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 United Football Academy**
Organisation Address	**Somerset Park, Tryfield Place, Ayr, KA8 9NB**
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	**Charity**
If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	**SC037325**

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

Section 2: Contact details

Contacts	Lead Contact
Name	Stuart Watson
Position in Organisation	Community Programme Manager

Section 3: Project Details

a. **Project Title**

Cozy Community

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?

Cozy Community

Ayr United's Cozy Community programme is designed to help alleviate winter fuel poverty in the local area, and provide a community space for Ayr North residents to get a heat, have a blether and get support. It will primarily support households in SIMD 1 areas within the KA8 postcode in North Ayr, where families are more likely to face low incomes, rising living costs and significant financial pressure.

How the Programme Will Help

The programme will offer a safe, warm and welcoming space where local households can meet others, access practical advice and be directed to additional support services. Alongside the weekly drop-in centre, eligible households may receive space heaters, heated garments or blankets. Where these items are not required, support may instead be provided towards energy costs through fuel vouchers or prepayment meter top-ups.

Electrical Safety Support

The use of additional electrical equipment can increase the risk of fire in the home. To help reduce this risk, the programme will provide portable appliance testing (PAT) to check that heaters and other electrical items are safe and operating efficiently. Items can be brought to the drop-in centre, and home visits will be available where necessary.

Programme Provision

Cozy Community Centre at Somerset Hub

- Warm food and drinks
- Opportunities to socialise and take part in activities
- Signposting to relevant support services
- Practical advice on improving energy efficiency
- PAT testing for heaters and other electrical appliances
- Weekly session running December 2026 to March 2027 (16 weeks)

Household Support

- Signposting to financial assistance and wider support
- Blankets, heated garments and space heaters, according to need
- Fuel vouchers or prepayment meter top-ups
- Targeted support for 50 households
- Up to £100 of support per household
- Home visits for PAT testing where required

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

Ayr North, specifically KA8 postcode

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.

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.

Civic and Community Pride: Focuses on community engagement, local pride, and active participation in public life. **Strategic fit with existing provision** The Cozy Community programme will form part of our wider Ayr North community strategy. It will complement our established provision for young people through ExtraTime, delivered in the four Ayr North primary schools; our work to reduce social isolation through the Honest Men's Club; and our youth engagement programme, Youngstart. By adding practical support for households experiencing fuel poverty, Cozy Community will help us reach residents who are not currently engaged with our services while providing additional assistance to families and households we already support. **Somerset Hub as a community focal point** Our aim is to establish Somerset Hub as a welcoming and trusted focal point for people across Ayr North—a place where residents can connect with others and access practical support, advice and referrals to relevant services.

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)	**April 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?

£11704.00

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
Venue hire	**£1600**
Food/Drink provision	**£800**
Family Engagement Officer	**£1721.60**
Sessional Staff	**£2582.40**
Household Heating support	**£5000.00**
Total	**£11704.00**

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: Stuart Watson _____

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Ayr United Football Academy_____

Date: _28/10/26_____

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)