

Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Fund

Grant Application 2026/27

Applicant Information	
Name of Applicant Group	Hilltown Management Group
Activity Title	Digital Photography Group
Grant Requested (£)	£3999.87

- 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
<p>ColdsideX</p> <p>East End</p> <p>Lochee</p>

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH TYPE OF GRANT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR
<p>Small GrantX</p> <p>Youth Inclusion</p>

Maryfield	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
North East	
Strathmartine	

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?
(multiple quotes are required where >£5,000 is being applied for to ensure value for money is being considered) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Checked that the bank details or financial code are correct / complete? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Signed the form, given accurate contact details and ticked the GDPR box? | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Who is the grant for? (Name of Applicant Group / Department)		Digital Photography Group	
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?
Digital Photography Group	£2,589.86	May 2025	It will be by end March 2026
LMG Family Group- Christmas Trip	£353.28	October 2025	Yes
LMG Hilltown Christmas	£1910.00	October 2025	

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

The Digital Photography group has been running successfully in the Coldside area for a number of years. This grant will be used to ensure that we can continue to operate our weekly sessions with a professional tutor, print and display our photography for exhibitions and enable us to continue to run the group which provides an important creative outlet for our members.

We want to be able to improve on our skills and expand our technical abilities which will produce even better quality images than previously. This grant will allow us to do this. We would like to expand our skills and explore other ways of taking photographs using more specialist equipment and through fully exploring our cameras.

We would like to purchase additional photographic equipment which will allow us to continue our photography hobby over the winter months when a sense of well-being and socialising can be hard to maintain.

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

Health and Wellbeing:

Photography can positively impact mental health and wellbeing by promoting mindfulness, reducing stress, encouraging physical activity and providing a creative outlet and sense of purpose.

Photography allows for self-expression and creativity. It is a non-verbal medium. Many people do not have the opportunity to be creative or to express their emotions other than through oral communication skills. Photography provides a vital means for members of our group to respond visually and to learn to share the outcomes with others which is of great benefit to their sense of well-being.

Cost of Living:

Digital photography has been used in local community collaborative projects to detail the lives of people dealing with the cost of living crisis. It is a powerful medium that can change people's perspectives.

Empowering communities:

Photography empowers communities by providing a platform for self-expression, documentation, and social change, allowing individuals to share their stories, challenge narratives, and advocate for positive change.

How many people will benefit from this project?	9
<p>Will any specific groups benefit from this project? (male, female, age range or protected characteristic)</p> <p>The Group is available for all ages and genders. It is held in the evening between 6.30pm-8.30pm with the specific intention of being accessible to most people.</p>	

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

There is a regular group that attend digi photography on a weekly basis. The benefits it has for our individuals include:

- Reducing social isolation. There is a strong social element attached to each session. Members are supportive of one another including giving lifts to each other and helping support through encouragement.

- Upskilling individuals. This has been a strong feature of our group in the last year and hopefully will continue to be moving forward. Members are excited to attend sessions and we are eager to extend our skills and knowledge with both our cameras and with IT, by learning new techniques and using new applications. We are ambitious for the future.
- Gain knowledge and confidence from a professional. Our tutor has produced a programme of skills and activities which we would like to continue and expand upon as we feel this will give us confidence in taking our photography further.
- Creating a sense of pride and achievement through seeing the improvement in our photographs and in knowing that we can produce work which is good enough to be exhibited.
- Capturing moments in history within local settings and across Dundee. Our group would like to continue to explore Dundee and in particular lesser known parts of our city. This creates a link between ourselves, past generations and those to come.
- Making new friends. We are a welcoming group who enjoy sharing our interests and stories with others. Our door is always open to new members.
- Attending community events to support and take pictures of local activities

What local consultation has taken place regarding this application?

(Please attach evidence summarising the results of any consultation)

The group regular support other community groups and events by attending and taking pictures for free. Feedback from these groups has been in support of us continuing to be able to capture key moments for them.

Our group members have expressed an interest in continuing the group as it is providing new skills, enhancing existing skills and providing a social platform to share their passion for photography.

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?)

When working with other local groups to support their activities by providing free photography, we have received positive comments. By providing our service for free, this reduces costs to projects from having to hire other photographers that may charge.

The group has regular attendance each week and we run for 45 weeks of the year.

We have been asked to be part of a project to revamp the entrance to Hilltown community centre, using our photographs to decorate the main entrance hall with images of the local area past and present.

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

The funding helps to reduce the costs to local people allowing people to attend that may not have the finances to purchase the required equipment to maintain this hobby.

One of the worst effects of deprivation is the poverty of opportunity experienced by people living in economic hardship. This lack of opportunity impacts the ambitions, expectations and experiences of people. All of which contribute to the mental health and wellbeing of people who experience it.

Our photography group aims to reduce the gap between those who have opportunities and those who do not. Photography equipment is expensive. Through the funds applied for in this grant we want to provide equipment that members would otherwise not have the opportunity to experience due to it's cost.

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	n/a

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

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Petrol cost per car x 3	£3 4. 50	£3 4. 50
Totals	£ 3, 9 9 9. 8 7	£ 3, 9 9 9. 8 7

- **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?

We keep weekly registers of attendance. Our photography is displayed at exhibitions and on social media through projects we support. We intend to post examples of our work regularly on different social media channels.

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)	April 2026
What is the planned end date of the event/activity?	Ongoing

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:	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
45 Photography Sessions	45
Portable Studio set up kit (incl. Lighting, backdrop etc)	1
Outcomes / Indicators:	
People have a regular group to attend throughout the year	
People develop their skills by learning how to operate a small lighting kit confidently.	

City Plan / Local Community Plan Outcome:	
Purpose of activity / project within this Outcome:	
	Target 2026-27
Outputs	
Outcomes / Indicators:	

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