

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	Troon Mens Shed
Organisation Address	c/o 18 Staffin Road Troon KA10 7JB
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	SC053474.
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	Owen Neil
Position in Organisation	Vice Chair

Section 3: Project Details

Project Title

Professional Fee Grant Support associated to Redevelopment of Hosiery Park into Troon Mens Shed

About your project/what are you seeking funding for?

Troon Mens Shed is in the process of acquiring Hosiery Park Pavilion via CAT with SAC to become the new and permanent home of TMS. In terms of our developments plan we have engaged professional architects on the feasibility and redevelopment planning work involved to support and inform our CAT application and project development. We have already received the 1st phase of advice and feasibility support from our architects and have paid for this from existing TMS funds.

The next phase would be for our architects to prepare the relevant detailed planning application drawings and specifications for SAC to ensure our development plans in due course would receive approval by SAC Planning Dept. and in order for us to submit a formal offer to purchase the HPP building with confidence should we receive a successful outcome to our CAT application from SAC.

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

Troon is the Community, and Troon and surrounding areas are the main beneficiaries

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

The purpose of our Men's Shed is to provide recreational facilities and advance the social needs, health and well being of men of all ages and backgrounds living in Troon and surrounding areas. Troon Men's Shed was established in April 2024 and has a growing membership with 90 members as at 30 Aug 2025.

Fortnightly social meetings are currently held in The Lighthouse Christian Centre in Ailsa Road, Troon where tea and coffee are provided and guest speakers such as Prostate Scotland, Scottish Men's Shed Association, Fishermen's Mission, Troon Community Council, Troon Club 41 have given talks.

NHS Ayrshire and Arran have held an ageing well Functional Fitness MOT. Visits have taken place to UPM Caledonian Paper Mill and the Scottish Maritime Museum in Irvine.

Our members have volunteered to help out at community events in Troon; Wintertainment, Troon Round Table Fireworks and Santa Float.

We also supported (April 2025) Ayrshire Cancer Support with getting their new Ayr centre ready by moving items from storage, and assembling desks, tables, cupboards, sofas, chairs, putting up pictures and providing other volunteer assistance.

The acquisition of the Hosiery Park Pavilion will enable us to meet more regularly and undertake practical workshop activities which we are unable to do in a hired meeting hall.

A Stage 1 Community Asset Transfer Request was submitted to South Ayrshire Council in November 2024 and the informal Stage 2 request is currently being reviewed / finalised with a target formal submission date end of Sept 25.

The Hosiery Park Pavilion building is in poor condition as it has been unused for several years, and once acquired would be repaired and converted into a suitable facility comprising of a large multi-use social space for the use of TMS members and other local community groups when not in use by TMS, an activity workshop area where woodworking and other similar practical activities can be undertaken, and a small kitchen area for tea/coffee preparation for members and other user groups etc.

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:

Troon Men's Shed (TMS) is a group setup within the guidelines of the Scottish Men's Shed Association (SMSA) and is now a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) regulated by the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), Scottish Charity No. SC053474

Troon Mens Shed is a local charity for men of all ages living in and around Troon. For those with time on their hands who want to relax and perhaps engage in practical activities, build social connections, support the community, learn and share skills or just to get out of the house to meet other men thus improving mental health and wellbeing and helping to combat loneliness and isolation. We now have 90 members as off August 2025

Estimated start date:	Group founded in April 2024
Estimated completion date:	Ongoing, but next phase of our project architectural work starting October/Nov 2025 and due to complete Feb / March 2026

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
Grant support towards TMS next stage Planning Consent and Building Warrant Applications via our architects Thomson Hunter Associates Kilmarnock. See attached Quotation from Thomson Hunter and ref to Design sections 3.0 and 4.0 only at this stage. Note also second quotation included as requested, however a 3rd RFQ was requested from additional architects, but in spite of chasing on several occasions, no response received to date.	£4950 partial grant toward the full cost to TMS of £8,520 including VAT for the next stage in our architectural support fees as indicated left.
Our board of trustees selected Thomson Hunter based on their professionalism, experience in working on smaller Charity led community project developments and from recommendations received from engagement with other Troon local community groups i.e Troon Watersports Hub	
Total	£4950

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; Invoices can be provided in due course as photographs of professional services provided are N/A

- 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: Owen Neil _____

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Troon Mens Shed _____

Date: ____10 September 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)