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**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FUND
2025/2026**

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 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	The Carrick Centre
b	Organisation Address	Culzean Road, Maybole KA19 7DE
c	Website	www.carrickcentre.co.uk
d	Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	Registered Charity



e	If a charity or Limited Company please include your number	SCO41794
f	Is your organisation VAT registered?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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	The Carrick Centre
b	About Your Project: The Carrick Centre's main focus is improving life for residents of Maybole and the surrounding villages, we offer support service such as a food bank and food pantry, we have a church and café area with free soft play, activities and groups for children and young people at our youth hub facility and we host many groups that offer an opportunity for local residents to learn a new skill or keep active.	
c	What community will this project be delivered in and what communities will benefit? Maybole and the surrounding villages	



d	<p>If your project will require maintenance in future years how will your organisation achieve/fund this?</p> <p>We make a small profit from our café and apply for funding and grants throughout each year.</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>
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 type="checkbox"/></p> <p>What UKSPF priority does it meet:</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing <input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If linking into a place plan or a community action plan, please details which priority it will be achieving:</p>	
g	Estimated start date:	25/06/25
h	Estimated completion date:	25/01/26
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 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 checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>£4,500</p> <p>Revenue</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> <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>2024 Running Costs for The Carrick Centre and KA19 Youth Hub £445,565. Last year's operating profit was -£79,405.15.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Administrative Costs</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Accountancy Fees</td><td>10,460.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Advertising & Marketing</td><td>6,146.21</td></tr> <tr><td>Bank Charges</td><td>578.10</td></tr> <tr><td>Café Purchases - Food</td><td>32,805.66</td></tr> <tr><td>Café Purchases - Other</td><td>2,449.11</td></tr> <tr><td>CC Electricity</td><td>26,609.57</td></tr> <tr><td>CC Equipment Hire</td><td>990.48</td></tr> <tr><td>CC Gas</td><td>6,142.80</td></tr> <tr><td>CC Insurance</td><td>3,873.04</td></tr> <tr><td>CC IT Support, Consumables & Software</td><td>3,587.20</td></tr> <tr><td>CC Laundry & Cleaning</td><td>1,876.73</td></tr> <tr><td>CC Repairs & Maintenance</td><td>13,244.40</td></tr> <tr><td>CC Sundry Expenses</td><td>5,321.81</td></tr> <tr><td>CC Telephone & Broadband</td><td>2,114.69</td></tr> <tr><td>CC Water Rates</td><td>3,430.94</td></tr> <tr><td>CC Wood Pellets</td><td>9,049.71</td></tr> <tr><td>Charitable Fund Expenditure</td><td>12,607.06</td></tr> <tr><td>Depreciation</td><td>19,012.03</td></tr> <tr><td>Employers NI</td><td>9,158.34</td></tr> <tr><td>Employers Pension</td><td>2,855.29</td></tr> </tbody> </table>		Administrative Costs		Accountancy Fees	10,460.00	Advertising & Marketing	6,146.21	Bank Charges	578.10	Café Purchases - Food	32,805.66	Café Purchases - Other	2,449.11	CC Electricity	26,609.57	CC Equipment Hire	990.48	CC Gas	6,142.80	CC Insurance	3,873.04	CC IT Support, Consumables & Software	3,587.20	CC Laundry & Cleaning	1,876.73	CC Repairs & Maintenance	13,244.40	CC Sundry Expenses	5,321.81	CC Telephone & Broadband	2,114.69	CC Water Rates	3,430.94	CC Wood Pellets	9,049.71	Charitable Fund Expenditure	12,607.06	Depreciation	19,012.03	Employers NI	9,158.34	Employers Pension	2,855.29
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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>No, as we could hold a fundraiser to top up the balance.</p> <p>If you are successful, will this funding be used as match funding? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, have the other sources been confirmed?</p>																																																										



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d	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:	
	Body:	William Grant Foundation, Robertson Trust
	Amount applied for:	£45,000, £15,000
	Amount received:	£45,000, £15,000
	OR	
	When applied:	Esme Fairbairn - £80,000 Volant Trust - £10,000
	When decision expected:	Esme Fairbairn – June 2025 Volant Trust – May 2025
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: Wendy Murdoch _____ Date: 30/04/25

On behalf of: (Organisation name) The Carrick Centre _____

Please submit all supporting information to:

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