

**FINANCIAL INCLUSION FUND  
2025/2026**

The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 at 5 pm.  
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.

**Who can apply?**

- Groups and organisations who are working directly with residents from low-income households can apply for this grant for capital costs. Applicants will be expected to show how the grant will improve the lives for these families.
- All applicants must be active in our South Ayrshire Council's area and spend any agreed funding such that it benefits residents/communities in South Ayrshire Council areas.
- Third Sector organisations/community groups require to have a constitution and appropriate governance and financial arrangements in place, proportionate to the value of the application.

**Which priority does your project fit in?**

Project must meet at least one of these, please ✓ the most appropriate.

<b>1. Breaking the cycle of debt &amp; dependency</b>	
<b>2. Reducing Child Poverty</b>	
<b>3. A reduction in the number of people in crisis through early intervention</b>	
<b>4. Preparing people for employment, training, education &amp; volunteering opportunities</b>	✓

Which of the following Council Plan priorities most aligns with your proposed project:

Priority 1 – Spaces and Places	
Priority 2 – Live, Work, Learn	✓
Priority 3 – Civic and Community Pride	

## Project Proposal

Organisation Name: AYR ROTARY BENEVOLENT FUND	
Project Name: CAREERS FAIR FOR SENIOR P7 PUPILS IN SCHOLLS BASED IN DEPRIVED AREAS	
Organisation Address: 9 HARRIS GROVE AYR KA7 4GE .....	
Charity No: SCO13822	
Postcode: KA7 4GE	
<p>What are the main activities/purpose of the group:</p> <p>THE AYR ROTARY BENEVOLENT FUND SUPPORTS A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FINANCIALLY SUPPORTS THE LIVING ESSENTIALS AND FOODBANK AT NEWTON SCHOOL</li> <li>ANNUAL CAREERS FAIR FOR PUPILS FROM DEPRIVED AREAS OF AYR TO INSPIRE AND ENVISION THEM TO LOOK AT THE AMAZING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM WHEN THEY LEAVE SCHOOL IN JUST A FEW YEARS TIME.</li> <li>TREE OF REMEMBRANCE AT CHRISTMAS TO RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT CANCER SUPPORT, AND WHITELEYS RETREAT</li> <li>WORKING WITH THE TEACHING STAFF, STARTING A LITERACY PROJECT WITH DALMILLING SCHOOL FROM AUGUST 2025</li> </ul>	
<p>Purpose of grant application – please advise how the grant funding would be spent and how it would benefit recipients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO “OPEN THE EYES” OF THESE SENIOR P7 PUPILS AS THEY EMBARK ON SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION TO SEE WHAT AMAZING AND FULFILLING CAREERS AND EXCITING JOB OPPORTUNITIES THERE ARE IN AND AROUND AYR AND BEYOND, GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THOSE WORKING IN OVER 35 WIDELY</li> </ul>	

DIFFERENT CAREERS , CHOSEN FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASM FOR WHAT THEY DO AND THEIR GIFT OF SHARING THAT ENTHUSIASM WITH THE PUPILS;

- MANY OF THESE CHILDREN WILL BE FROM DIFFICULT HOME BACKGROUNDS WHERE THERE IS LITTLE OR NO ENCOURAGEMENT TO THINK ABOUT THESE OPPORTUNITIES. HOPEFULLY, THUS INSPIRED, THE PUPILS WILL BE BETTER MOTIVATED AS THEY START SECONDARY EDUCATION LOOKING FORWARD TO A LIFE OF FULFILLING AND REWARDING EMPLOYMENT AHEAD, OUT OF POVERTY AND DEPENDENCY.
- OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS, OVER 800 P7 PUPILS HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THESE ENCOUNTERS WITH THESE PROFESSIONAL, MANY OF WHOM THEMSELVES HAD DIFFICULT STARTS IN THEIR LIVES, BUT HAVE NOW BECOME LEADERS IN THEIR CHOSEN CAREERS, AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY WANT TO RETURN EACH YEAR TO SHARE THEIR LIFE EXPERIENCES.
- THE COSTS INCREASE EACH YEAR, IN PARTICULAR THE COSTS OF TRANSPORTING THE CHILDREN TO AND FROM THE AYR TOWN HALL WHERE THE EVENT IS HELD; WE HAVE INCREASED THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS TO 9 AND ARE CONSIDERING A FURTHER INCREASE IN 2026
- ALL CAREER REPS GIVE FREELY OF THEIR TIME, AND DO NOT ASK FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT ETC. ADDITIONAL COSTS INCLUDE RENT OF THE HALL (THOUGH WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL THAT SAC HAVE WAIVED THIS CHARGE IN RECENT YEARS). REFRESHMENTS FOR THOSE ATTENDING FOR THE DAY ARE PROVIDED.
- THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS IMPORTANT DAY EACH YEAR ALIGNS COMPLETELY WITH THE CAPTION FROM SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL....

***“EVERY LEARNER..EVERY DAY...  
GOING TO SCHOOL HAS LOTS OF BENEFITS!  
DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE OPPORTUNITIES!  
GO TO SCHOOL AND LOOK AFTER YOUR FUTURE”***

Total cost of idea/how much are you applying for? Please provide a breakdown:

HIRE OF COACHES FOR THE DAY - £850

HIRE OF AYR TOWN HALL - £250

COST OF LIGHT LUNCHEES/REFRESHMENTS FOR 70 CAREERS REPRESENTATIVES - £300

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST - £ 1400

<b>Are you a constituted group/organisation?</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Do you have a bank account?</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Do you have host organisation in place (if required)?</b> If so, please state host organisation.	<b>YES – ROTARY CLUB OF AYR</b>
<b>Do you give consent for us to use/share your details throughout the Financial Inclusion funding process.</b>	<b>YES</b>

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.
- 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 guidance and essential criteria.
- I have read the associated guidance and essential criteria 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: \_\_\_\_HOWARD  
STEVENSON\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025\_\_\_\_\_

**This application only should be uploaded to [Your Area Your Voice Your Choice](#)**

**Please submit the following information via email to External Funding Officer at:  
[grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)**

- 1. Lead contact name, email address and telephone number.**
- 2. Copy of constitution.**
- 3. Copy of last 3 months bank statements**
- 4. last verified/signed accounts**