

What is your Grand Plan and why do you want to do it? (300 words)

[REDACTED] is a party that centres and celebrates the QTIPOC+ community in Scotland, [REDACTED]. We created [REDACTED] as a response to the lack of diversity in the nightlife scene [REDACTED] and the subsequent lack of safe spaces for people identifying as LGBT+ and as Black/People of Colour. We personally didn't see or hear ourselves represented in the local scene and wanted to change that.

[REDACTED]

The nightlife scene in Scotland has been changing and improving since our conception in 2020 but we feel like there is still domination from white-Scottish promoters and it can be hard to grow when you represent a small group of the wider community, especially when most venues are not artist owned and operate like businesses rather than art/cultural institutions.

For the Grand Plan fund, we would like to use the £1,000 to contribute to hosting a PoC Pride event, using a bigger venue and a more exciting experience increasing our line-up to include a greater variety of performers (dancers, singers etc. not just DJs).

Why is now the right time for your Grand Plan?

[REDACTED], we feel as though Glasgow and Scotland in general really lacks a true community-run space that represents QTIPOC+. [REDACTED] was a great safe space to go during Pride, offering an alternative experience to the mainstream gay clubs [REDACTED]. For example, for Pride 2023 [REDACTED] had an all PoC line-up, which no other Pride party offered.

We know that [REDACTED] presence will be sorely missed in 2024, not just for us but for the whole community who doesn't see themselves in the other LGBT+ spaces, and so we wanted to host a PoC Pride event this year ourselves to fill that gap. We will invite other PoC-led groups [REDACTED] and former members of [REDACTED] to collaborate on this event.

How will you spend £1000?

£1000 will cover costs of:

£300 venue hire fee

Paying 4x additional performers (dancers and musicians) at a £150 fee each = £600

£100 for printing posters and promo (another additional cost, that was previously covered by [REDACTED])

As we are a club night with income coming from ticket sales, we will be able to cover DJ costs from this. Having the support of the grand plan fund will allow us to increase the scale of the event, using a bigger venue, including more performers (that are not DJs) and also offer up to 50 free tickets to QTIPOC+ who could not afford to attend otherwise.