

**COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND**

**2024/2025**

The closing date for applications is 11<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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	<b>Overmills Allotment Association</b>
Organisation Address	C/o 12 Brennan House Arran Park, Prestwick. KA9 2AW
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated)	Voluntary organisation

association etc. or private sector)	
If a charity or Limited Company please include your number	
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	John Boyle
Position in Organisation	Treasurer

## Section 3: Project Details

### Project Title

**Proposal for a Welfare Unit at Overmills Allotment Site- Part funding**

### About your project/what are you seeking funding for?

#### Background

The Overmills Allotment Association currently operates on a site with no amenities. While the plots provide valuable opportunities for growing food and engaging with nature, the absence of basic facilities limits accessibility, comfort, and the potential to develop the allotments as a wider community resource.

#### Proposal

We propose the installation of a welfare unit on-site. This facility would provide a sheltered rest area, toilet facilities, and basic handwashing, significantly enhancing the experience of all members and visitors.

We are seeking funding support to **partly fund this project**, with the Association contributing resources, fundraising, and volunteer input towards the overall costs. This demonstrates our commitment and ensures shared responsibility for the welfare unit's installation and upkeep.

#### Key Benefits and Outcomes

##### 1. Health and Wellbeing

- Gardening is widely recognised for its physical and mental health benefits. A welfare unit would make the site more welcoming and safer, enabling members to spend longer periods on their plots in comfort.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Access to toilets and handwashing facilities supports good hygiene and reduces health risks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Community Development and Social Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The unit would act as a central hub where members can gather, share knowledge, and support one another.</li> <li>○ It would encourage social interaction, helping to reduce loneliness and social isolation, particularly among older members.</li> <li>○ The space could be used for small workshops, demonstrations, and community events, further extending the value of the allotments to the local area.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Accessibility and Inclusivity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Basic amenities will make the allotments accessible to families with young children, older people, and those with mobility or health issues, ensuring that no one is excluded from participation.</li> <li>○ By improving accessibility, the welfare unit would attract new members and strengthen the long-term sustainability of the association.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Environmental and Educational Benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The welfare unit would support community initiatives around sustainable living, composting, and food growing, helping local people develop practical skills that benefit both households and the wider environment.</li> <li>○ With a central meeting point, the site could host visits from schools, community groups, and educational projects.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <p>Installing a welfare unit would transform Overmills Allotments into a fully inclusive, safe, and welcoming community resource. It would extend the reach and benefits of the allotments beyond individual plot holders, delivering measurable improvements in health, wellbeing, community cohesion, and education.</p> <p>By <b>part-funding this project</b>, you would be helping us create a long-lasting community asset, with the Association itself also contributing towards costs and ongoing management. Together, this partnership approach ensures value for money and a strong, sustainable outcome for the local area.</p>

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

<p>Dalmilling, South Ayrshire, Local community plot holders initially with scope to offer services to wider community groups</p>
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**Please provide information you have about the need and support for the project, eg community consultation**

<p>Require more funding to fulfill the whole costs.</p>
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**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:

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Estimated start date:	When full funding is obtained
Estimated completion date:	

#### **Section 4: Project Costs**

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

**£4950**

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

Revenue ☒ £

Capital ☐ £

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 welfare unit	£11000
Total	£11000

**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: John Boyle \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Overmills Allotment Association \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_11/09/25\_\_\_\_\_

Completed application only should be saved as a PDF document and uploaded to the

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Supporting documents should be e-mailed to [grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

These include:

- Constitution
- Last 3 months bank statements
- Independently verified accounts
- Quotes (where required)