

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	Carrick Centre
Organisation Address	Culzean Road, Maybole KA19 7DE
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	Charity

If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	Charity No SC041794 Company No SC334701
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	Paula Lennox
Position in Organisation	Company Secretary

Section 3: Project Details

a. Project Title

Café Revamp

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 café has been operating successfully for 13 years and continues to be well used by the local community. However, the servicing area now requires a small revamp to improve efficiency, presentation, and the overall customer experience so the café remains relevant to today's customers. The improvements will also provide additional display and refrigerated display space, allowing us to offer a wider range of food and products to customers.

The key risks we have considered include:

- The servicing area becoming less practical and efficient for staff and customers.
- Reduced customer satisfaction if facilities appear dated or difficult to use.
- Limited display and storage capacity restricting the range of food available.
- Rising maintenance costs if improvements are delayed.
- Minor disruption to trading while works are completed.

To minimise these risks, the work will be carefully planned and carried out over a short period to reduce disruption to café operations. We will obtain competitive quotes and use

durable, low-maintenance materials and fittings to ensure value for money and long-term benefit.

The project is small in scale but important for the long-term sustainability of the café. Improving the servicing area will help staff work more efficiently, improve the customer experience, and maintain the welcoming environment that has helped the café remain successful for over 13 years. The additional display and fridge space will allow a wider range of fresh food and products to be offered, helping increase customer choice, encourage repeat visits, and support income generation.

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

This project will be delivered in Maybole and will benefit the local community as well as people from the wider villages across North Carrick. The café is regularly used by a wide range of people including local residents, families, older people, community groups, and visitors to the area.

As a welcoming and accessible community space, the café provides an important place for people to meet, socialise, and access local activities and services. The planned improvements will enhance the experience for existing users while helping attract new customers and visitors from surrounding villages and further afield.

The project will therefore benefit:

- Residents of Maybole.
- People living in the wider North Carrick villages and rural communities.
- Local community groups and organisations who use the space.
- Visitors and tourists to the area who use the café while visiting Maybole and South Ayrshire.

By improving the café environment and servicing area, the project will help ensure the café remains a welcoming, sustainable, and valued community asset for many years to come.

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 carried out ongoing customer consultation through feedback forms and informal discussions with café users over a period of time. The feedback received shows that while the majority of customers are very satisfied with the café overall, there have been consistent requests for a greater variety of food options, particularly more choice in meal deals/combinations and cakes.

Customers also highlighted that the current servicing and display area limits the range of products that can be offered and displayed effectively. As a result, the proposed revamp will create additional serving and refrigerated display space, allowing us to expand the food selection and improve product presentation.

The consultation confirmed that there is strong support for the project and demonstrated a clear need for improvements to help the café continue meeting customer expectations and remain an attractive and sustainable community facility.

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.

Priority 3 – encourage new and local businesses

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:	30 th June 2026
Estimated completion date: (must be by 13 th November 2026)	31 st July 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?

£

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
Lincat seal glass cabinet	£515.98
Polar c-series energy efficient curved door display fridge	£896.38
Wood, vinyl and shelving	£242.94
Paint and fittings contingency.	£144.70
Total	£1,800

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: Paula Lennox _____

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Carrick Centre _____

Date: 22/05/26 _____

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)