

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	Tarbolton Community Development Trust
Organisation Address	2 Smithfield Crescent, Tarbolton, KA5 5RE
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	Charity (SCIO)

If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	SC054279
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	Matthew McColm
Position in Organisation	Development Officer/Trustee
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Section 3: Project Details

a. Project Title

Three Villages Community Events

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?

Tarbolton Community Development Trust is seeking funding to purchase a high-quality community marquee and portable stage for use at outdoor community events across Tarbolton and the surrounding villages.

The marquee and stage would be used to support local events such as Tarbolton Gala Day, Christmas activities, community markets, youth activities, consultation events, live performances, fundraising events and future village festivals. At present, community events often rely on hired equipment, borrowed resources or limited outdoor infrastructure. This creates additional costs, reduces flexibility and makes it harder to grow events in a sustainable way.

Owning this equipment would allow TCDT and partner community organisations to deliver more ambitious, accessible and weather-resilient events. The marquee would provide covered space for stalls, community groups, activities, volunteers and visitors, while the stage would create a focal point for performances, speeches, entertainment, prize-giving, young people's activities and local cultural programming.

This project will reduce repeated hire costs, improve the quality of community events, increase opportunities for local groups and businesses to participate, and help bring more residents and visitors into the area. It will also create a shared community asset that can be used across multiple events for years to come, helping make our villages more attractive places to live, work and visit.

Although this application is for a Development Grant, TCDT has considered the long-term sustainability of the project.

The main risks are storage, maintenance, safe use, weather conditions and ensuring the equipment is used regularly enough to justify the investment. TCDT will manage these risks by keeping the equipment securely stored, ensuring it is checked before and after use, maintaining a booking and usage record, and making sure appropriate volunteers or contractors are involved in set-up where required.

The equipment will be covered by appropriate insurance and will only be used where suitable permissions, risk assessments and event plans are in place. By purchasing rather than repeatedly hiring equipment, the project will reduce long-term event costs and create a reusable asset for the community. TCDT will also explore making the equipment available to trusted local community partners, where appropriate, helping increase its use and benefit across the area.

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

The project will primarily benefit Tarbolton, Annbank, and Mossblown, while also supporting the wider surrounding villages, which are closely connected through local schools, community organisations, volunteering networks and shared events.

Tarbolton is the main delivery location for many of TCDT's activities, including Gala Day, Christmas events and wider community programming. However, these events attract residents, families, volunteers, community groups and visitors from across the surrounding area. The marquee and stage would help improve the quality and capacity of events that serve all of these communities.

The project will benefit a wide range of people, including families, children and young people, older residents, local volunteers, community groups, small businesses, performers, stallholders and visitors. It will also support organisations that may not have the funds or capacity to purchase this type of equipment themselves, by creating a shared community resource that can strengthen events and activities across the villages.

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.

TCDT's wider work has been shaped by extensive community consultation through the "How Good is Our Place?" process and the development of the Tarbolton Community-Led Action Plan 2025–2030. Through this work, residents identified the need for more community activity, better use of local spaces, stronger village events, more opportunities for people to come together, and greater support for local volunteering and community-led projects.

The success of existing community events, including Gala Day and Christmas activities, has also shown clear demand for high-quality local events that bring people together and attract visitors into the village. Feedback from residents and volunteers has highlighted the need for better event infrastructure, including covered space, a central performance area and equipment that can be reused across different activities.

This project directly responds to that need by creating practical, reusable infrastructure that will help TCDT and local partners deliver more ambitious, inclusive and sustainable events.

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.

Tarbolton Community-led Action Plan 16.2, 17.1, 20.3, 26.2

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:	As soon as grant funding received
Estimated completion date: (must be by 13 th November 2026)	Estimated one month lead time

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
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Stage (See quote sheet)	£3,999.99
Marquee (See quote sheet)	£2,558.00
Marquee Anchoring – Soft Ground (DIY Marquees tie-down kit, 2 stakes + 2 ratchet straps) x8	£105.60
Marquee Anchoring – Hardstanding (Gala Tent 40kg concrete marquee weights, set of 4) x2	£313.18
The Ramp People heavy-duty cable protectors x 4	£200.00
FireShield 2kg CO2 + 6ltr water extinguisher with dbl stand	£96.97
Stage finish – Prebeat/Global Truss 105x 100cm stage skirt panels x7	£234.50
Tufferman 300kg folding platform trolley	£101.99
30m IP65 outdoor heavy-duty LED festoon/string lights	£159.99
Total	£7,770.22

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: Matthew McColm

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Tarbolton Community Development Trust

Date: 24/05/2026

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

[Your Area Your Voice Your Choice](#)

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)