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**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FUND
2025/2026**

Completed project application forms must be emailed to:

grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is Thursday 1st May 2025 at 5pm.

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

All projects must be completed by 28th 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

SECTION 1 – ORGANISATION DETAILS

a	Organisation Name	Girvan & District Attractions SCIO
b	Organisation Address	58 Piedmont Road , KA26 ODS
c	Website	www.girvanattractions.co.uk
d	Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated)	SCIO



	association etc. or private sector)	
e	If a charity or Limited Company please include your number	
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	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
b	Position in Organisation	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
c	Contact E-mail	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
d	Contact Telephone Number	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

SECTION 3 – PROJECT DETAILS

a	Project Title	Community Store
b	<p>About Your Project</p> <p>Girvan & District Attractions is a community led registered charity run by local volunteers for the community since 1973. Providing free community event to all in the rural town of Girvan and to general public and tourist alike.</p>	



We use community events as the driving tool to reduce isolation and to increase community cohesion in the area which helps to boost economic growth for the town.

We organise and deliver community events such as the Carrick Lowland Gathering, Civic week, Opening of Stumpy Jail for school historical and educational visits, tourists, locals and community groups. Carrick Community Firework Display.

Girvan & South Carrick is made up of the costal town of Girvan which is in the 10% percent most deprived area and surrounded by various remote villages in the South West of Scotland. Girvan has a vibrant third sector who work together to provide opportunities and services to help combat depravation and all other matters that come with it.

Girvan Attractions has been organising community events for the last fifty years. Year on year we see an increase in our event attendance. With the cost of living crisis more people cant afford to travel further afield and are relying on our events for a family day out as all our large scale events are free.

With the cost of living crisis and reduction in funding it is important for charities and third sector groups to work together and in rural Girvan we already have strong partnership working. Girvan Attractions will be the lead charity on this project and will be responsible for all parts of this project and the continued maintenance of the community van while ensuring it maximum benefit by sharing this resource with other like minded charities.

Girvan Attractions is made up by volunteers from the town we work with the public and actively seek feedback at our events through our in person survey. We also seek feedback from our social media channels and website. We meet monthly in person where members of the public can attend. We then use the feedback gathered to influence change in a positive way.

The funding will be used to contribute to purchasing land which we plan to build a community store on. Since 2018 we have leased a shop owned by SAC where we store our event equipment which is interleague to allowing us to put on our events. We also store equipment for other community groups such as Carrick resilience team, Girvan Christmas Street Party, Girvan Horticultural Society and we also store the towns Christmas lights. We have had request from other groups for storage, but we are current at full capacity. SAC which to return the store back to their own use for the benefit of the Girvan community but this can not be done until we find a new store. We have put offers in to rent other premises but these haven't been accepted.



c	<p>What community will this project be delivered in and what communities will benefit?</p> <p>Girvan & South Carrick</p>
d	<p>If your project will require maintenance in future years how will your organisation achieve/fund this?</p> <p>Girvan Attractions has a long standard experience of maintain our current store and equipment and will use this experience to ensure that any future premises are maintained. The trustee will be managing the project with responsibility to the treasurer and chairperson for monitoring success, submitting claims and completing monitoring and evaluation for the fund.</p> <p>The trustees have a wealth of experience in community development and other business related interests and are dedicated in developing Girvan Attractions into a sustainable social enterprise. The trustees meet on a monthly basis.</p>
e	<p>Can your project demonstrate that your project/organisation needs have been identified through consultation?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>This project need has been identified by the collaboration of various third sector groups, we also have letter of support which we can send over if required. This new store would also mean that we could work with other community group. Storage in Girvan is always on demand and having a set for facility could benefit other third sector group</p>
f	<p>Which of the following Council plan priorities most aligns with your proposed project:</p> <p>Priority 1 – Spaces & Places <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Priority 2 – Live, Work, learn <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Priority 3 – Civic & Community Pride <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>What UKSPF priority does it meet:</p>



	<p>Health & Wellbeing <input type="checkbox"/> (Green Spaces, Active Travel, Sports Facilities, Cost of Living Support)</p> <p>Community Safety <input 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>Does your project meet with any of the following objectives?</p> <p>Ownership of local land and assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community led regeneration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Assist with Community Asset Transfer <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Align with Community Wealth Building Principles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Link into your local place plan/community action plan priorities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If linking into a place plan or a community action plan, please details which priority it will be achieving:</p> <p>The store will be used by a variety of groups and charities but for Girvan Attractions link to the place plan. Girvan Attractions organise community events and through out the create streets place plan it talks about the variety of events that we organise.</p>	
g	Estimated start date:	1/8/25
h	Estimated completion date:	1/12/25
i	<p>Is your application submitted in partnership with other organisations? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please detail.</p>	



j	<p>If your project relates to a property or land, please confirm whether you own, or lease the property or land</p> <p>own <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lease <input type="checkbox"/> (</p> <p>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</p> <p>If lease, then a copy of the lease needs to be provided.</p>
k	<p>Please tick/populate as appropriate:</p> <p>Are you aware of the appropriate consents required for this project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statutory consents for your project in place <input type="checkbox"/> Planning, including listed building and conservation area consents <input type="checkbox"/> Building Warrants <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of Pre application discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Please include your reference number <p>_____</p> <p>Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>This funding would be used to purchase the land only so doesn't require any consent we have already been leasing with planning who have in principle said that our project is feasible for SAC to consider</p> <p>Copies of any of the above need to be provided</p>

SECTION 4 – PROJECT COSTS

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a	<p>How much are you requesting from the Community Empowerment Fund</p> <p>Are you applying for Revenue or Capital costs, or both?</p> <p>Revenue <input type="checkbox"/></p>	£15,000



	Capital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
b	<p>Please provide a full break down of costs for your project. If applying for both revenue and capital, then please details costs separately.</p> <p>*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></p> <p>Land - £30,000</p>					
c	<p>Does your group require the full amount applied for your project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></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>If yes, then would this impact the delivery of the project?</p> <p>Not necessarily as we would seek the rest of the funding elsewhere.</p> <p>If you are successful, will this funding be used as match funding? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, have the other sources been confirmed?</p> <p>Lottery , Windfarms</p>					
d	<p>OTHER FUNDING. Have you applied for, or received, grants from any other body for your project/activity? If so, please give details of to whom and how much: n/a for this aspect of the project</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Body:</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Amount applied for:</td><td></td></tr> </table>		Body:		Amount applied for:	
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e	<p>Please confirm you have the following documents:</p> <p>Constitution/Memorandum & 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>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 grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk</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:

Date: 27/4/25

On behalf of: (Organisation name) Girvan & District Attractions SCIO

Please submit all supporting information to:

External funding Officer

grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk