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<u>Dundee Partnership</u> <u>Community Regeneration Fund</u>

Grant Application 2025/26

	Applicant Information
Name of Applicant Group	Attic Project
Activity Title	Attic Lounge improvement
Grant Requested (£)	£1957

- 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 <u>each</u> Forum, but it is essential that each application can stand on its own if agreed and that the application is <u>not</u> 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	
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	North East	Please note that communications regarding application will be sent to you via email unle	
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	ecked that your start date is after the page 6) and that your end date is	ne date at which funds could be available, s within the financial year?	✓
Inc	luded appropriate, measurable outp	outs & 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)	The Attic Project			
Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2024-25? (If yes, list all grants below)			NO	
Title of project fund	ed	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)

We are looking for a small grant to maintain and improve the Attic Lounge as a community hub in Kirkton, where there is a range of community projects serving the local community.

The Attic Project currently includes Clanz, a youth club for local teenagers aged between 12 to 19; and Kidz Club, a children's club for children of primary school age. Both of these have been in Kirkton for a long time.

Since the summer we have also partnered with the Kirkton Community Centre and several of their groups are being held at the Attic Lounge. This has been really positive and beneficial to see the Attic being now used by many more people including adults' groups from within the local community.

We are therefore looking to do some re-decoration of the Attic to benefit all those using the centre and others if the service can widen.

This would include:

1. Internal decoration (in dialogue with the existing users like Clanz as that helps their sense of it being a space for them)

- 2. The carpets need upkeep, and we have some new carpet tiles that can replace them but may need some small additional cost to that work of fitting them.
- 3. The kitchen plays a central part of hospitality at the Attic. We are looking to purchase some new equipment, for a new kitchen bin, frying pan and to deep clean the cooker professionally as it has been running slower.
- 4. We are also looking to purchase a new hoover for the centre as the existing one needs replacing.
- 5. Within the community garden at the back, the tall trees would need a professional gardener to reduce their height so they are manageable for the future.

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

This will help address the Strathmartine Ward local community plan outcome:

"We need community spaces in Kirkton to meet the future needs of the local community"

The Attic Lounge, especially with its community garden and kitchen facility is a good community hub in the central part of Kirkton. To grow this use will benefit the local community and community cohesion.

How many people will benefit from this project?	

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

Children, teenagers and adults in Kirkton can all benefit from it, and its upkeep is a benefit to them.

Projects currently run by the Attic Project:

Youth – we had 80 individual young people come to Clanz over the course of last academic year 2024/2025 with a core group of about 30 regulars. We are also looking to add a further evening for this to widen the access to teenagers in Kirkton. I would estimate over a year we would always reach around 60 teenagers.

Children – There are around 15 children who are involved with Kidz Club. There is also a good relationship with the families of the children.

We are hoping to widen community activities in the future.

There are also several groups run by the Kirkton Community Centre, who are using the Attic Lounge during the transition for the rebuild of the community centre. This has helped create a very positive partnership.

There is the potential for children, teenagers and adults from Kirkton to benefit and appreciate the redecoration.

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

The location of the Attic Lounge in the street of shops in Kirkton on Beauly Avenue allows it to be a hub for benefiting the community. By redecorating this would help serve the local community further as a valuable resource; and there could be a widening of access to others within Kirkton as all are welcome. Therefore, a small grant could enable us to maintain and improve the Attic Lounge as a community facility.

The garden space is a welcome green space and peaceful place for the local community of Kirkton to enjoy. We would much like to maximise this opportunity by maintaining it well.		
There are limited facilities within Kirkton, and the redecoration helps show it is well cared for and can be a hub to welcome those from the community. There is a lot of potential to do more there in increasing future use.		
What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?		

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

On Thursday 30 October there was a consultation with the teenagers at Clanz who expressed they would like redecoration in the lounge. They also requested an air fryer for the kitchen.

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 has been identified as a need by those running sessions (the Attic Project and the Kirkton Community Centre)

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

In the 2020 statistics for the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation, the Strathmartine Ward in Dundee had 28% of children deemed as living in poverty. Kirkton has been deemed in the bottom 5% of Scotland for social deprivation. In the central part of the neighbourhood of Kirkton, 42% were deemed as income deprived; 27% employment deprived; and between 23% and 32% in this particular area were being prescribed medication for anxiety; depression or psychosis. One fifth were deemed to be living in overcrowded housing. In 2021, the Strategic Needs Assessment for Dundee report described particular concerns of 'youth mental health, poverty and lack of access to opportunities.' Some have struggled at school. In 2022, there was a youth riot in Kirkton that made the national headlines.

Over the past academic year (August 2024 to June 2025) over 80 young people engaged with the youth club, and we currently have a regular group of around 25 teenagers. Young people have described it as a safe place for them. The young people function as a community. The Kidz Club has a regular group of about eleven. The partnering with the community centre where several more groups are run from the Attic for both adults and children, means that the centre as a space can serve more people in the local neighbourhood.

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 yet for refurbishment. The Attic Project received £5000 from the Scottish Episcopal Fund for generic youth work this year.

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).

	Full Costs	DP Aid
Cost Heading	(£)	(£)
Internal painting and decorating:	£178.19	
Cost of carpet fitter to replace tiles in the hallway and new	£936.80	
carpet in the lounge		
Kitchen improvement:	Total: £113	
New frying pan	£20	
A replacement bin (as broken)	£28	
Cost of cleaning the cooker	£65	
New hoover	£129	
Gardener to reduce height of the trees in the community	£600	
garden and some gardening work		
Totals	£1957	

- 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)

Whether need quote from Pam? / Quote from tree surgeon and community justice team? (I could get these by the end of October if needed)

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

We would consult with the Clanz Youth Club on colours for internal decoration, so they are enabled in decisions also. We would aim to increase the use of the garden area after maintenance of it.

We measure quantifiably the number of people using the centre by the numbers attending groups. We can measure qualitatively by discussion and seeking feedback from the service users of the centre on the centre improvements.

We would provide a full report at the end of March on the spending of the small grant with full financial details and the outputs achieved and any measured outcomes.

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 (see section 2 of the guidance notes)	January 2026
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	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 <u>City Plan</u> / <u>Local Community Plan</u> 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 community spaces in Kirkton to meet the future needs of the local community	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2025-26
Outputs	
Internal redecoration of the Attic Lounge	

Maintenance of the land behind the centre as a community garden	
Outcomes / Indicators:	
Improvement of the centre as a local community space	
City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2025-26
Outputs	
Outcomes / Indicators:	