



FINANCIAL INCLUSION FUND

2025/2026

The closing date for applications is 31st 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 31st 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.

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| 1. **Breaking the cycle of debt & dependency** |  |
| 1. **Reducing Child Poverty** |  |
| 1. **A reduction in the number of people in crisis through early intervention** |  |
| 1. **Preparing people for employment, training, education & volunteering opportunities** |  |

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

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

**Project Proposal**

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| **Organisation Name:** | |  |
| **Project Name:** | |  |
| **Organisation Address:** | |  |
| **Charity No:** | |  |
| **Postcode**: | |  |
| **What are the main activities/purpose of the group:** | | |
| **Purpose of grant application – please advise how the grant funding would be spent and how it would benefit recipients:** | | |
| **Total cost of idea/how much are you applying for? Please provide a breakdown:** | | |
| **Are you a constituted group/organisation?**  **Do you have a bank account?**  **Do you have host organisation in place (if required)?**  If so, please state host organisation.  **Do you give consent for us to use/share your details throughout the Financial Inclusion funding process.** | **YES/NO**  **YES/NO**  **YES/NO**  **YES/NO** | |

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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**This application only should be uploaded to** [**Your Area Your Voice Your Choice**](https://sac.communitychoices.scot/)

**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**