

COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND

2025/2026

The closing date for applications is 24th May 2026.
Please note late applications will not be accepted

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

All projects must be completed by Friday 13th November 2026.

This is an application form for the Coastal Communities Fund managed by South Ayrshire Council. Please complete all parts of the form. If you require any clarification or additional information, then please contact grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Amount of grant requested

TYPE OF GRANT	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	SELECT ONE
*Small grant	Up to £1000	To support small grass roots groups and organisations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Development grant	Up to £10,000	The Development Grant will assist groups to plan & develop small scale projects that will link into one of the priorities of the Coastal Communities Grant Fund. Projects will essentially make communities a more attractive place to live & work.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Section 1: Organisation Details

Organisation Name	Prestwick Tennis and Fitness
Organisation Address	1 Whinfield Pace, Prestwick, Ayrshire KA9 2TS
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	Company Limited By Guarantee

If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	SC273788
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

Contacts	Lead Contact
Name	Stewart Rogerson
Position in Organisation	Director

Section 3: Project Details

a. Project Title

Construction of a covered Padel Court

b. About your project, what are you seeking funding for?

For large grant applicants only - what risks have you considered, and what steps will you take to keep the project sustainable over the long term?

About Your Project

Background:

Prestwick Tennis and Fitness (PT&F) is a "not-for-profit" organisation which has operated under a company limited by guarantee structure for over 20 years. All surpluses are reinvested into the running of its activities. It operates at the heart of the local community offering tennis, pickleball, badminton and fitness activities which are accessible to the community at affordable prices. Prestwick Tennis and Fitness is also a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC)

PT&F is looking to construct a covered Padel tennis court within the grounds of its indoor tennis centre in Prestwick. The court will be fitted with LED lighting. The provision of a covered court means that Padel tennis can be more available to the local community in any weather throughout the whole of the year. We see the introduction of Padel as an excellent fit to complement our current tennis offering. We have planning permission in place, and we are currently in the process of raising sufficient funds to enable to project to go-ahead.

The cost of the construction of a covered Padel tennis court is £210,000 (including VAT) and to date we have raised £45,000 from the Lawn Tennis Association (loan), £10,000 from NRS (grant) and a £70,000 from Sportscotland (grant). The club is making a contribution of £15,000 to the project and we have approached Social Investment Scotland to provide a loan to the club of £60,000. We therefore currently have a funding gap of £10,000 which we require to address if the project is to proceed.

At present PT&F has approximately 350 junior tennis players participating in 50 classes each week during term time. PT&F also delivers tennis Holiday Camps for juniors over the school holiday periods. In addition, 300 adults play regularly at Prestwick participating in our tennis, pickleball and badminton sessions. We have a range of classes for adult players of all abilities, as well as opportunities to play in local leagues and

social tennis sessions. We also have an extensive in curriculum schools outreach tennis programme as well as offering disability tennis sessions at Prestwick through our LD and Wheelchair tennis classes

Padel Tennis Opportunity

Padel tennis is the fastest growing sport globally and now has over 25 million players worldwide. The demand for the sport in the local community is high. It is accessible to all ages and easier to learn than tennis and has an appeal to both new players and existing racket sports participants. It is a great sport to enjoy either in a competitive situation or if your main aim is to improve your fitness in a more sociable playing environment.

The introduction of all year round Padel tennis is a key strategic aim of our organisation as it will introduce this new fast growing racket sport to the area which will increase sporting opportunity within the local community, and benefit health and wellbeing of young people.

The new Padel tennis facility will also provide our organisation with a much-needed additional revenue stream to support our activities and longer-term financial sustainability.

Padel tennis will complement our existing racket sports offering. We currently have one of the largest tennis programmes in Scotland offering tennis participation to all ages and levels of ability. It is our intention to replicate this model through introducing Padel tennis activities, with the focus remaining on schools' outreach and wider community access at reduced rates. The Padel court will be accessible to both the community and members of PT&F.

Given the anticipated popularity of Padel tennis at Prestwick, we do anticipate that we will require to invest in additional staff at the tennis centre both from an administrative perspective (1FTE), but potentially from the appointment of a Padel tennis specific coach.

We anticipate that circa 600 players will use the court within the first year of operation. The availability of court for the community to play is maximised when the court is covered and this increases the potential for a healthier community. The provision of a new and inclusive sport which is progressive and moving with the times will reinvigorate sports provision in this area and support a healthier community

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c. What community will this project be delivered to and what communities will benefit?

We are dedicated to offering a variety of sporting activities in a family friendly environment. The introduction of this new sport will complement our existing racket sports offering which is already widely used by the local community. We will build on this ethos by rolling out Padel tennis at the Centre. The Padel tennis programme will include: Local schools will be offered regular opportunities for pupils to come and try this new sport. We will offer free Padel introductory classes for school pupils wanting to take up the sport. We will also include incorporating Padel classes into our LD/Disability programme. These sessions will be offered free of charge within our existing budgets for classes within this group. "Pay and Play" Padel tennis to both members and the wider local community. We will offer structure Padel tennis classes to both juniors and adults. Padel will be particularly attractive to families, allowing inter-generational games. It is easy to play, fun and good for general fitness. Padel is an inclusive game allowing players of all ages and abilities to participate

d. Can your project demonstrate that your project/organisation needs have been identified through consultation?

Yes No

If yes, please include details of the consultation and a summary of the results.

We have circulated our club membership who are overwhelmingly supportive of introducing this new racket sport to the centre. All of our research confirms that the demand for padel tennis throughout the UK exceeds supply of courts, and we are convinced that new covered court will be well utilised and will generate much needed membership growth and income to PTF.

e. Which of the following Council plan priorities most aligns with your proposed project:

- Priority 1 – Spaces & Places
- Priority 2 – Live, Work, learn
- Priority 3 – Civic & Community Pride

If linking into a place plan or a community action plan, please detail which priority it will be achieving. See [here](#) for local plans.

A key objective of the club through its investment in padel tennis is to increase its long-term organisational sustainability through membership growth, expanded programme delivery and increased community participation. The new sport will be focused on developing junior participation pathways through schools outreach activity and community engagement initiatives. Increasing participation among juniors and young families is viewed as essential to supporting long-term membership retention and the future sustainability of the organisation.

PTF is committed to providing accessible and inclusive sporting opportunities for all ages, backgrounds and abilities within a safe and welcoming environment. The club supports the development of inclusive participation opportunities aimed at increasing engagement among underrepresented groups including women and girls, older adults and individuals who may face barriers to participation in traditional sporting environments.

The club believes that the creation of an indoor padel facility can provide important opportunities to improve physical wellbeing, social connection and long-term participation in physical activity across the local community.

f. Please select the grant you are applying for and the relevant priority (you can select more than one priority, if applicable).

For small grant only:

- To assist with barriers to sustain the group
- To develop new projects/ideas

For development grant only:

- Deliver improvements to public places that will increase the number of visitors
- make coastal communities more attractive places to live and work
- demonstrate a strong link to local strategies and local place plans

Estimated start date:	1/9/26
Estimated completion date: (must be by 13th November 2026)	31/10/26

g. If your project relates to a property or land, please confirm whether you own, or lease the property or land

own lease

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.

If lease, then a copy of the lease needs to be provided.

Prestwick Tennis and Fitness presently have a 40-year lease with South Ayrshire Council with 16 years remaining. The council have granted planning permission for the construction of one covered padel court within the existing footprint of the tennis centre grounds.

h. Please tick/populate as appropriate:

Are you aware of the appropriate consents required for this project? Yes No

Do you have:

- Statutory consents for your project in place
- Planning, including listed building and conservation area consents
- Building Warrants
- Evidence of Pre application discussion Please include your reference number
- Not applicable

Copies of any of the above need to be provided.

Section 4: Project Costs

How much funding are you requesting from the Coastal Communities Fund?

£10,000

Are you applying for Revenue or Capital costs, or both?

Revenue £

Capital £

Please provide a full break down of costs for your project for your application to be considered.

If applying for both revenue and capital, then please detail costs separately.

Item/Activity	Cost
Construction Budget for 1 Covered Padel Court	150,000
Contingency 10%	15,000
VAT - £33,000	33,000
Fee Budget	12,000
Total	210,000

For development grant only:

***3 quotes need to be provided for proposed works over £1000 (individual item), quotes need to be dated within last 6 months – if relevant quotes are not provided when submitting application, it will not be considered.**

Section 5: Checklist

Please confirm you have the following documents:

Constitution/Memorandum & Articles

Audited or independently verified accounts

Last 3 months bank statements

Section 6: Declaration & 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.

Name of Person Completing Application: Stewart Rogerson

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Prestwick Tennis and Fitness

Date: 22/5/26

Completed applications only should be saved as a PDF document and uploaded to [Your Area Your Voice Your Choice](#)

Supporting documents should be e-mailed to grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

These include:

- Constitution
- Last 3 months bank statements
- Independently verified accounts
- Quotes (where required)