

COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND

2024/2025

The closing date for applications is 11th September 2025.

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 31st March 2026.

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
*Small grant	Up to £1000	To support small grass roots groups and organisations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Development grant	Up to £4,950	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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Section 1: Organisation Details

Organisation Name	48th Ayrshire Scout Group
Organisation Address	Scout Hall, Warly Place, Dundonald KA2 9HW
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	Registered Charity

If a charity or Limited Company please include your number	SCO43158
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

Contacts	Lead Contact
Name	Gordon Anderson
Position in Organisation	Chairperson

Section 3: Project Details

Project Title

Purchase of scout hall land

About your project/what are you seeking funding for?

<p>This project proposes the redevelopment of a Scout group-owned property into a vibrant community hub. The initiative will directly support two key outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting good mental health and wellbeing • Tackling social isolation and loneliness <p>The building will be transformed into a safe, inclusive space which could offer a range of community-led services and activities designed to improve wellbeing and foster connection.</p> <p>48th Ayrshire Scout Group are seeking funding to purchase the land from South Ayrshire Council which will include legal fees.</p>

What community will this project be delivered in and what communities will benefit?

Dundonald is a vibrant rural village in South Ayrshire with a strong sense of community, but like many small settlements, it faces challenges around access to wellbeing services, social isolation, and opportunities for intergenerational connection. The redevelopment of the Scout group property into a Community Wellbeing Hub will provide a much-needed inclusive space for residents of all ages. It could support those experiencing loneliness, mental health challenges, and digital exclusion—particularly older adults, young people, and those living in more remote parts of the village. The project will strengthen community ties, promote healthier lifestyles, and create new opportunities for volunteering, learning, and social interaction, helping Dundonald thrive as a resilient and connected coastal community.

The redevelopment of this building will directly support two key outcomes:

- Promoting good mental health and wellbeing
- Tackling social isolation and loneliness

The building will be designed to offer:

- A calm, inclusive environment where individuals feel safe, respected, and supported.
- A venue for the community to offer counselling, peer support groups, and wellbeing workshops.
- Space for preventative activities such as yoga, mindfulness, creative arts, and physical exercise.
- Opportunities for co-design and community involvement, fostering a sense of ownership, belonging, and empowerment.

The building could also serve as a hub in the future to:

- Host informal social spaces for conversation, shared meals, and spontaneous interaction.
- Deliver intergenerational programmes that bring together people of all ages.
- Create volunteering opportunities, helping individuals build purpose and community ties.
- Provide digital inclusion support, including Wi-Fi access, devices, and skills training to help people stay connected.

Please provide information you have about the need and support for the project, eg community consultation

The need for this project has been identified through ongoing engagement with residents, local groups, and volunteers connected to the 48th Ayrshire (Dundonald) Scout Group and Craigie, Dundonald and Symington Parish Church. Community conversations in Dundonald, including those facilitated by South Ayrshire Council since 2021, have consistently highlighted mental health, social isolation and a lack of inclusive spaces as key concerns. The Scout group has received informal feedback from families, older residents, and youth participants expressing strong support for transforming the building which is not fit for purpose. This redevelopment aligns with local priorities and builds on the Scout group's trusted role in the community, offering a familiar and accessible venue for expanded services. The project has the backing of local volunteers and aims to complement existing initiatives such as the award winning Dundonald Castle thriving community hub and Dundonald Sheltered Housing Community Hub, creating a network of support across age groups and needs.

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 ☒

Please select the grant you are applying for and the relevant priority (you can select more than one priority, if applicable)

For small grant only:

- To assist with barriers to sustain the group ☐
- To develop new projects/ideas ☐

For development grant only:

- 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 ☒

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

The proposed redevelopment of the Scout group property in Dundonald aligns strongly with South Ayrshire Council's Council Plan 2023–2028, particularly under the following three strategic priorities:

Spaces and Places

- The project enhances a local community asset, transforming it into a safe, inclusive, and multi-functional space.
- It supports the Council's aim to ensure everyone has opportunities to take part in play, sport and recreation.
- By offering activities in the redevelopment this could contribute to improved access to wellbeing-focused environments.

Live, Work, Learn

- The redevelopment could provide lifelong learning opportunities through digital inclusion support, skills workshops, and volunteering.
- It would support mental health and wellbeing, which is a key concern in South Ayrshire.
- The project encourages a community-led development, helping residents build confidence, skills, and social connections.

Civic and Community Pride

- The redevelopment fosters community ownership and empowerment through co-design and volunteer involvement.
- It could strengthen local identity and pride, especially by revitalising a Scout group property that already holds community significance.
- It could act as a catalyst for intergenerational engagement, helping bridge gaps and build stronger community ties.
- Learning from the Dundonald Castle community hub which has demonstrated a transformative power of community-led regeneration.

Estimated start date:	October 2025 (for purchasing property)
Estimated completion date:	March 2026

Section 4: Project Costs

How much funding are you requesting from the Coastal Communities Fund?

£4900

Are you applying for Revenue or Capital costs, or both?

Revenue ☐

Capital ☒ £ 4900

Please provide a full break down of costs for your project.

If applying for both revenue and capital, then please detail costs separately.

Item/Activity	Cost
Purchase of land	2500
Legal fees	2400
Total	£4900

For development grant only:

Individual item costs over £1000, 3 quotes need to be provided – 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: Gordon Anderson

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : 48th Ayrshire Scout Group

Date: ____08/09/2025_____

Completed application only should be saved as a PDF document and uploaded to the [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) N/A