

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	Kirkmichael Village Renaissance
Organisation Address	McCosh Hall, 19 Patna Road, Kirkmichael, KA19 7PJ
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	Limited company with Charitable status

If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	SC046113
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	Caroline Lorimer
Position in Organisation	Chair

Section 3: Project Details

a. Project Title

Kirkmichael Community Café Catering Essentials

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?

Kirkmichael Village Renaissance Community Shop and Café is a vital community hub and visitor facility serving residents and visitors to rural South Ayrshire. We seek funding to replace our ageing and unreliable commercial coffee machine, food mixer and cooker, all of which are essential to the daily operation and sustainability of the café and shop. These upgrades will secure continuity of service, improve efficiency and enable us to maintain high-quality, affordable food and drink provision.

The café plays an important role in supporting community wellbeing by reducing rural isolation, providing an inclusive meeting place and offering volunteering and local employment opportunities. As a welcoming stop for visitors exploring the surrounding area, it also contributes to community-led tourism and supports the local economy by encouraging visitor spend and strengthening the resilience of village services.

Replacing these key catering assets will improve reliability, reduce disruption and support more energy-efficient operations, contributing to climate goals while sustaining an important local service.

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

The project will be delivered in Kirkmichael for the benefit of the Kirkmichael 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.

The Community Shop and Café is run by a mix of 10 paid staff and 14 volunteers. Most of us use the coffee machine and the cooker and all agree that replacing them would make the work of the Café much more efficient and less stressful. It would also enable us to make better, more consistent coffee and speed up the cooking times. The person who does most of the baking states that at present we are limited in the quantity we can produce due to the size and capacity of the current mixer.

We all know that if the coffee machine breaks down and is unrepairable [it is over 14 years old] we will be unable to continue operating as a café.

- 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.

It will achieve the priority under Live, Work and Learn in the place plan of “Enhancing the Community Shop and Café” in the local action plan

- 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:	Mid June
Estimated completion date: (must be by 13th November 2026)	Mid June

- 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?

£

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
Cooker	449.00
Mixer	530
Coffee Machine and grinder plus extended warranty	5495.00
[3 quotes attached]	
Total	6474

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: Caroline Lorimer {Chair} _____

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Kirkmichael Village Renaissance _____

Date: _23 05 26_____

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)