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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	Go Girvan: Community Led Tourism
b	Organisation Address	25 Knockcushan Street, Girvan, KA26 9AG
c	Website	www.gogirvan.scot
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	SC052210
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	GoGirvan: Overcoming Operational and Growth Barriers
b	<p>About Your Project</p> <p>The lack of a dedicated GoGirvan base is a huge barrier to the development and delivery of GoGirvan’s strategic plan, projects and the regeneration of the area.</p> <p>GoGirvan needs to acquire a physical base, currently the development officer works from home, which is not ideal for community visibility and engagement. We are in real need of a second member of staff to support her with all the community events and projects currently in place</p>	



	<p>(Tattie Fest, Christmas Market etc) and projects that are in the development stage, (Town House Asset Transfer, Coach Town Accreditation, Visitor and Tourism Experiences).</p> <p>We need to have a visible presence in the community where the community can engage with us and us with them easily.</p> <p>We need a space to house and grow community educational and cultural experiences, including our Ailsa Craig exhibition, which currently has no permanent base.</p> <p>We need to open a GoGirvan shop as a revenue stream and to support local artists as a place to showcase and sell their work year-round.</p> <p>Having spoken to other groups and individuals in Girvan, it has become apparent that there is a serious lack of dedicated meeting / conference space in Girvan. This project would allow us to plug that gap, both for the GoGirvan board and other groups and organisations.</p> <p>Again, through consultation with people in the town we are aware of a lack of hotspot desks for those in the community who have difficulty finding a work / office space to start / grow a business or study.</p>
c	<p>What community will this project be delivered in and what communities will benefit?</p> <p>This project will be delivered in Girvan and will benefit communities in the KA26 area. It will support the delivery and growth of our community events, support artists and makers along with other local businesses by providing a space for their work to be showcased and sold year-round.</p> <p>It will support other community organisations and groups by adding a much-needed meeting space.</p> <p>It will become GoGirvan's focal point for community engagement, which will allow the wider community more of a voice in all aspects of GoGirvan's projects involving the regeneration and promotion of Girvan and South Carrick. It will also allow other groups and organisations a space to carry out their own community engagement on an ongoing basis.</p>
d	<p>If your project will require maintenance in future years how will your organisation achieve/fund this?</p>



	<p>Once this capital project is delivered we will be able to finance the ongoing overhead costs by growing our revenue stream through the GoGirvan shop, renting space for exhibitions and meetings, sponsorships and other funding streams.</p>
e	<p>Can your project demonstrate that your project/organisation needs have been identified through consultation? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
f	<p>Which of the following Council plan priorities most aligns with your proposed project:</p> <p>Priority 1 – Spaces & Places <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Priority 2 – Live, Work, learn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Priority 3 – Civic & Community Pride <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community led regeneration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Assist with Community Asset Transfer <input checked="" 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>This project links to the South Ayrshire Council Plan 2023 - 2028, in particular priorities:</p> <p>Priority 2. Live Work and Learn, focusing on lifelong learning through our educational and cultural activities and exhibitions that will take place in the GoGirvan base and other projects that this space will allow us to develop.</p> <p>And also Work and Economy by being able to employ a second member of staff, give training and volunteering opportunities, support local artists, makers and other businesses by showcasing and selling their products.</p> <p>Priority 3. Civic and Community Pride:</p> <p>Pride in South Ayrshire where everyone can enjoy attractive destinations and people are proud to live in our towns and celebrate our culture and heritage. Community engagement where everyone has the opportunity to influence and contribute to what happens in their local area.</p> <p>We will achieve this by developing and implementing our raft of community events and projects that celebrate our culture and heritage, e.g. The Girvan Tattie Fest and future projects.</p> <p>And also community engagement, which will be hugely enhanced by GoGirvan having a permanent base. It will become GoGirvan's focal point for community engagement, which will allow the wider community more of a voice in all aspects of GoGirvan's projects involving the regeneration and promotion of Girvan and South Carrick. It will also allow other groups and organisations a space to carry out their own community engagement on an ongoing basis.</p>	
g	Estimated start date:	Mid May 2025
h	Estimated completion date:	Mid August 2025



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 type="checkbox"/> lease <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We are in the process of securing the lease. As per my phone conversation with Tracy Whiteford I have supplied the lease that we will be signing shortly.</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>Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Capital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>£14,840</p> <p>Both</p> <p>£2400</p> <p>£12440</p>



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> <table><tr><td>Conference Table 8 - 10 people</td><td>300</td></tr><tr><td>Conference Chairs</td><td>300</td></tr><tr><td>Office Desks (3)</td><td>650</td></tr><tr><td>Office Desk Chairs (3)</td><td>600</td></tr><tr><td>Hot Desks (4)</td><td>400</td></tr><tr><td>Hot Desk Chairs (4)</td><td>350</td></tr><tr><td>Shop Counter display unit</td><td>500</td></tr><tr><td>Display Units</td><td>650</td></tr><tr><td>Sink and cupboard unit for staff area</td><td>700</td></tr><tr><td>Paint</td><td>550</td></tr><tr><td>Laminate flooring shop area</td><td>997</td></tr><tr><td>Fridge</td><td>600</td></tr><tr><td>Freezer</td><td>600</td></tr><tr><td>Kettle / Toaster / Mugs / Plates / Cuttlery etc</td><td>150</td></tr><tr><td>Light fittings</td><td>900</td></tr><tr><td>Laptop</td><td>950</td></tr><tr><td>Printer</td><td>200</td></tr><tr><td>Shredder</td><td>150</td></tr><tr><td>Safe box for clear desk work system</td><td>450</td></tr><tr><td>Stationary</td><td>100</td></tr><tr><td>Clocks</td><td>90</td></tr><tr><td>Signage</td><td>750</td></tr><tr><td>Carpet tiles office area</td><td>850</td></tr><tr><td>Conference / refreshment floor area</td><td>653</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Capital Total</td><td>12440</td></tr></table>		Conference Table 8 - 10 people	300	Conference Chairs	300	Office Desks (3)	650	Office Desk Chairs (3)	600	Hot Desks (4)	400	Hot Desk Chairs (4)	350	Shop Counter display unit	500	Display Units	650	Sink and cupboard unit for staff area	700	Paint	550	Laminate flooring shop area	997	Fridge	600	Freezer	600	Kettle / Toaster / Mugs / Plates / Cuttlery etc	150	Light fittings	900	Laptop	950	Printer	200	Shredder	150	Safe box for clear desk work system	450	Stationary	100	Clocks	90	Signage	750	Carpet tiles office area	850	Conference / refreshment floor area	653			Capital Total	12440
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	<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>								
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>								
d	<p>OTHER FUNDING. Have you applied for, or received, grants from any other body for your project/activity?</p> <p>If so, please give details of to whom and how much: n/a for this aspect of the project</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Body:</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Amount applied for:</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Amount received:</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Body:		Amount applied for:		Amount received:			
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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"/> We have 2023 accounts, 2024 accounts are currently with our account and should be available by the end of May.</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, Go Girvan: Community Led Tourism:

- 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;



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- 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: 

30/4/2025 _____ Date:

On behalf of: (Organisation name) Go Girvan: Community Led Tourism _____

Please submit all supporting information to:

External funding Officer
grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk