

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	AYR GAIETY PARTNERSHIP
Organisation Address	Gaiety Theatre, Carrick Street, Ayr KA7 1NU
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	SCIO

If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	SC041464
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	Sally Rennie
Position in Organisation	Operations Director

Section 3: Project Details

a. Project Title

A Shining Light

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?

The proposal is to re-furbish the main canopy and café canopies at the entrances to the theatre and install energy efficient lighting to assist with accessibility and safety as well to lower our carbon footprint.

Main Canopy:

Restoration and repainting.

Replace canopy lighting with new energy efficient led lights.

Energy efficient lighting replacement on main sign uplighters.

Café Canopy:

Refurb and repaint.

Install new energy efficient led lighting.

Car Park side of building:

New lighting on this elevation of the building. This will aid patrons using the car park in terms of safety when walking to the theatre as this is a particularly dark area.

Replace Stage Door Café sign with new custom led sign.

We have considered any risk that may be associated with the outside of the main building as it is listed but as we are not making any changes to the placement of any lights currently in place.

All lighting will be energy efficient and on timers in line with our commitment to the Green Theatre Book. This will assist to reduce our running costs which can be re-invested into our long term sustainability goals for the theatre.

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

New lighting will improve accessibility and safety in terms of increased visibility around the venue which will greatly improve the experience of not only our patrons but the general public particularly in the winter months.

- 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.

Patrons who contact or visit the theatre express their views and concerns on the building.

Improving the external appearance of the building as a part of the town centre streetscape is regularly highlighted as a key need.

We engage regularly with all the communities that use the theatre and the need for lighting specifically.
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- 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.

The Gaiety Theatre is a well known landmark that has stood in the town since 1902. Not only is the Gaiety a centre for performing arts but plays a vital role in bringing together the community it serves. Over the years, the theatre has hosted countless events, workshops and performances, playing a pivotal role in nurturing local talent and fostering a sense of cultural pride. It's B Listed status and rich history holds emotional and cultural value as a landmark cherished by residents and visitors alike.

Our aim is to make a lasting difference to the town's cultural landscape by re-vitalising the entrances to the theatre to ensure it is memorable and welcoming to our visitors.

- 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:	1st July 2026
Estimated completion date: (must be by 13th November 2026)	30th September 2026

- 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.

- 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?

£5,871

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
Clean, prepare, prime and paint Main Building canopy (inc materials)	£950
Clean, prepare, prime and paint Stage Door entrance canopy (inc materials)	£950
Lighting installation on Stage Door Canopy to light up entrance	£638
Car Park Side Lighting – LED floodlights to illuminate pathway	£898
Install new Stage Door Café Sign	£499
New neon sign for Stage Door	£884
Removal of former lighting from front fascia of building	£950
New lighting installation on front fascia of building	£1000
Total	£5,871

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.

Sally Rennie

Name of Person Completing Application: **SALLY RENNIE**

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : **AYR GAIETY PARTNERSHIP**

Date: _____ 22nd May 2026 _____

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)