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**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FUND
2025/2026**

Completed project application forms must be emailed to:

grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is Thursday 1st May 2025 at 5pm.

Please refer to the associated guidance when completing this application form.

All projects must be completed by 28th February 2026

AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUESTED

TYPE OF GRANT	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	SELECT ONE
*Small grant	Up to £4950	To assist with any barriers to sustaining your group. For development of smaller projects.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
*Community ownership/Community Asset Transfer (CAT)/ Community empowerment	Up to £15,000	For groups who are taking ownership of land or assets. To support groups going through CAT or who have successfully achieved this, as well as supporting groups who are taking the lease of an asset. To support groups to achieve the priorities identified within their place plans or Community Action Plans	<input type="checkbox"/>

*** only one type of grant can be selected**

SECTION 1 – ORGANISATION DETAILS

a	Organisation Name	The Ayr Ark
b	Organisation Address	Community Wing, Ayr Grammar Primary School Campus, 7 Fort Street, Ayr, KA7 1HU
c	Website	www.ayrark.co.uk
d	Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. By guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated)	The Ayr Ark is a company limited by guarantee and a Scottish Charity.



	association etc. or private sector)	
e	If a charity or Limited Company please include your number	Charity No. SC035832 Company No. SC235453
f	Is your organisation VAT registered?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g	Does your group/organisation have a bank account?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 2 – CONTACT DETAILS

The contacts below will be required to read the guidance notes and consent to being contacted by the council officers managing this fund including for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

	Contacts	Lead Contact	Secondary Contact
a	Name	Paul Wilson	Zsuzsa Pato-McGibbon
b	Position in Organisation	Youth Project Leader	Youth Project Administrator
c	Contact E-mail	admin@ayrark.co.uk	zsuzsa@ayrark.co.uk
d	Contact Telephone Number	07841655096	07365347164

SECTION 3 – PROJECT DETAILS

a	Project Title	Mentoring
b	About Your Project <p>The Ayr Ark was established in 2002 by local churches to provide a solution to the growing problem of underage drinking and anti-social behaviour among the young people of South Ayrshire.</p> <p>The Ayr Ark provides a safe alternative to the many peer pressures that young people are faced with. Through outreach, engaging events and mentoring, we are committed to having a positive influence on the lives, attitudes, physical and psychological well-being of young people regardless of their sex, race, creed, physical or mental ability.</p> <p>Although the last few years have been challenging for us as a charity, we have remained active and relevant in our work.</p>	



	<p>The main aims of our charity are:</p> <p>Engaging with young people by running events and activities which address a variety of practical needs for young people.</p> <p>Equipping young people with the knowledge and understanding needed for building and developing their own life skills and self-confidence.</p> <p>Empowering young people with the experience and confidence to make wise and safe lifestyle choices and to take hold of a more positive future for themselves.</p> <p>We would be very grateful for this funding to assist our mentoring project further as there is such a need for this service in our Council area. Our team is currently holding one-on-one mentoring sessions at Ayr Academy, Belmont Academy, Queen Margaret Academy and Prestwick Academy. We also have team members visiting Barassie Primary School on a weekly basis and working with Primary 7 children, and we are hoping to continue the work with them once they move to Marr College in Troon.</p>
c	<p>What community will this project be delivered in and what communities will benefit?</p> <p>South Ayrshire</p>
d	<p>If your project will require maintenance in future years how will your organisation achieve/fund this?</p> <p>Regular funding. We already have a fund-raising plan in place.</p>
e	<p>Can your project demonstrate that your project/organisation needs have been identified through consultation?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>South Ayrshire Council have already been in consultation with us on more than one occasion, mostly through the Wole Family Wellbeing team.</p> <p>The needs of the Ark were identified when the Ark was established as a safe place for teenagers to attend and allow engagement with our young people. These needs still very much exist amongst young people.</p>
f	<p>Which of the following Council plan priorities most aligns with your proposed project:</p> <p>Priority 1 – Spaces & Places <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Priority 2 – Live, Work, learn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>



Priority 3 – Civic & Community Pride ☒

What UKSPF priority does it meet:

Heritage ☐

Arts ☐

Sports ☐

Culture ☒

Does your project meet with any of the following objectives?

Ownership of local land and assets ☐

Community led regeneration ☒

Assist with Community Asset Transfer ☐

Align with Community Wealth Building Principles ☐

Link into your local place plan/community action plan priorities ☒

If linking into a place plan or a community action plan, please details which priority it will be achieving:

Healthy and Safe: / Sport and Recreation:

The Ayr Ark provides a safe place for young people to gather, play recreational games and simply chill out and enjoy one another's company. Well over half the young people that attend come from the Ayr North Council Ward which has many SIMD 1 and 2 areas within them.

Friday Night is the aged 11-18 youth night which can be attended by anywhere between 30 - 50 young people.



	<p>Thursday evenings are reserved for young people with autism and is attended by 6-15 young people each night. These numbers must be small for the young people with autism to fully engage and benefit.</p> <p>Ayr Ark staff work with young people in 4 high schools and a primary school mentoring them, encouraging them and helping them to make good life choices.</p> <p>The Ayr Ark has an agreement with the Health and Social Care Partnership to present workshops to P7 children and to mentor P7 children with neurodiverse conditions. This programme has been ongoing at Barassie Primary and the need for this service is more vital than ever.</p> <p>The Ayr Ark run Easter, Summer and Autumn programmes for young people during the school recesses. These events are all free to the young people.</p> <p>For most of these events we provide food for the young people, again free of charge, and it is not unknown for young people to take food home with them for their siblings and/or parents.</p>	
g	Estimated start date:	ONGOING
h	Estimated completion date:	28th February 2026 as per application form
i	<p>Is your application submitted in partnership with other organisations? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please detail.</p>	
j	<p>If your project relates to a property or land, please confirm whether you own, or lease the property or land</p> <p>own <input type="checkbox"/> lease <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>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</p> <p>If lease, then a copy of the lease needs to be provided.</p> <p>Please see email attached</p>	
k	<p>Please tick/populate as appropriate:</p> <p>Are you aware of the appropriate consents required for this project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do you have:</p>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory consents for your project in place <input type="checkbox"/> • Planning, including listed building and conservation area consents <input type="checkbox"/> • Building Warrants <input type="checkbox"/> • Evidence of Pre application discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Please include your reference number <p>_____</p> <p>Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Copies of any of the above need to be provided</p>
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SECTION 4 – PROJECT COSTS

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a	<p>How much are you requesting from the Community Empowerment Fund</p> <p>Are you applying for Revenue or Capital costs, or both?</p> <p>Revenue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Capital <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>£4,950</p>																		
b	<p>Please provide a full break down of costs for your project. If applying for both revenue and capital, then please details costs separately.</p> <p><u>*For costs over £1000, 3 quotes need to be provided – if relevant quotes are not provided when submitting application, it will not be considered.</u></p> <p>Ayr Ark Mentoring Budget 2025</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">3 x Staff Member in school (75% time spent in school for 38 weeks annually)</td> <td style="width: 5%;"></td> <td style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">£35,150</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 x Extra Staff Member</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11,750</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff Training</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mentoring materials and workshops for Mentees</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,700</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trips and outings</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£53,200</td> </tr> </table>		3 x Staff Member in school (75% time spent in school for 38 weeks annually)		£35,150	1 x Extra Staff Member		£11,750	Staff Training		£600	Mentoring materials and workshops for Mentees		£1,700	Trips and outings		£4,000	TOTAL		£53,200
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c	<p>Does your group require the full amount applied for your project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If the fund is oversubscribed, would a part funded offer be considered? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, then would this impact the delivery of the project? The Project would still be delivered but funding would require to be sought from other sources</p> <p>If you are successful, will this funding be used as match funding? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, have the other sources been confirmed?</p>										
d	<p>OTHER FUNDING. Have you applied for, or received, grants from any other body for your project/activity?</p> <p>If so, please give details of to whom and how much:</p> <p>We have constant fundraising in place for the work we do with young people, most of the funding granted is used across the board operationally. For this exact mentoring project, we sent a Funding Application for The Mary Brown Memorial Trust.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Body:</td> <td>The Mary Brown Memorial Trust</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount applied for:</td> <td>£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount received:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>OR</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>When applied:</td> <td>14 April 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>When decision expected:</td> <td>TBC</td> </tr> </table>	Body:	The Mary Brown Memorial Trust	Amount applied for:	£10,000	Amount received:		When applied:	14 April 2025	When decision expected:	TBC
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e	<p>Please confirm you have the following documents:</p> <p>Constitution/Memorandum & Articles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Audited or independently verified accounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Last 3 months bank statements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>We ask that you do not upload these documents when submitting your application due to GDPR regulations. These documents should be submitted via email to grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk</p>
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SECTION 5 – DECLARATION AND CONDITIONS

<p>I, on behalf of, (The Ayr Ark):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
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- 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.

Signature: _____

Paul Wilson

Date: 23/04/2025

On behalf of: (Organisation name) The Ayr Ark _____

Please submit all supporting information to:

External funding Officer

grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk