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Dundee Partnership **Community Regeneration Fund**

Grant Application **2024/25**

| Applicant Information | |
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| Name of Applicant Group | Frances Wright Nursery |
| Activity Title | Nursery Grant Project |
| Grant Requested (£) | £5000 |

- The Physical & Environmental Improvement Fund is to provide financial assistance for community initiatives aimed at improving the local area through Capital expenditure. Capital expenditure is something of a physical nature including the acquisition, improvement or structural enhancement of an asset valued at £6,000 or more.

- 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.

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| TICK THE WARD WHERE YOUR PROJECT WILL OPERATE |
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| PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR |
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| Coldside | X | Small GrantX |
| East End | | Physical & Environmental Improvement |
| 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fully completed the information on the front of the form | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Provided a response to all sections of the application form (including indicating a section as 'N/A' where relevant) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Checked that your budget adds up properly? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Included appropriate, measurable outputs & outcomes? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Provided your groups accounts, or other appropriate financial information? | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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) | Frances Wright Nursery | | |
| Did you receive a Dundee Partnership grant during 2023-24? (If yes, list all grants below) | | | YES / NO |
| Title of project funded | Amount granted | When | Was it fully spent? |
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Please give a description of what you want this grant for - (please limit your answer to 500 words or less)

Frances Wight Nursery can offer up to 130 children aged 3-5-years 1140 hours of Early Learning and Childcare. This includes provision for up to 56 children with complex needs.

This grant would support development of 2 nursery gardens to support children of Frances Wright Nursery create a safe learning space that meets their diverse needs and promotes curiosity and creativity.

Both gardens have been developed over the years at a considerable cost but due to constant daily use, the diverse needs of the children and location of the garden, the spaces are difficult to maintain. Staff have explored low maintenance resources, planting and surfaces that would allow children to explore, investigate and discover the outdoors. The majority of children who attend the nursery live in the local community and don't have direct access to outdoor green space. In some cases, the nursery garden is the only green space some children experience.

The nursery was granted a small grant from Learning Landscapes which included training staff to support children create and maintain a rich outdoor learning environment. Staff from Learning Landscapes have worked with nursery staff and children to gather thoughts and ideas to create an environment where children can take ownership of their learning space.

This grant application would support with planting, dividers to create spaces, decking and a selection of wooden planters which will be accessible to children. This will involve Community Justice Payback Scheme and Dundee City Council have funded large integrated sand pits in both outdoor gardens.

Family groups will allow parents and children time to explore the outdoor space, which also support parents to engage in their child's development and learning. The adaptation of the nursery gardens will support staff to further strengthen links with local community hubs, such as the Maxwell Centre. Staff from the centre visit the nursery weekly to engage in their outdoor family allotment group which supports staff to grow vegetables for recipe bags that are distributed to local families who use the nursery provision.

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

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| How many people will benefit from this project? | Up to 130 children and families |
| Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic) | |
| Pre-school children aged 3-5-years, some with complex needs. | |

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| <p>Please say why the project is needed (please limit your answer to 500 words or less)</p> <p>The nursery gardens are an integral part of the services provision and are hugely important in children's daily nursery routines. As previously stated, for various reasons, the nursery gardens are difficult for the staff team to maintain and are in desperate need of some regeneration. If the project was successful, it would allow for the further enhancement and development of the garden areas which would really support the nursery team in expanding on the outdoor curriculum. Any additional development of the nursery outdoor spaces would also allow the staff team to provide a greater range of experiences in line with children's developing interests and needs. The project would enable the environments to be modified with resources, plants and surfaces that would seek to suit the diverse range of interests and needs of the children that the nursery caters for. Specifically developed areas and plants within the gardens would support children's sensory needs whilst also supporting the provision and implementation of additional sensory outdoor experiences. The creation of spaces with decking and planters will provide new risky play opportunities, encouraging and enabling children's problem-solving knowledge and skills, whilst also allowing for opportunities to enhance their gross motor skills.</p> <p>Outdoor play has many health benefits for children, particularly in relation to their social and emotional wellbeing. Regular opportunities to engage in outdoor play are vital for children's holistic development, and the nursery gardens give children endless opportunities to explore, problem solve and be active. If this project was successful, it would allow for the creation of new and exciting spaces for the nursery children, providing them with a more natural and stimulating outdoor space.</p> |
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What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

N/A

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?)

N/A

(Nursery works regularly with staff from the Maxwell Centre)

How will the project / activity tackle deprivation or benefit those experiencing deprivation?

(Refer to Section 1 of the Guidance Notes)

Development of the gardens at Frances Wright Nursery will be hugely beneficial for children, many of them local, who access these daily. The nursery is looking to provide outdoor spaces that are inclusive and freely accessible to all nursery children, including children who have complex additional and physical needs.

The service provides a provision for many local families who live in flats or multistorey blocks, without any immediate access to garden areas or green spaces. The nursery garden therefore is often the only outdoor area that children can access regularly. For some of the families of children with complex additional and physical needs, the nursery garden is the only outdoor provision that can provide a safe and secure space for their children to explore and experience the benefits of the outdoors. Enhancement of the nursery green spaces can continue to support these children's on-going physical needs as well as their health and wellbeing.

The nursery outdoor spaces encourage and support children to engage in risky play within a supervised and secure environment, something that many local green spaces cannot provide. Further expansion of these could really enhance the experiences and outcomes that children can take part in, building on their overall resilience and health and wellbeing.

Development of the gardens will also enable the nursery to continue the work they do with parents, particularly in relation to activities and experiences outdoors. The work that is currently being done with local families to develop an allotment within the nursery could be expanded upon within the newly developed spaces. Engagement in these groups can support parents to access outdoor spaces and tailored experiences, which they otherwise may not be able to access. This will enhance parental involvement in the life of the setting, whilst also potentially supporting their own health and wellbeing.

For Physical & Environmental Improvements (which must be Capital worth at least £6,000 in value) the following questions must be answered: N/A

Have all relevant permissions been agreed? (please state what these are)

How will the planned project be maintained? (please state who will be responsible for this)

What is the expected 'life' of the improvement? (e.g. before it will require replacement)

Could a plaque indicating the Community Regeneration Fund as a source be added on location for this award? (If there would be additional costs for this, please indicate this in the budget section)

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) | £ |
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| Learning Landscapes | £1000 |
| Dundee City Council (sand pits) | £1200 |

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 Jane and Lelsey | Full Costs (£) | DP Aid (£) |
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| Please see attached | | |
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| Totals | 5019.68 | |

- 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?

As this project will be developed with staff, children and families, monitoring will be in-going.

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| 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>) | Jan 2025 |
| What is the planned end date of the event/activity? | Mar 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.

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| City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome: | |
| Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome: | |
| | Target 2024-25 |
| Outputs | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children, families and staff to have access to purposeful outdoor space this will impact on at least 130 individuals. | 2024 – 25 and beyond |
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| Outcomes / Indicators: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of participants reporting an increased knowledge of the benefits of exercise and their health and wellbeing (could be recorded on feedback forms) | 2024 – 25 and beyond |
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