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 Sea Cadets & Royal Marines Cadets**
Organisation Address	**Foresters Hall, 46 New Road, Ayr, KA8 8EX**
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	**Unincorporated Association**
If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	**SC030257**

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

Section 2: Contact details

Contacts	Lead Contact
Name	Duncan McKechnie
Position in Organisation	Commanding Officer
	CO@Ayrseacadets.co.uk
	07387273811

Section 3: Project Details

a. Project Title

Foresters Hall – Continuing the Improvements

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?

Ayr Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets is seeking funding to continue improving Foresters Hall and provide better facilities for the cadets and wider community who use the building.
Since reopening in September 2023 and subsequently securing ownership, we have invested over £50,000 in improvements, alongside considerable volunteer time. This has included double glazing, new internal doors, improvements to the heating control system and refurbishment of floors. We now want to build on this work by completing further improvements and providing equipment to make the hall more practical, secure and welcoming.

The funding will be used to purchase folding tables and a trolley, a baby-changing table and 15 new gym mats and trolley, as well as buy and install a sink in the refurbished classroom/workspace, replace the kitchen water heater, improve the ceiling and skirting in the rear lobby, and replace doors to improve security and meet current standards.

Foresters Hall is used by a range of local groups, including Little Movers, Prestwick Dogs, Ayr Yacht and Cruising Club, the local Community Council, Pilates classes and Konnect Fitness, as well as our own cadets. The improvements will support these existing users and help us accommodate different activities. For example, the tables will provide a flexible space for meetings and events, the baby-changing table will make the hall more family-friendly, and the new gym mats will replace old and damaged ones currently brought in by a user and shared with others.

We have considered the risks around changing costs, unforeseen issues during refurbishment and the ongoing cost of maintaining the building. We will obtain and confirm quotations before committing to expenditure, follow the required procurement process and prioritise the work if costs change or the available funding does not cover everything.

We will sustain the improvements through continued volunteer support, fundraising, subscriptions, hall hire income and applications for further grants where appropriate. As owners of the building, we are committed to maintaining it and protecting the investment already made.

This funding will allow us to make further practical improvements to Foresters Hall, benefiting Ayr Sea Cadets and the other groups who use it. It will help us maintain a well-equipped, secure and welcoming community facility that is already being used by local people.

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

Ayr North and wider Ayr will benefit Ayr North and wider Ayr will benefit

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.

As part of the Wallacetown Community Survey, it was noted the need for a community centre or hub as well as support and activities for young people, Foresters Hall has started to provide this, though we are looking to enhance what we can offer.

"When asked what services and support were needed within the community a variety of responses was provided. The most common suggestion was a community centre or hub where people can meet others and seek support from a range of services."

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.

The project supports the Spaces & Places and Civic & Community Pride priorities by helping maintain Foresters Hall as a valued community facility. Building on the investment already made, the improvements will support continued use by local groups, encourage community activity and help secure the hall's long-term future.

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:	**01/12/2026**
Estimated completion date: **(must be by 30th June 2027)**	**01/05/2026**

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:

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?
£5,773
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**
Tables and Trolly	**£1000**
Baby Change Table	**£135**
Matts x15	**£1,874**
Vertical Mat Trolley	**£285**
New Door	**£615**
New sink for refurbished classroom/workspace	**£294**
New kitchen water heater	**£345**
Plastic ceiling and skirting for rear lobby	**£990**
Wood Panelling for Classroom/meeting room	**£235**
Total	**£5773**

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: Duncan McKechnie

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Ayr Sea Cadets & Royal Marines Cadets

Date: 28/10/2026

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)