

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	Dynamic Dunure
Organisation Address	50 Kennedy Drive, Dunure, KA7 4LT
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	SCIO

If a charity or Limited Company please include your number	SCO51144
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	Derek Chapman
Position in Organisation	Chairperson

Section 3: Project Details

Project Title

Building Dunure and Fisherton's Community Heritage Capacity

About your project/what are you seeking funding for?

We're looking to the Coastal Communities Fund to support the growth in the community base and capacity to be able to capture and manage the intangible heritage and cultural attributes and assets of the area.

Dunure and Fisherton are undergoing extensive regeneration in the capture of their history, heritage and culture. Physical demonstration of the at-risk nature of these lies in the built environment - Castle, Dovecot, harbour and light tower (on the At Risk Register). These are all at risk and need investment. The intangible cultural assets and heritage are also at risk, as the character of the community changes, elderly people move away to be nearer health and social services and stories are lost. Heritage loss is at a tipping point.

The regeneration programme underway has included North Carrick Community Benefit Company and South Ayrshire Council investment in the environment and a start to heritage engagement, interpretation and signage for residents and visitors, The Council is committed to further capital investment in 2026/27 and 2027/28 and a planned community and heritage centre at the Helm on Kennedy Park is the subject of a current submission to the National Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Coastal Communities Fund intervention will allow Dunure and Fisherton to select and recruit expertise in cultural, heritage and history management and interpretation.

They will help us initiate the process of engaging with and encouraging the participation of residents to think about, catalogue and manage their own artefacts, objects, photos, pictures, newscuttings and stories relating to the village. We anticipate identifying a small number of volunteers who would be trained to manage our intangible (and tangible) assets. Not only will this build our capacity and leave us with a legacy from the Fund's support whether or not the National Heritage Fund will commit to our submission, but will also allow us to build on our pilot fishing heritage oral history project with the University of West of Scotland (School of Business and Creative Industries), to record the wider untold stories of women and families in coastal communities.

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

This initiative will take place in Dunure and Fisherton.

The anticipated benefits of this bespoke cultural and heritage initiative is for both the Dunure and Fisherton community and the large number of visitors to the area.

The Dunure and Fisherton community and people will directly benefit from this project. The village is rich in local groups and associations (many of which are in membership of Dynamic Dunure) and communication channels across the village to residents are strong and effective. Local groups will be engaged in this project, including the primary school, the youth club, the harbour association, and the Dunure Coastal Rowing Club, ensuring a wide reach within the community.

Furthermore, we plan the outputs of the project to be disseminated and contribute to engaging village-wide storyboards and appropriate signage, as well as being digitised, made accessible via QR codes and offering downloadable content, thus enhancing the visitor experience and providing easily retrievable information.

To ensure our residents have access to the outputs of this project, we plan to embed these reports within the school curriculum and share them with volunteers, children from the youth club, the Dunure Harbour Association, the Coastal Rowing Club, and the Community Council.

The other community of interest the project will benefit will be visitors. The character of the village and its tourism appeal coincide with the village's heritage assets and stories – the harbour and light tower, castle, cottages, doocot, lime kilns and views to sea from Kennedy Park on the clifftop. The appeal is reinforced by use of the village and harbour as a location for film and TV, including Outlander, Taggart, Annika, The Last Bus, Bollywood videos and filming and Jeremy Levif's music video, helping to alert new audiences to Dunure.

The scale and concentration of these cultural and heritage tourism attributes contribute to Dunure's compelling appeal in an Ayrshire and South Ayrshire

setting. Within striking distance of Dunure are other visitor assets, making it easier to place Dunure on visitor itineraries. Resident population estimated within 90 minutes' drive times is c2.8m people and within 1 hour, c.2.0m people.

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

Dunure has experienced significant changes in its population since COVID-19, with many new residents showing a strong interest in the village's heritage, history and culture but also with a steady loss of elderly residents as they move closer to social and health services.

Plans for the heritage and community centre have been the subject both of working group meetings, formal Dynamic Dunure meetings (with representatives from all groups and associations in membership) and Community Council meetings as well as a community consultation in April 2025. All these have supported the philosophy of heritage as an integral part of the community. The community consultation yielded 72 results of which 65 were positive in favour of the heritage and community centre, 5 undecided and 2 against (65 = 87%).

A call (September 2025) has also now gone out to the community to assemble and contribute their artefacts, stories etc. for the heritage collection. This is already beginning to yield positive responses.

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:

To promote community engagement and both increase and engage with visitors by articulating and presenting our cultural, heritage and historic assets. The outputs of this project will allow for volunteers to offer interpretive tours and talks within the village (e.g. primary school pupils) and for visitors.

Estimated start date:	October 2025
Estimated completion date:	March 2026

Section 4: Project Costs

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

£

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
Appointment of community based heritage and cultural expertise	£4,950
Total	£4,950

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: Derek Chapman _____

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Dynamic Dunure _____

Date: ____10/09/2025____

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

These include:

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