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Requests are already coming in for a share of the £10,000 we have available to help benefit communities in Dundee, Angus, Perthshire and Fife. Today we feature the first to reach us.

DESPITE the joy he felt at watching his fledgling football team competing in the Angus Girls' League for the first time last season, Duncan Menzies, manager and chairman of Celtic Girls (Tayside) FC, was not entirely happy, writes Stuart Johnstone.

Formed last October, the club, which fields teams at under-11, 13 and 15 levels, had to contend with acquiring all the necessary equipment, with funding initially coming from the pockets of the management committee.

For Duncan, the shortfalls were especially painful to watch.

"We started competing in winter," he explained. "We had strips but that was about all and our substitutes would stand at the side shivering with cold.

"We didn't have the necessary clothing to keep them warm and I found it very frustrating to watch them turning blue.

"When they finally did get on to play, they were barely in a state to run about because they were so cold.

"We lost a lot of people over the winter because of this and are determined to be better prepared this time."

The club is also looking for affiliation fees for the Angus Girls' League and the Scottish Women's Football Federation.

The team are also in need of basic training equipment like balls, cones, nets and corner flags.

Duncan added, "Up to now, the committee has provided the cash but this is obviously not feasible on a long-term basis.



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The under-13 A and B teams of Celtic Girls (Tayside) FC, with manager Duncan Menzies.

OUR Make It Happen award scheme is sponsored by Combined Insurance and shares from the £10,000 will be given to groups or individuals who are trying to benefit the community.

We want to know about your plans and projects to see if we can help Make It Happen. To enter, tell us how much you would need and on what you would spend it. All entries must include a name, address and daytime telephone number.

The closing date is September 30 and a panel of judges will choose the deserving causes. All entrants must agree to take part in any publicity associated with the scheme.

Applications should be submitted by post to Make It Happen, Evening Telegraph, 80 Kingsway East, Dundee DD4 8SL; or by email to makeithappen@eveningtelegraph.co.uk. You can also visit our website at <http://www.eveningtelegraph.co.uk/makeithappen>.

If you have any queries, or want to know if you could qualify for a share of the cash, you should phone 01382 575231 between 10am and 4pm, Monday to Friday; or by email.