who need them most. The role will identify and engage residents experiencing disadvantage, strengthen partnerships with schools and community organisations, coordinate volunteers and ensure activities are targeted towards individuals and families facing the greatest barriers to participation.

The additional staffing capacity will enable Maryfield United Community Charity to expand sport, physical activity, holiday programmes and community wellbeing initiatives that improve health, reduce loneliness, build confidence and strengthen community connections. The role will also improve access to support by developing stronger referral pathways with local partners, ensuring residents receive the right opportunities at the right time.

Beyond increasing participation, the post will strengthen the charity's long-term sustainability by improving monitoring and evaluation, securing additional external funding and developing partnerships that enable services to continue beyond the life of this grant. As a result, more local people will benefit from opportunities that reduce inequalities, improve wellbeing and create stronger, more resilient communities.

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)	

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 (£)
Please see attached spreadsheet		
Totals		

- 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)

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

Maryfield United is committed to ensuring that the impact of this project is measurable, transparent, and aligned with the aims of the Coldside Regeneration Forum. We will monitor both outputs (what the project delivers) and outcomes (the difference it makes) using the following methods:

Maryfield United Community Charity is committed to ensuring the impact of this project is measurable, transparent and aligned with the priorities of the Coldside Local Community Plan and the Community Regeneration Fund. The Community Development Support Officer will be responsible for coordinating project monitoring and reporting throughout the funding period.

Monitoring Outputs

We will monitor:

- Number of participants engaging in community activities (by age, gender and postcode where appropriate).
- Number of new participants accessing programmes.

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- Attendance and retention across all activities.
- Number of community sessions, holiday programmes and events delivered.
- Number of volunteers recruited, trained and supported.
- Number of partnership activities delivered with schools and community organisations.
- Number of referrals into community programmes.

Monitoring methods:

- Registration and participant records.
- Attendance registers and sign-in sheets.
- Volunteer database.
- Partnership and referral records.
- Monthly monitoring reports.

Monitoring Outcomes

Improved Health and Wellbeing

Indicators

- Increased levels of participation in physical activity.
- Improved confidence, wellbeing and community connectedness.
- Reduced feelings of loneliness and social isolation.

Monitoring tools

- Participant wellbeing questionnaires (e.g. WHO-5 or Warwick-Edinburgh Wellbeing Scale).
- Participant feedback surveys.
- Case studies and participant interviews.

Stronger Community Engagement

Indicators

- Increased volunteer involvement.
- More residents participating in community activities.
- Increased partnership working with local organisations.

Monitoring tools

- Volunteer records.
- Partner feedback.
- Community event evaluations.

Improved Organisational Capacity

Indicators

- Increased programme delivery.
- Growth in external funding secured.
- Increased number of partnership projects.

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- Improved monitoring and evaluation across the organisation.

Monitoring tools

- Funding records.
- Programme reports.
- Trustee performance reports.
- Quarterly operational reviews.

Reporting

Progress will be reviewed monthly by the Community Development Support Officer and senior management, with regular reports presented to the Board of Trustees. Monitoring information will include both quantitative data (participation, attendance, volunteer numbers and partnerships) and qualitative evidence (participant feedback, case studies and testimonials). This information will be shared with the Community Regeneration Forum as part of grant monitoring requirements, ensuring accountability, demonstrating impact and enabling continuous

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>)	October 2026
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	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: Coldside LCP 2022-2027 Empowering Communities, Improve Life Chances for Children and Families
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: The purpose of this project is to employ a part-time Community Development Support Officer who will increase Maryfield United Community Charity's capacity to develop, coordinate and deliver inclusive community programmes across Coldside. The role will strengthen partnerships with schools and community organisations, recruit and support volunteers, increase participation among children, young people and families, and improve the charity's long-term sustainability through enhanced monitoring, evaluation and fundraising.

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	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Recruit and employ a part-time Community Development Support Officer.	1 member of staff appointed and retained
Deliver community-based activities across Coldside	Minimum of 30 weeks of programme delivery
Increase participation in community programmes	150 children, young people and adults participating weekly
Develop partnership with schools and community organisations	At least 10 active delivery partnerships
Recruit and support volunteers	15 volunteers recruited and supported
Outcomes / Indicators:	
More local residents regularly participate in community activities	20% increase in participation compared with the previous year
Improved health & wellbeing	80% of participants reported improved wellbeing and confidence
Increased community connections and reduced isolation	75% report feeling more connected to their local community
Stronger organisational capacity	Additional external funding secured to sustain the post beyond the grant period
Increased volunteer capacity	80% of volunteers remain active throughout the project

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:

Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: The Community Development Support Officer will increase access to affordable and inclusive sport, physical activity and community programmes that improve physical health, mental wellbeing and social connectedness. The role will coordinate activities that reduce isolation, build confidence, strengthen community relationships and ensure local residents, particularly those experiencing deprivation, can access opportunities that improve their overall wellbeing.

	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Deliver health and wellbeing activities across Coldside	Minimum 30 weeks of delivery
Increase participation in physical activity and community programmes	150 weekly participants
Deliver community engagement and wellbeing initiatives	10 community events or initiatives
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Improved physical & mental wellbeing	80% of participants report improved wellbeing
Reduced loneliness & social isolation	75% report feeling more connected to their community

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Increased regular participation in healthy lifestyles	20% increase in regular participation compared with baseline
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