

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>

Section 1: Organisation Details

Organisation Name	The Outdoor Partnership
Organisation Address	St Joseph's Campus, Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock, KA3 7SL
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	SCO31660
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	Vincent McWhirter
Position in Organisation	Outdoor Activities Development Officer

Section 3: Project Details

a. Project Title

Tidal Treasures Adventures

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?

We are looking to expand upon our valuable summer programme, which targets multiple disadvantaged groups within the community, and deliver a free family event for the public to attend. We propose an all-day event at Barassie Beach, Troon suitable for primary aged children and their families. This funding would be used to contract UnderSky to deliver imaginative and story-led beach-based play sessions bringing children and families together for active intergenerational play. Each session will be bookable online for up to 30 children plus their parents/carers, allowing 90 children plus adults to join the fun across the day. The session themes will focus upon learning more about the value of Scotland's seaside creatures, the importance of the coastal environment and water safety messages from the RNLI. UnderSky would deliver three different sea themed play sessions across the day, each lasting 75 minutes long:

- Fin Flapping Fun:** Salar the Salmon has sent a message in a bottle asking the children for help finding her way across the Atlantic Ocean. There are lots of different animals on the map and many challenges along the route. Can they help Salar swim back to Scotland? What perils will they face on the journey?
- Sink or Swim:** Do you know how to stay safe at the seaside? How to watch out for the tide? Stick together like a pod of dolphins? Or float like a jellyfish? Don't worry, the

Scottish sea animals are here to help! Through imaginative and active games based upon different sea creatures the children will learn about the four key water safety messages (as stipulated by the RNLI).

3. **Tidal Treasures & Beach Art:** Not all treasure chests are full of gold! Across the beach there are many challenges to be completed and precious items waiting to be found. Lots of imaginative and creative ways for engaging with the shoreline whilst learning more about the creatures that live along our coast.

Children and their families will gain from the physical and mental wellbeing effects of coastal activities. They will also learn more about the coastline on their doorstep and their wildlife neighbours. By increasing their understanding through the playful activities, they will develop a greater appreciation for their coastline.

Additionally, all participants will receive a free family handout with ideas for further coastal explorations and learning to extend the play beyond the single day event.

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

This project will be delivered in Barassie and Troon communities but will also benefit a wider audience throughout South Ayrshire. The event will be promoted to local Primary Schools (specifically focusing upon lower SIMD areas nearby), sports clubs and community groups in the area with eye-catching posters and promotional imagery. Additionally, we will specifically promote our events to refugee groups, ensuring we build a welcoming, inclusive atmosphere amongst the local community.

Priority online booking will be offered to families in the target areas before opening the event to wider South Ayrshire families. Social media marketing will help support this further promotion.

A group we intend to target and support this summer is asylum seekers. South Ayrshire is now home to a growing number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people who have arrived without family support and are often rebuilding confidence, trust and a sense of belonging in a new community.

In cooperation with South Ayrshire unaccompanied asylum seekers support team our summer fun beach programme will provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive space where these young people can enjoy outdoor play, connect with peers, improve wellbeing and experience the therapeutic benefits of the coast. Through shared activities, learning about the marine environment and positive social interaction, the programme will help reduce isolation, build confidence and resilience, and support young asylum seekers to feel more connected to their local 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.

We have worked closely with the local community over the past eight years during the development of the Barassie Beach Community Watersports Hub. During this time, we have gained a strong understanding of the community's desire for more active and accessible opportunities on the beach. We wish to cater for as wide an audience as possible, therefore this proposal provides a less physically demanding and family centered experience.

The Troon Together Survey and updated Troon Vision 2030 survey confirmed:

Community consultation shows clear demand for more beach and coastal activity in Troon and Barassie. The Troon Together consultation generated more than 900 responses and identified the seafront as a major asset, with residents calling for more recreational activity, family-friendly opportunities and better use of the coastline. This remains reflected in Vision Troon 2030, while separate consultation on the Barassie Beach water sports hub received 126 supportive responses, further demonstrating strong local backing for expanded coastal provision.

UnderSky have a wealth of experience, having delivered a large number of well-attended community events for primary aged children over the past five years. Throughout their events they gather feedback from families, helping them co-design events with local communities ensuring they are inclusive and accessible. Their coastal activities are always the most popular in their events calendar and by partnering with them we can fulfil the desired indication that more family events would be appreciated in this location.

What Children Enjoyed During UnderSky Beach Events:

Running around games	90%
Friendly UnderSky staff	95%
Discovering New Facts about the Coast	90%
Exploring Nature	81%

Recent feedback after previous beach events:

"All 3 children (4, 6, 7) enjoyed attending these Undersky sessions, 'When can we go back ?' I was asked, 'That was really fun .'"

“Wonderful, Alexander and I had a tremendous time exploring the rockpools and playing the beach games. Thanks for your efforts.”

“My 6yo said - I liked finding the treasure chest and seeing the crab. More events like this please!”

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.

“There is a strong desire to see Troon celebrate its seaside location and to be a green and sustainable place to live” (Troon Together Community Action Plan, p.64).

From the Troon Together Community Action Plan and the newer updated “Vision 2030” project plan by Troon Development Trust and Troon Community Council highlighted the beaches are recognised as a “major asset” however the community is keen to see more water sports and a reduction in the litter found along the coastline. Over the past eight years we have been working hard to improve the water sports provision in Troon area and we would like to continue to support this through a fun celebration of the beach. Our project would link with a variety of different priorities within the Action Plan, specifically relating to:

link to Vision 2030 - <https://www.trooncommunitycouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Vision-Troon-2030-Final-1.pdf>

THEME 1: TOWN & SEAFRONT ENHANCEMENT AND LOCAL ECONOMY

Our project will help to enhance the seafront by highlighting the positive elements already existing along this area. Families will gain new ideas for playing on the beach and learn more about the wildlife which lives here, helping families to appreciate what they have on their doorsteps.

THEME 3 : RECREATION AND CULTURE

Our project will help promote the beach as a fun and free location to bring families to play and make happy, meaningful memories together.

THEME 4 : ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

Our project will help to improve public perception of our coastline through meaningful and informative activities. As all the games and activities are based upon the natural history of the Scottish coast, each one is a learning opportunity to help build appreciation and encourage future generations to look after and value the environment.

THEME 5: YOUTH AND COMMUNITY

Our project will support a community event for primary aged children and their families, offering free and accessible outdoor play and learning.

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:	July 1st 2026
Estimated completion date: (must be by 13th November 2026)	August 23rd 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?

£720

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
Marketing and admin:	£30
Insurance:	£20
Preparation of materials and props:	£50
Online booking system and webpage:	£20
On-site risk assessment:	£30
Travel:	£10
Set-up and delivery of event:	£500
Post event evaluation:	£60
TOTAL	£720

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

[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)