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**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FUND  
2025/2026**

The closing date for applications is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at 5pm.

Please refer to the associated guidance when completing this application form.

**All projects must be completed by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUESTED**

TYPE OF GRANT	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	SELECT ONE
*Small grant	Up to £4950	To assist with any barriers to sustaining your group. For development of smaller projects.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
*Community ownership/Community Asset Transfer (CAT)/Community empowerment	Up to £15,000	For groups who are taking ownership of land or assets. To support groups going through CAT or who have successfully achieved this, as well as supporting groups who are taking the lease of an asset. To support groups to achieve the priorities identified within their place plans or Community Action Plans	<input type="checkbox"/>

**\* only one type of grant can be selected**

**SECTION 1 – ORGANISATION DETAILS**

a	Organisation Name	Harbour Ayrshire
b	Organisation Address	6 Miller Road, Ayr, KA7 2AY
c	Website	www.harbourayrshire.co.uk
d	Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	SCIO



e	If a charity or Limited Company please include your number	SC051829
f	Is your organisation VAT registered?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g	Does your group/organisation have a bank account?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/>

## SECTION 2 – CONTACT DETAILS

The contacts below will be required to read the guidance notes and consent to being contacted by the council officers managing this fund including for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

	Contacts	Lead Contact	Secondary Contact
a	Name	██████████	██████████
b	Position in Organisation	██████████	██████████
c	Contact E-mail	████████████████████	████████████████████
d	Contact Telephone Number	██████████	██████████

## SECTION 3 – PROJECT DETAILS

a	Project Title	Rural Community support
b	<p>Your funding will directly contribute to delivering the UK Shared Prosperity Fund's objectives by strengthening community resilience, tackling inequalities, and improving life chances for vulnerable men affected by addiction across Girvan and South Carrick.</p> <p>Through this project, Harbour Ayrshire provides a vital weekly support group facilitated by lived experience staff and volunteers, offering a safe, trauma-informed environment for men to share experiences, build peer networks, and develop coping strategies. By addressing the underlying causes of addiction, including poverty, poor mental health, and intergenerational trauma, the group empowers participants to break negative cycles and work towards long-term personal and community resilience.</p>	



	<p>The funding will cover essential delivery costs such as facility hire, refreshments, and holistic therapies, ensuring that barriers to engagement are minimised and participants feel welcomed and supported.</p> <p>In addition to sustaining this weekly support group, funding will enable the project's expansion into surrounding villages, where need is significant but access to services is limited by poverty, digital exclusion, and transport barriers. The development work will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;Increasing outreach and engagement across Girvan and South Carrick's rural communities</li> <li>&gt;supporting individuals to access centralised services and digital resources</li> <li>&gt;Building local capacity by helping communities establish peer-led support groups</li> <li>&gt;Fostering community cohesion and empowerment through shared learning and lived experience leadership</li> </ul> <p>By supporting this project, you are investing in the creation of healthier, more inclusive communities, reducing health inequalities, enhancing social capital, and empowering individuals to contribute positively to their local areas — fully aligning with the aims of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.</p>
c	<p><b>What community will this project be delivered in and what communities will benefit?</b></p> <p>Girvan and South Carrick to include Ballantrae, Colmonell, Lendalfoot, Dailly, Barr and Barrhill</p>
d	<p><b>If your project will require maintenance in future years how will your organisation achieve/fund this?</b></p> <p>The Charity view this as a long term project and will work hard to secure long term funding and this will be aided by community fundraising and possible development of social enterprises by beneficiaries who contribute a percentage of proceeds to the project.</p>
e	<p><b>Can your project demonstrate that your project/organisation needs have been identified through consultation?</b></p>



	<p><b>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></b></p> <p>Recent consultations with organisations including Stepping Stones for families (reporting need amongst supported family members), Girvan Youth Trust, the Glendoune centre all support the need for increased presence and direct interaction in the community to improve awareness of and access to support. Each of these partners have made or are in the process of making referrals to Harbour since we spoke last week including a 16 year old from Girvan Youth Trust in desperate need of support after the withdrawal of support from other agencies; Harbour has now filled this gap and will work closely with these and other agencies/groups to develop support moving forward to meet the pressing need that these interactions and others prove is urgent to take a proactive approach to reach out and break down the barriers.</p> <p>Jodie McFarlane community council co-ordinator for South Ayrshire council met with us recently and was taken by the passion and commitment of our team, understanding the need to improve access to services and support as the locality planning report for 2024 highlights that service access is an issue for more than 50% of local people and not only would Harbour Ayrshire's work tackle the core issue but would help drive systemic change in the communities, seeing Harbour's team taking key roles in planned new community interaction groups</p> <p>Together with that after a meeting with Girvan Academy Head Teacher we were made aware of a drug related death in Girvan within the last two weeks at time of writing as mentioned earlier, leaving two school pupils without a father and in need of multi agency support for some time to come. Mr Anderson was more than happy to express support for our work adding that this most recent tragic loss of a loved one along with many more over recent years clearly evidences the need for a new approach to tackling drug related deaths and saving lives". This represents the ethos of Harbour Ayrshire and is something our staff and volunteers are extremely well placed to deliver on. It won't be a quick fix we are under no illusions.</p>
f	<p><b>Which of the following Council plan priorities most aligns with your proposed project:</b></p> <p>Priority 1 – Spaces &amp; Places <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Priority 2 – Live, Work, learn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Priority 3 – Civic &amp; Community Pride <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>What UKSPF priority does it meet:</b></p> <p>Health &amp; Wellbeing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Green Spaces, Active Travel, Sports Facilities, Cost of Living Support)</p>



	<p>Community Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Crime Reduction/Prevention)</p> <p>Community Inclusion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Arts, Culture, Heritage, Volunteering, Digital Connectivity, Local Engagement and Regeneration)</p> <p><b>Does your project meet with any of the following objectives?</b></p> <p>Ownership of local land and assets <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community led regeneration <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Assist with Community Asset Transfer <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Align with Community Wealth Building Principles <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Link into your local place plan/community action plan priorities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>If linking into a place plan or a community action plan, please details which priority it will be achieving:</b></p> <p>The project aligns with the Girvan place plan 2021 in helping to empower the community including collaboration with the community council, council and other relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>It also aligns with the Girvan and South Carrick Locality plan established by the Health and social care partnership; tackling social isolation and loneliness, addressing drug and alcohol issues, managing long term health conditions and promoting good mental health, wellbeing and physical health.</p>	
<b>g</b>	<b>Estimated start date:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> July 2025</b>
<b>h</b>	<b>Estimated completion date:</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>i</b>	<p><b>Is your application submitted in partnership with other organisations?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>If yes, please detail.</b></p>	



j	<p><b>If your project relates to a property or land, please confirm whether you own, or lease the property or land</b></p> <p>own <input type="checkbox"/> lease <input type="checkbox"/> (</p> <p><b>If lease, an indication that the owner is supportive or aware that plans will be required. Please detail how you will provide evidence of support, ie long term lease</b></p> <p><b>If lease, then a copy of the lease needs to be provided.</b></p>
k	<p><b>Please tick/populate as appropriate:</b></p> <p><b>Are you aware of the appropriate consents required for this project?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Do you have:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statutory consents for your project in place <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Planning, including listed building and conservation area consents <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Building Warrants <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Evidence of Pre application discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Please include your reference number _____</li> </ul> <p>Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Copies of any of the above need to be provided</b></p>

#### SECTION 4 – PROJECT COSTS

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a	<p><b>How much are you requesting from the Community Empowerment Fund</b></p> <p><b>Are you applying for Revenue or Capital costs, or both?</b></p> <p>Revenue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Capital <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>2388</p> <p>Project costs as part of the wider project supporting addiction recovery in Girvan and South Carrick</p>



b	<p><b>Please provide a full break down of costs for your project.</b>  <b>If applying for both revenue and capital, then please details costs separately.</b></p> <p><b>*For costs over £1000, 3 quotes need to be provided – <u>if relevant quotes are not provided when submitting application, it will not be considered.</u></b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Glendoune Community Centre</td> <td>£26</td> <td>£1,140</td> <td>44 sessions, based on 2 per month, and allowing additional for possible development of a ladies and family support group.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barr Village Hall</td> <td>£26</td> <td>£312</td> <td>12 sessions 1 per month</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ballantrae Community Centre</td> <td>£26</td> <td>£312</td> <td>12 sessions, 1 per month</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barrhill Community Centre</td> <td>£26</td> <td>£312</td> <td>12 sessions, 1 per month</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Colmonell Community Centre</td> <td>£26</td> <td>£312</td> <td>12 sessions, 1 per month</td> </tr> </table>	Glendoune Community Centre	£26	£1,140	44 sessions, based on 2 per month, and allowing additional for possible development of a ladies and family support group.	Barr Village Hall	£26	£312	12 sessions 1 per month	Ballantrae Community Centre	£26	£312	12 sessions, 1 per month	Barrhill Community Centre	£26	£312	12 sessions, 1 per month	Colmonell Community Centre	£26	£312	12 sessions, 1 per month
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c	<p><b>Does your group require the full amount applied for your project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></b></p> <p>If the fund is oversubscribed, would a part funded offer be considered?          Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>If yes, then would this impact the delivery of the project?</b></p> <p>It would have an impact but we would try to mitigate that as well as possible</p> <p><b>If you are successful, will this funding be used as match funding?</b>          Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, have the other sources been confirmed?          Yes</p>																				



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d	<b>OTHER FUNDING. Have you applied for, or received, grants from any other body for your project/activity?</b>	
	If so, please give details of to whom and how much:	
	Body:	Kilgallioch Community fund
	Amount applied for:	£35,324 (salary costs)
	Amount received:	£35,324
	OR	
	When applied:	
	When decision expected:	
e	<p><b>Please confirm you have the following documents:</b></p> <p>Constitution/Memorandum &amp; Articles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Audited or independently verified accounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Last 3 months bank statements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>We ask that you do not upload these documents when submitting your application due to GDPR regulations. These documents should be submitted via email to <a href="mailto:grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk">grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk</a></b></p>	

## SECTION 5 – DECLARATION AND CONDITIONS





I, on behalf of, (organisation name):

- Certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application is true and accurate and will adhere to the following terms and conditions;
- Understand that making this application does not entitle the organisation to funding as a right;
- Will not commence or commit any expenditure before receiving approval of the funding;
- Confirm that the quotations are bona fide competitive quotes;
- Will provide the External Funding officer with digital colour photos of the work, both before and after the work has been completed. I understand that these images will be kept on record and used for future publicity;
- Understand that this funding award does not cover retrospective work;
- Understand that to make any misleading statement in relation to this application could make the application invalid, or may mean the organisation has to repay the funding;
- Understand that this application is subject to appropriate checks and meets appropriate conditions such as planning, procurement guidelines, and other statutory consents; and
- I Have read the associated guidance before completing and submitting this application form.
- Understands that if I do not provide satisfactory evidence of spend then the council may request I repay the grant
- Failure to return or complete and return any evaluations requested then I may not receive any future funding from South Ayrshire Council. I may be asked to repay the funds if I cannot provide evidence that they were used for the purpose intended.

Signature: **Andrew Downie** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 29/4/25

On behalf of: (Organisation name) Harbour Ayrshire

**Please submit all supporting information to:**

External funding Officer  
[grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)