

South Ayrshire Council

REGENERATION CAPITAL GRANT FUND (RCGF)

Submitting Your Expression of Interest (EOI)

The deadline for completed application forms is **5pm on Thursday 23rd July 2026**.

To complete the following EOI form you must meet the following eligibility criteria:

Eligible Projects

You **must** be able to demonstrate that your project:

- meets the fund aims/objectives (page 2 of guidance), including alignment to a shared vision/plan for the relevant local place
- has been costed with an advanced funding package in place
- can spend or commit any funding by end March 2028

Your project must be at RIBA stage 4. Do not include projects that are still at feasibility stage.

Organisation Name	Troon Water Sports Centre SCIO
Project Title	Erecting a new Water Sports Hub
Lead Contact	Harry Risk
Position in Organisation	Secretary
Full Postal Address including Postcode	2 Golf Place Troon KA106LA
Project Start Date	Summer 2026
Project Completion Date	March 2028

Has this project been submitted to previous call of RCGF or the Vacant and Derelict Land Investment Programme (VDLIP)?

Previous refs/call: N/A

e.g. RCGF-22-INSERT or
VDLIP-01-INSERT or N/A

1. Total Project Costs

Total RCGF Grant Requested	£200000
Total Match Funding (costs funded by other sources)	£200000
Overall Total Project Costs	£400000

2. Match Funding - Please detail any sources of funding other than RCGF

Sport Scotland	£120000
Awards for All	£20000
Just Giving Funding	£10000
Existing Bank account balance	£50000
Total	£200000

(The Total amount should be the same as the Total Match Funding amount in Table 1 above)

Project Proposal Summary

- Please complete the **full** Project Proposal Summary below.
- Maximum 3 Page – minimum font size 12.
- You may delete the prompts from each text box.

1. Full project proposal summary

1.1 WHAT WILL THE PROJECT DELIVER - Troon Water Sports Centre SCIO will deliver a new inclusive community watersports hub at Barassie North Shore, serving Troon, South Ayrshire and the wider South West Scotland region. The Hub will provide safe, accessible facilities for watersports, outdoor learning, training, wellbeing activity and community participation, supporting health improvement, youth development, social inclusion, employability and sustainable tourism. It will create a sustainable social enterprise that is accessible to all and reinvests income for community benefit.

The project will create a purpose-built coastal sports hub beside the National Cycle Network and links in with the new Ayrshire Link Barassie to Dundonald cycle track also Ayrshire Coastal Path and Barassie beach recreation area. It will include accessible changing and toilets, showers, storage, training space, café/catering provision and inclusive activity space. Services will include paddleboarding, kitesurfing, windsurfing, cycle hire, led rides, training courses, wellbeing classes and employability programmes.

The location is central to the project's value. Barassie North Shore is already used by walkers, cyclists, beach users and watersports participants, but the lack of suitable indoor support facilities limits safe, inclusive and year-round participation. By placing the Hub beside established active travel and coastal recreation routes, the project will make it easier for local people and visitors and tourist to take part in healthy outdoor activity without needing to travel to larger urban centres.

1.2 PLACE BASED APPROACH - The Hub will complement local assets including Kitesurf Scotland, Dolphin House Outdoor Education Centre, Troon Scouts, Ayr Sea Cadets and The Outdoor Partnership, serving residents, schools, youth and adult groups, disadvantaged communities, disabled participants, coastal path and Ayrshire Link cycle-network users, watersports enthusiasts, tourists and Arran ferry visitors.

The Hub will transform an underused coastal site into a year-round community asset supporting active travel, wellbeing, outdoor recreation, sustainable tourism and coastal regeneration. Troon Together survey and other community engagement session the hub have organised shows a strong community support for this facility.

The project has secured £200,000 match funding: Sportscotland £120,000, National Lottery Awards for All £20,000, community fundraising £10,000 and organisational reserves £50,000. Planning permission and a building warrant are in place, reducing delivery risk.

Partners include South Ayrshire Council Thriving Communities, Health and Social Care Partnership, Active Schools, Sportscotland, The Outdoor Partnership, RNLI, Sea Cadets, Kitesurf Scotland and local groups, broadening access to wellbeing, learning, training and employability opportunities.

1.3 WHY THE PROJECT SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN - These partnerships will allow the Hub to deliver more than a building. It will provide structured programmes for schools, youth groups, community organisations and people who may not normally access watersports or health and wellbeing activities because of cost, confidence, health, disability, transport or social barriers. This will help widen participation, improve regional health inequalities, water safety and create practical routes into volunteering, accredited training and employment.

Economic benefits will include increased visitors and local spend, new jobs and employment opportunities within the café and Hub, including café staff, outdoor instructors and operational support roles, alongside volunteering pathways, accredited training, regional events and stronger year-round outdoor tourism. We also have many local fitness and wellbeing delivery partners wishing to hire our training room for classes such as Aerobics, Taichi, sound baths, yoga etc.

Residents will gain local access to activity, training, volunteering, social interaction and wellbeing facilities within walking and cycling distance.

The design supports net zero through solar PV, battery storage, air source heat pumps, high-performance insulation, energy-efficient construction, cycle parking and links to active travel routes.

South Ayrshire has an attractive coastline but lacks dedicated indoor infrastructure for inclusive watersports and coastal recreation. Participation is limited by insufficient changing, storage, training and year-round facilities.

The facility will benefit residents, schools, youth groups, people facing isolation or poor mental health, disabled participants, New Scots, disadvantaged communities, sports clubs, visitors and users of the Ayrshire Coastal Path and National Cycle Network.

The project will therefore deliver social, health and economic outcomes together: increasing physical activity, reducing isolation, improving confidence and wellbeing, strengthening community cohesion and supporting a more attractive visitor offer for Troon and the South Ayrshire coast.

Engagement with residents, watersports users, schools, community organisations and partner agencies, alongside fundraising and volunteer input, demonstrates clear demand and local ownership.

Community support is also reflected in the funding package. The project has already secured significant match funding and local fundraising, showing commitment from funders, partners and residents. RCGF support is the final investment required to unlock delivery and turn an underused coastal site into a long-term community asset.

Affordable and subsidised programmes with schools, health services and community partners will remove barriers to participation and ensure benefits reach those most in need.

Surplus income will be reinvested for community benefit, supporting long-term social impact and financial sustainability.

2. Project costs and deliverability

PROJECT COSTS AND ANY OTHER FUNDING –

The £200,000 RCGF grant will support:

- Site preparation
- Groundworks
- Building construction
- External works
- Utilities installation
- Accessible facilities
- Renewable energy installation,
- Training space fit-out and compliance costs.

The project is advanced and deliverable. Planning permission and building warrant approval are in place, the funding package is substantially confirmed, and the proposed works are clearly defined. This reduces risk, supports early mobilisation and gives confidence that expenditure can be committed within the required RCGF timescale.

The project is ready to commence once funding is confirmed, with completion scheduled for March 2028 or possibly earlier, meeting RCGF expenditure requirements.

Once complete please save as a pdf document and upload to the Your Area Your Voice Your Choice portal.

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