

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	Colmonell Community Association (applying on behalf of Stinchar Connections)
Organisation Address	c/o Barrhill Memorial Hall, Main Street, Barrhill, KA26 0PP
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated)	Colmonell Community Association is a SCIO [Stinchar Connections is a Voluntary organization – in process of completing OSCR application to apply for SCIO status]

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"/> [Once charitable status has been awarded to Stinchar Connections the group will look to open a bank account. Colmonell Community Association has been able to act as a sponsor organisation for Stinchar Connections and apply for grants on behalf of the group thus far]

Section 2: Contact details

Contacts	Lead Contact
Name	Eileen McCutcheon
Position in Organisation	Secretary Colmonell Community Association

Section 3: Project Details

Project Title

Stinchar Connections – Connecting Communities

About your project/what are you seeking funding for?

Stinchar Connections has been successful in receiving funding for a community bus service, operated by South Ayrshire Community Transport, to connect some of the rural villages in the Stinchar Valley. The pilot bus service has been running for 1 year and has received funding for a further 6 months from Carrick Futures. Buses run at times when there is no public bus service, for example, a service on 2 mornings per week to Ballantrae to allow passengers to visit the local GP, shop, garden centre, and a chance to visit the beach and coastline; after school services which allow young people to travel home from after school clubs; early evening services which allow children to travel to and from youth clubs and sports activities in Girvan and Maybole; and a Sunday service allowing people to visit Girvan when there are very limited or no public transport options.

This additional funding would allow an extra opportunity to link the bus with youth club activities in Girvan, and also allow a later service home from Girvan on one evening per week, which will be of benefit to people travelling home from work. This service will be even more valuable to residents from Pinwherry, Pinmore and Barrhill who have seen a

recent change to their public bus timetable, with Stagecoach having withdrawn the Newton Stewart – Girvan service, and the subsequent operator having reduced the frequency of the buses. Most notably there are no buses after the school bus returns to the village, and a reduction in buses on non school days. This is similar to the public bus service provided to Colmonell in that there are no public bus services after the school bus leaves Girvan until after 10pm at night, therefore the 4pm and early evening community bus services operated by South Ayrshire Community Transport are of vital importance to these communities. All buses run to a timetable with a paid driver to ensure reliability of the service.

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

The project will be delivered in South Carrick, and the communities of Pinmore, Pinwherry, Barrhill, Colmonell, Ballantrae, Lendalfoot and Girvan will benefit.

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

Prior to the project starting, the steering group sent out a survey across local Facebook pages, on posters, did letterbox drops in some of the villages, and surveyed young people from Ballantrae Youth Group to find out their views on the proposed community transport project, the routes and times/days suggested, and whether community transport would be useful on any other days of the week. We received 122 responses. The majority were in favour of days and times suggested, and also provided feedback on some other suggestions for times/days/routes which were then added to the route selection.

Following the first pilot year of the community transport initiative, an evaluation is being co-ordinated by NHS Ayrshire and Arran Public Health department to measure the success of the service. An evaluation plan has been drafted, as well as a community questionnaire, questionnaire for drivers and a focus group for steering group members. It is intended that the evaluation will allow feedback on how valuable the service has been, and feedback will also inform future development of the service. Information is currently being gathered, however there are around 130 responses to date. Analysis will be done over the next few months and a report drafted. This will help inform the development of the community bus service going forward.

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:

Many of the villages served by the Stinchar Connections community transport project have developed their own place plan (Barrhill, Pinwherry & Pinmore, Colmonell, Ballantrae & Lendalfoot).

Estimated start date:	1st October 2025
Estimated completion date:	31st March 2026

Section 4: Project Costs

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

£3909.60

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

Revenue ☒ £3909.60

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
Additional bus mileage of 82 miles per week with driver time 4 hours = £162.60 (£162.90 x 24 weeks)	£3909.60
Total	£3909.60

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.

NB – a quote from South Ayrshire Community Transport for the bus and driver costs has been included. There are no other community transport operators in South Ayrshire, therefore no other provider who can provide an additional quote, so only one quote has been provided.

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): Colmonell Community Association

- 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: Eileen McCutcheon _____

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Colmonell Community Association _____

Date: 10/09/25 _____

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)