

## YOUTH BEATZ FRINGE FESTIVAL FUND 2026

### INFORMATION SHEET FOR APPLICANTS

#### ABOUT THE YOUTH BEATZ FRINGE FESTIVAL

Youth Beatz Festival are looking to work and collaborate with local organisations, secondary schools, parent councils, sports clubs and community groups to deliver activities and events that will feature as part of this year's Youth Beatz Fringe Festival.

The Youth Beatz Fringe Festival runs in the lead-up to the main Youth Beatz event and provides free, accessible activities for young people and families across all 12 Ward areas of Dumfries and Galloway, with a focus on providing accessible opportunities across the region.

Previous programmes have featured a wide range of fun events such as roller discos, football nights, community fun nights, sports sessions, as well as targeted activities for young parents, care-experienced young people, and young people with additional support needs. The Fringe Festival helps to build confidence, reduces isolation, and promotes wellbeing. The events can be as creative and diverse as you like.

#### ABOUT THE YOUTH BEATZ FRINGE FESTIVAL 2026 FUND

This fund aims to:

- Support local groups, secondary schools, parent councils, sports clubs, and youth organisations to deliver vibrant, inclusive and fun events as part of the official Youth Beatz Fringe Festival for 2026.
- Ensure geographical equality by funding activity in all 12 Ward areas across Dumfries and Galloway.
- Fund events that put young people at the heart of the Fringe Festival, ensuring activities are relevant, engaging and created with young people in mind.

#### Funding Overview

- £18,000 total fund
- £1,500 allocated for each of the 12 Ward areas
- Maximum grant per application: £1,500

#### Who Can Apply?

- Secondary Schools and Parent Councils
- Sports Clubs
- Youth Groups
- Community and voluntary groups working with young people

Applicants should demonstrate their ability to deliver safe, inclusive, free activities for young people.

#### INFORMATION AND FUND REQUIREMENTS

- The Youth Beatz Fringe Festival 2026 will take place from: Friday 19 June – Friday 26 June 2026- all activities and events must take place between these dates.

- Funded activities must take place on a date within this window and must be **free** of charge to participants
- Funded activities cannot be used as an opportunity to facilitate wider fundraising
- Events must be branded as part of the Youth Beatz Fringe Festival and supported by Dumfries and Galloway Council (branding materials such as graphics, posters and banners will be supplied)
- Activities must be free to attend for all children, young people and families.
- Activities should be inclusive and suitable for young people aged 12 to 18, with optional wider family participation where appropriate
- Events can target specific groups such as young people with Additional Support Needs, young parents care experienced young people etc.

## DECISION MAKING PANEL

Applications will be assessed by a youth-led panel, including:

- Young people who are members of the **Regional Events Group**
- Members of **Dumfries and Galloway Youth Council**

## WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

Eligible costs may include:

- Hire or purchase Equipment and Materials such as resources for delivering activities
- Entertainment
- Venue Hire
- Facilitator/Tutor Fees
- Transport costs
- Volunteer expenses

Costs not eligible include:

- Branding- all branding will be provided by Youth Beatz Festival including graphics, banners and posters.
- Marketing costs, Youth Beatz website and social media channels will act as a central hub where all information on Fringe funded activities can be found and this will be promoted through Youth Beatz social media channels.
- Costs for an activity that was already scheduled to take place.

## APPLICATION PROCESS AND MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- Applicants will complete a short form outlining their event proposal; event location; planned date; target audience; expected participant numbers; budget breakdown.
- Successful applicants are required to complete a short monitoring report post-event that will contribute towards the wider Festival evaluation work.
- Successful applicants will be required to keep receipts/invoices for costs that are above £100.

## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/CHECKS

All applicants are required to submit/confirm the following as part of the application process:

- Group/Organisation has a Child Protection Policy
- Staff/Volunteers have had PVG checks

- Underspends are required to be returned to Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Constitution or letter of support from a constituted organisation
- Most recent set of accounts

#### **KEY DATES**

- Applications Open: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April
- Deadline for Applications: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon
- Panel Meeting: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May
- Funding Decisions Issued: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May