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	**Girvan & District Attractions SCIO**
Organisation Address	**58 Piedmont Road , KA26 ODS**
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	**SCIO**
If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	

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

Section 2: Contact details

Contacts	Lead Contact
Name	David Girvan
Position in Organisation	Treasurer

Section 3: Project Details

a. Project Title

Community Storage Facility

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?

Girvan & District Attractions, run by local volunteers, was founded in 1973 and became a registered SCIO charity in 2019. Free community events are provided for all in the Girvan area: from residents to the general public and tourists alike. We use community events as the driving tool to reduce isolation, deprivation and to increase community cohesion in the area, while at the same time helping to boost economic growth of the town.

We organise and deliver community events such as the annual Carrick Lowland Gathering, Civic Week and the opening of Stumpy Jail for historical and educational visits for schools, tourists and local people.
We also organise the annual Spooky Stumpy and Girvan & South Carrick Community Firework Display.
We work with other community groups and organisations including youth groups, senior citizens groups, local democracy groups, sports groups, events organisations, emergency services, local schools and religious organisations to achieve the aims of the charity.

The area of Girvan & South Carrick is a rural setting , the town of Girvan is surrounded by local villages we ensure that our events incorporate the villages. Girvan which is on Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020 most deprived 10% which shows that the residents of the town suffer from poverty and all aspects that relate to this by organising community events we hope to give opportunities to these residents who otherwise due to their level of deprivation would not have the finances to be able to attend community events if there was a charge. We ensure all our main events are free by having free events this ensures any person from any financial background can attend our events and feel part of their community this is also of benefit to their mental health as they don't become socially isolated.

Our community events bring about an economic benefit for the town by attracting visitors to the town to attend our events. In return visitors spend money in the town. Girvan Attractions also use local suppliers where possible when organising our events. This also helps to boost the profile of our local area

Girvan Attractions have purchased a building where we store all our equipment for our charity works. By owning our own equipment this means we can use it at several events, it also benefit other charities who borrow the equipment. Purchasing also saves the charity the cost of hiring similar equipment at each of our events. We also store equipment for other community groups such as Carrick resilience team, Girvan Christmas Street Party, Girvan Horticultural Society and we also store the towns Christmas lights. We have had request from other groups for storage, but we were at full capacity in our previous building. The funding would be used to complete capital works to create a secure fencing around our compound as part of our works of improvement to the building.

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

Girvan & South Carrick

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.

The need for this project has been identified by a variety of local charities who are struggling to continue their charity aims due to the lack of facilities in the town to be able to secure their equipment which allows for the charity to perform its charitable purpose.

This funding will allow for us to be able to provide a secure and safe premises where groups can secure their equipment as well as our own equipment without this it would not be functional for groups to be able to facility their outcomes

For example Carrick Resilience team store lighting and generators in our building these are used in times of need similar to in 2025 when storm Eowyn hit they used the equipment in the local community to provide rest centres to those that went a week with no electricity. This is just one example of the need for the community to have access to storage facilities so that we can respond

The social benefits will be that our project will not just benefit our own charity but other local charities we will show this benefit by how many groups can now use the facility that we have recently purchased.

We will evidence this through our request form and tracker spreadsheet

2025 Groups

Group	Event
Aye Girvan	1st Birthday
Go Girvan	Tattie Fest
IFF	Family Event
Dailly Develompent Trust	Information Event
CRAG	Sale Event
Glendoune	Funday
Merchant Navy Day	Merchant Navy Day
Girvan Harriers	Merick Hill Race
ACE	Ayr Event
Girvan Youth Trust	Music on the prom
Girvan Youth Trust	Ballantrae , Boating Lake
Girvan FC	Charity Shop
Pop up event	Santa Event
CRAG	Strandline Event
Maybole Community Ass	Maybole Gala

As this is a capital project this will have a lasting impact on the various charities who set to benefit from this project.
This project will provide a permanent and long lasting solution to third sector groups who have been looking for storage to allow them to progress the aims of their charities.

This will provide a last outcome to charities meaning they are not paying expensive company hiring charges , They don't need to pay for expensive storage fees

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.

Local Place Plan – 2023 - Girvan Place Based Strategy FINAL_Lowres.pdf

Sets our under it act now to arrest decline to

"Encourage tourism through targeted promotion taking advantage of existing community events"

The Carrick Lowland Gathering has been running for 43 years and attracts over 5000 people each year. The Girvan & South Carrick Fireworks display attracts 3000 people each year and has been running for 24years

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:	**December 2026**
Estimated completion date: (must be by 30th June 2027)	**January 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 ☒ £ £15,000

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**
Metal and Wooden Security Fencing	**£15,000**
Total	**£15,000**

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: David Girvan

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Girvan & District Attractions SCIO

Date: 26/10/26

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)