

Ref: LY2506

Dundee Partnership **Community Regeneration Fund**

Grant Application **2025/26**

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	WEST YOUTH TEAM
Activity Title	COSY SPACE AND NEW FURNITURE
Grant Requested (£)	£4230.08

- 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 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:

Read the guidance sections of the form

X

Fully completed the information on the front of the form

X

Provided a response to all sections of the application form (including indicating a section as 'N/A' where relevant)

X

Checked that your budget adds up properly?

X

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?

X

Included appropriate, measurable outputs & outcomes?

X

Provided your groups accounts, or other appropriate financial information?

Awaiting
financial
information

Sourced and attached all relevant quotes?

X

(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?

X

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

Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)	WEST YOUTH TEAM		
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2024-25? (If yes, list all grants below)			YES / 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)

The West Youth Work team would like to make use of funding to increase and enhance the offering of youth work activities within the Balgay room at Menzieshill Community Centre. We are requesting £5000 to establish a welcoming room with a cosy break-away space. This will create a private area Which will allow young people to explore their health and wellbeing in a safe, supportive environment, while the main room remains open for wider youth work. This will also support other community groups using the space.

Young people often lack confidential, non-clinical spaces where they can safely explore wellbeing concerns. This project will provide a cosy, informal break-away area designed for sensitive conversations, ensuring young people feel secure, respected, and supported.

The space will:

- Allow private discussions with mentors, youth workers, or peers in a safe, welcoming environment.

- Create a non-clinical atmosphere that reduces stigma and encourages openness.
- Offers a sense of ownership by involving young people in decorating notice/partition boards and shaping the environment, reinforcing that the space belongs to them.
- Remain accessible to other community groups, ensuring inclusivity while prioritising youth and community needs.
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This approach balances privacy and safety with community engagement, making the room both a trusted wellbeing resource and a vibrant shared venue.

This will provide a welcoming, inclusive space for youth and other community groups. It will create a private break-away space for wellbeing workshops, one-to-one conversations and individualised support which will support positive outcomes, a space for targeted group work sessions including consultation for local community planning issues for young people to contribute to local community outcomes. Encourage young people to explore health topics in a safe, stigma-free environment.

By providing a more welcoming and cosy space, it will:

- Improved youth wellbeing through access to a safe, private space.
- Increased confidence in discussing health and personal challenges.
- Stronger collaboration between youth services and community organisations.
- A room that maximises impact for both young people and the wider community.

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

Lochee Local Community Plan

- We need to improve life chances for children and families
- We need to respond to the cost of living crisis · We need to tackle social isolation and improve mental wellbeing.

Dundee City Plan 2022-2027

- Close the gap in education experienced by young people from protected groups.
- Reduce the additional social inequalities experienced by people in poverty and in protected groups.

How many people will benefit from this project?

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

100+ young people and other community groups

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

Youth work enables us to provide a safe space/provision where we can address some of the inequalities faced by young people whilst building up good supportive relationships. Youth groups offer young people the opportunity to take part in a range of targeted sessions, diversionary activities/programmes in turn encouraging positive and informed choices, reducing antisocial and offending behaviours and increase health and wellbeing. Young people are encouraged to get involved in the planning of our activities and programmes during youth work sessions.

Unfortunately, there is a limited budget for soft furnishing to make community spaces more welcoming and less clinical. Therefore, this will offer a sense of ownership by involving young people in decorating notice boards and shaping

the environment, reinforcing that the space belongs to them and other community groups.

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

Our team carries out regular consultation at all groups throughout the year to ensure that we are providing a need led service.

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?)

This funding application addresses the needs identified by not just the CLD youth work team but is valued by local young people and parents who are members of the Lochee Community as this has a positive impact of their lives. They are local people who want the best for young people to support their well-being, they want young people to space and welcoming space, have a future to look forward to shaped by local young people and free opportunities for young people to feel included due to the impact of the cost-of-living crisis is having on them and their families. Young people's support is voiced regularly within consultation.

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

Young people are targeted through partnership working in both primary and high schools, engaging with those young people most isolated and disadvantaged. Youth Groups are accessible and provide a service with no cost to the young person or their families to allow them opportunities to engage with youth work services during evenings and school holidays.

All young people will be offered food at our evening provisions, tackling food insecurity and reducing the stigma of food poverty.

Running the provisions also allows the youth team to identify young people who would benefit from additional support. We can put things in place or signpost where needed.

This links directly with Lochee Locality Community Plan: (2022-2027)

We need to improve life chances for children and families

We need to tackle social isolation and improve mental wellbeing

We need to improve life chances for children and families

The SIMD2020 briefing highlights that 60.2% of children aged 0-15 years who live in Lochee live in a data zone that is ranked in the 5% most deprived. As the Lochee Ward has high rates of children and young people living within deprivation, it is of great importance that we as a youth team take this into consideration when implementing provision within the local 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)

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 (£)
Full Costs (£) DP Aid (£) DCC Staffing X4 Qualified CLD Youth Work Staff X2 Assistant Youth Workers	IN KIND IN KIND	IN KIND IN KIND
Black bean bags	399.90	399.90
Grey bean bags	399.90	399.90
Rugs	329.97	329.97
Sofa Black	749.99	749.99
Sofa Red	749.99	749.99
Storage	286.40	286.40
Notice Boards	179.00	179.00
Strip Lightning	77.97	77.97
Soundproof Room Dividers	951.96	951.96
Floor Cushions	105.00	105.00
Totals	4230.08	4230.08

- **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)

I have attached quotes along with this application as evidence for costings.

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

- Feedback from young people and partners
- Social media / School Communication system SeeSaw
- Statistical data on how many young people have taken part.
- Staff Observations
- Use of DCC Information Management System Cognisoft
- Youth Work Impact Reports
- Youth Work Baseline and Exit Paperwork

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>)	March/April 2026
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	June/July 2025

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: Improve physical, mental and emotional health for children and young people Children and Families	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: Build relationships between young people and youth workers to overcome isolation. Create a safe environment with a sense of ownership for young people and other community groups	
	Target 2025-26

Outputs	
Young people participating in activities and programme on over in a safe and supported environment.	
A number of community groups using the space	100+
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Feedback from young people and community groups on the benefits from the break away space	

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:	
Improve health and wellbeing outcomes for young people	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2025-26
Outputs	
Improve Youth and community wellbeing through access to safe, private space	
Increase confidence in discussing health and personal challenges	
Stronger collaboration between Youth services and community organisations Maximises impact for both young people and the wider community	
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Feedback from young people, wider community and staff	