

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	Crooksmoss Bowling Club
Organisation Address	Glenmuir Place, Ayr, KA8 9RN
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	Constituted Bowling Club

If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	N/A
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	Val Henderson
Position in Organisation	Secretary

Section 3: Project Details

a. Project Title

Crooksmoss Upgrade Project

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 club is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year, and the building has now reached a stage where significant upgrades are needed. We are looking to begin a programme of work to bring the facility back up to an acceptable standard, both internally and externally.

We are therefore seeking funding to repair and upgrade the exterior of the clubhouse by replacing the damaged roughcasting. The building is currently in very poor condition, and sections of the roughcast have deteriorated to the point where water is beginning to ingress. If this work is not carried out before winter, there is a high risk of further structural damage and costly internal repairs. Improving the exterior will also enhance the appearance of the clubhouse, which sits within a residential area, helping it remain a positive and well-maintained community asset.

Key risks and how we will manage them:

- **Further deterioration:** Without this work, water damage will worsen and lead to more expensive internal repairs. Completing the repairs now prevents escalating costs.
- **Weather-related delays:** We will schedule the work during a suitable weather window and use qualified contractors experienced in roughcasting and external repairs.

- **Long-term sustainability:** Once the exterior is renewed, the building will be more weather-resistant and cheaper to maintain. Regular inspections and planned maintenance will be built into the club's annual upkeep programme to ensure the building remains in good condition for years to come.

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

The project will be delivered in the North Ayr area of Ayr, where Crooksmoss Bowling Club is located. It will benefit our bowling members, social members, and the wider community. The upgraded facilities and clubhouse will be available for use by local groups, organisations, and individuals who wish to hire the space for activities, events, or community gatherings.

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.

Yes. We currently have membership of 82, and we recently issued a member feedback survey to gather views, ideas, and recommendations on how the club should develop. This feedback is helping us shape our improvement programme and ensure that any upgrades reflect the needs and priorities of our members. To date we have received feedback from 16 members.

Details attached.

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.

This project aligns with the Ayr North Place Plan (2021) priority on sport and recreation. While the bowling green is not specifically mentioned in the plan, upgrading the facilities would build on the area's existing community assets and strengthen opportunities for local people to take part in sport, social activity, and community events.

- 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 August 2026
Estimated completion date: (must be by 13th November 2026)	31st August 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?

£10,000

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

Revenue £

Capital £10,000

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
External roughcasting	10,000
Total	10,000

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: _____

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : _____

Date: _____

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)