Dundee City Council

Community Sport Partnership Fund

About the Fund

Dundee City Council's Community Learning and Development Service is pleased to launch the Community Sport Partnership Fund.

The fund aims to help more children and young people access sport, particularly those who face barriers such as poverty, disability, social isolation or a lack of opportunities.

We know that community organisations often have strong relationships with children, young people and families, while sports clubs have the expertise and pathways to help people stay involved in sport. This fund has been designed to bring both together.

Who Can Apply?

Applications must be led by a:

- Community group/local people
- Charity
- Youth organisation
- Faith group
- Third sector/community organisation (non-sporting organisation)

Important – Link to sports clubs

Applications **must include a partnership with a sports organisation**, such as:

- A local sports club
- Community Sport Hub
- National Governing Body of Sport
- Active Schools
- Leisure and Culture Dundee sports services (Active Dundee)
- Other recognised sports organisations

Sports clubs cannot apply on their own through this fund.

What Are We Looking For?

Projects that:

- Help children and young people aged 3-26 access sport.
- Target those who face barriers to participation.
- Create new opportunities to try sport.
- Remove barriers such as cost, transport or equipment.
- Provide a pathway into ongoing participation with a local sports club or organisation.
- Demonstrate good partnership working between a community organisation and sports organisation.

Who Should Benefit?

We are particularly interested in projects supporting:

- Children and families experiencing poverty
- Young carers
- Children and young people with disabilities or additional support needs
- Girls and young women
- Minority ethnic communities
- Care experienced children and young people
- Other groups who face barriers to taking part in sport

What Can Funding Be Used For?

Funding can support:

- Sports sessions and taster activities
- Coaching costs
- Facility hire
- Sports equipment
- Transport
- Volunteer expenses
- Training for volunteers and young leaders
- Support to help children move into local sports clubs

Funding Available

- Up to **£1,500** per project

- One application per organisation
- Funding must be used during the agreed project period

Need Help With Your Application?

Support is available to help you develop your idea and find a suitable sports partner.

Active Schools Team

Active Schools Coordinators can help connect organisations with schools, local sports clubs and opportunities in their area.

https://www.activeschoolsdundee.org.uk/contacttheteam

Community Sport Hub Officer

Our Community Sport Hub Officer can help identify suitable sports clubs and sporting partners for your project.

https://www.activedundee.co.uk/community-sport-hubs

Key Message

This fund is about creating new partnerships between community organisations and sports organisations to help more children and young people access and stay involved in sport.

Community organisations bring the relationships. Sports organisations bring the sporting opportunities. Together, they can create lasting pathways into sport for Dundee's children and young people.

Click Here to Apply for the Funding

Funding Deadlines

The application must be submitted by **12pm 4th December 2026**. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their funding application by **Friday 11th December 2026**

Funding must be allocated and committed by **31 March 2027**.

Where funds have been committed by this date, organisations may request an extension to complete project activity, subject to approval by Dundee City Council.