

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>

Section 1: Organisation Details

Organisation Name	Ayrshire Cancer Support
Organisation Address	5 Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock, KA1 1EQ (registered address) 7 Prestwick Road, Ayr, KA8 8LD
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated)	Charity

association etc. or private sector)	
If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	SC016098
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	Lucy Glendinning
Position in Organisation	Trusts & Major Gifts Lead
Email	glendinningl@ayrshirecs.org
Contact	01563 538008/07909506065

Section 3: Project Details

a. Project Title

Refreshing our charity shop on Newmarket Street, Ayr

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?

Our charity shop in Ayr is key in generating our income, accounting for 10% in 2024-25. We receive no statutory funding from the NHS, instead relying on donations of time, skills, money and second-hand items to deliver our services – free of charge – to people across Ayrshire affected by cancer.

Ayr's rich choice of charity shops and coastline attracts people from within and beyond Ayrshire to visit. Our charity shop is well-used, and Newmarket Street is now renowned as one of the liveliest parts of the town centre. We have two paid members of staff (one being temporary) and around a dozen volunteers who run the charity shop day-to-day. However, the inside of the shop needs some TLC, including upgrades and small repairs. We have been successful in receiving a £1,000 grant from Screwfix which we will dedicate to refreshing the shop, but this will not cover all the funds that we need. This includes replacing the flooring at the back of the shop, which is becoming an eyesore and has the potential to become a trip hazard. The flooring covers a large area, being 460 x 930 cm including a ramp. We have had this priced at £918.70.

As before, we receive no statutory funding and spend as much of our income on direct service provision as possible. Repairs such as this are rarely priority. We would therefore be delighted if the Coastal Communities Fund were able to cover this cost, allowing us to enhance the shop, and therefore the shopping, working and volunteering experience for customers and staff.

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

This will be delivered to our charity shop, located on 43 Newmarket Street, Ayr. The local community of Newmarket Street and, more widely, Ayr will benefit from this improvement, which will attract greater footfall. As before, our shop is crucial in generating funds enabling our service delivery, and therefore ensuring people across the whole of Ayrshire can access our support in our centres, online, over the phone and across the wider community.

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.

These needs have been identified by our colleagues across Ayrshire Cancer Support (including retail, income generation and management) who have noticed that the charity shop space may need some improvements. Those interested in our application would also be welcome to visit and see the area.

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.

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:	07/09/2026 (or once funding has been received, if successful)
Estimated completion date: (must be by 13th November 2026)	30/10/2026

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.

This has been discussed with our landlord and approval for upgrades has been granted.

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

We will be able to provide a copy of the lease.

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

- 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: Lucy Glendinning

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Ayrshire Cancer Support

Date: 22nd May 2026

Completed applications only should be saved as a PDF document and uploaded to

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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)

