

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	Schools Out in Troon
Organisation Address	30 St Meddams St, Troon KA10 6JX
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	Schools Out In Troon is a registered charity.
If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	SC032098

Does your group/organisation have a bank account?	Yes ☒ No ☐ In progress ☐
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Section 2: Contact details

Contacts	Lead Contact
Name	Sasha Lees
Position in Organisation	Trustee

Section 3: Project Details

a. Project Title

Troon Schools Out: Protecting Our Future
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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 support ongoing running costs of Troon Schools Out, our after school and holiday club providing safe, affordable and enjoyable childcare for school aged children in the local community. We have a hub in Troon and one in Barassie.

Like many childcare providers, we are facing increased operating costs, which are putting significant pressure on our limited funds. We have been in operation for 25 years and the last six months has been very challenging financially. Grant funding would help us meet these rising costs and ensure we can continue to provide a reliable, welcoming and inclusive service for local children and their families.

Our club offers children a safe place to play, socialise, learn new skills and take part in a variety of enriching activities during term time and school holidays. We want to continue providing these valuable opportunities to support parents and carers who rely on our service.

We have considered several risks that could affect the long-term sustainability of the charity including rising costs, increasing costs of activities and resources, and maintaining sufficient sums to operate. We recognise the importance of maintaining sufficient bookings and ensuring our charity meets the needs of the local children.

To help keep the project sustainable, we continue to monitor the budget carefully, and are seeking further funding through grants and local businesses where we can. We are prioritising essential spending.

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

Troon Schools out is delivered within the local community of Troon and Barassie. The project will benefit children and families from nursery to P7 , particularly working parents and carers, who rely on our service during term time and school holidays. We also pay rent to the Scout Hall and South Ayrshire Council so this supports these organisations. We also employ 2 Managers and a number of childcare staff who live locally. Without funding the jobs could be at risk.

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 a committee of volunteers and all volunteers aware and fully support the application.

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.

N/A

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:	Asap
Estimated completion date: (must be by 30 th June 2027)	Confirmed

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?

£12,000 (Monthly running costs are approx £12,000 – see below breakdown) and this would give us a float to ensure we can pay staff, pay rent to both the Scout Hall and South Ayrshire Council, and meet all other obligations such as HMRC. At present we have no reserve funds and with our recent rent increases, and the wage increase (minimum wage) any late payers can leave us with cash flow problems to meet payments.

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
Rent Troon Scout Hall	£870 per month
Rent Barassie Primary	£500 per month
HMRC	£700 per month
Staff Wages & Pension Contributions	£8250 per month
Snacks, admin, craft supplies etc	£625 per month
Governance Costs	£625 per month
SOCS Membership	£7.50 per month
Total	£11,577.50

For development grant:

***3 quotes need to be provided for proposed works/items over £1000, 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: Sasha Lees _____

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Schools Out in Troon _____

Date: _____28/10/2026_____

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)