COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND

2026-2027

The closing date for applications is 29th October 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 30th June 2027.

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
*Development grant	Up to £15,000	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.	☒

Section 1: Organisation Details

Organisation Name	Ayr Craigie Bowling Club
Organisation Address	Fothringham Rd, Ayr, KA8 0EY
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	Constituted organisation
If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	N/A

Does your group/organisation have a bank account?	Yes ☒ No ☐ In progress ☐

Section 2: Contact details

Contacts	Lead Contact
Name	Lawrence Campbell Ingram
Position in Organisation	President

Section 3: Project Details

a. Project Title

Club House Refurbishment

b. About your project, what are you seeking funding for?

What risks have you considered, and what steps will you take to keep the project sustainable over the long term?

We are seeking funding to convert the existing office space within the clubhouse into a dedicated accessible toilet facility.

The new facility will be designed to meet modern accessibility requirements and will include:

- Wheelchair-accessible toilet provision
- Washbasin with lever-operated taps
- Accessible grab rails and support fixtures
- Emergency alarm system
- Baby changing facilities
- Internal alterations required to create the new layout
- Installation of a new water supply and associated plumbing works
- Building warrant costs and professional fees where required

The project will significantly improve accessibility for all users of the clubhouse and remove existing barriers experienced by disabled people and those with mobility issues.

The current accessible toilet is situated within the gents' toilet area and lacks important features such as an alarm system, accessible washbasin and taps, baby changing facilities and appropriate support rails.

The improvements will create a safe, welcoming and inclusive facility for residents and visitors alike. The bowling club regularly hosts Ayrshire and Scottish bowling competitions which attract participants and spectators from across the region and beyond. Many visitors attending these events are older adults or individuals with mobility challenges, including wheelchair users, who would benefit from modern accessible facilities.

The club also welcomes coach parties throughout the summer season, as well as hosting wedding receptions, funeral teas, birthday celebrations and a wide range of community events. Improving accessibility will enhance the visitor experience and ensure that all guests can access the facilities with dignity and independence.

The lack of a fully accessible toilet has already affected the club's ability to attract new users. A Health Board organisation recently considered the club for regular venue hire but ultimately selected an alternative location because suitable accessible toilet facilities were not available. This project will remove that barrier, increasing opportunities for future bookings, community use and partnership working.

The project aligns strongly with the Coastal Communities Fund priorities by improving an important community asset, enhancing accessibility, increasing the appeal of the venue for visitors, and helping to make Ayr North a more attractive place to live, visit and participate in community life. The proposal also supports the priorities identified within the Ayr North Place Plan by improving facilities that contribute to health, wellbeing and community participation.

The club has considered several potential risks and developed measures to minimise their impact.

Building and construction delays: There is a risk that contractor availability, material costs or unforeseen building issues could affect project timescales. However, we have obtained detailed quotations, will appoint local experienced contractors and closely monitor progress to minimise delays.

Cost increases: We have received competitive quotations. If successful we would look for the work commence as soon as possible to allow us to get the prices within the quotes. We also have a small contingency within the project budget to manage any unforeseen costs.

Regulatory requirements**:** While planning permission is not required as the work is an internal alteration, any necessary Building Warrant approvals will be secured before construction begins. The application process for the building warrant has been started and confirmation attached.

Ongoing maintenance costs**:** The club has an established management committee and operational budget which will be responsible for maintaining the facility. Routine cleaning, inspection and maintenance costs will be incorporated into existing operating arrangements.

Long-term sustainability: The accessible toilet will provide a permanent improvement to the clubhouse and will remain available for many years. By improving accessibility, the club will be able to welcome a wider range of users, visitors, community organisations and event bookings. The facility will support increased participation in sporting, recreational and social activities while helping the club attract additional venue hires, competitions and organised group visits.

Improved accessibility will strengthen the club's long-term sustainability by increasing its appeal as a venue for community activities and visitor events. It will also ensure the club can better support the needs of an ageing population, people with disabilities and families with young children, creating a legacy for the Ayr North community.

This investment will create a more inclusive and accessible community facility that supports health, wellbeing, social participation and visitor engagement across Ayr North.

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

This project will be delivered within the Ayr North community and will benefit residents, visitors and community groups who use the bowling club and its facilities throughout the year.

The project will support people with disabilities, wheelchair users, older people, families with young children and individuals with additional support needs by creating a modern, fully accessible toilet facility within the clubhouse. The existing accessible toilet provision does not meet modern accessibility standards and is located within the gents' toilet area, creating barriers for many users.

The Ayr North Place Plan identifies the importance of ensuring that local communities have access to good quality natural spaces and a range of opportunities for play and recreation that improve health and wellbeing. Ayr North benefits from a number of recreational and sporting assets, and continued investment in community facilities will help maximise the benefits of these resources for local residents and visitors.

The bowling club is a well-used community facility which hosts bowling activities, Ayrshire and Scottish competitions, social events, wedding receptions, funeral teas, birthday celebrations and community gatherings. During the summer months, the club also welcomes coach parties and organised visitor groups, many of whom include older people and individuals with mobility issues.

The project will ensure that all users can access suitable toilet facilities with dignity and independence, helping to create a more inclusive environment and supporting wider participation in sporting, recreational and community activities within Ayr North. It will also improve the experience of visitors attending tournaments, competitions and events, helping to make the facility more attractive and accessible to a wider audience.

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.

Copy of results from membership survey are 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.

Our proposal is linked to the Ayr North Place Plan – Sport and Recreation The community in Ayr North should have access to good quality natural spaces and a range of opportunities for play and recreation to improve health and wellbeing

f. Please select the relevant priority (you can select more than one priority, if applicable):

- 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 March 2027**
Estimated completion date:	**30th June 2027**

(must be by 30th June 2027)	

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:

Is the property a listed building? Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes:

☐ I acknowledge that works to a listed building may require Listed Building Consent and that it is my responsibility to ensure all necessary permissions are obtained prior to commencing works.

i. 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?

£15,000

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
Conversion of office space to create a disabled toilet	**£15,000**
3 quotes provided	
Total	

For development grant:
***3 quotes need to be provided for proposed works/items over £1000, quotes need to be dated within last 6 months – <u>if relevant quotes are not provided when submitting application, it will not be considered.</u>**

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: Lawrence C Ingram

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Craigie Bowling Club

Date: 28th October 2026

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)