

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>

Section 1: Organisation Details

Organisation Name	Maybole Women's Group
Organisation Address	c/o 12 Hutchison St, Maybole Ayrshire KA19 7EA
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	Constituted Women's Group

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"/>

Section 2: Contact details

Contacts	Lead Contact
Name	Linda Paterson
Position in Organisation	Group secretary
	07871 624 680
	maybolewomensgoup@outlook.com

Section 3: Project Details

Project Title

Creating a cultural experience.

About your project/what are you seeking funding for?

<p>Connecting Through Culture: A Theatre Experience for Maybole Women's Group"</p> <p>Amount Requested:</p> <p>£965</p> <p>Project Summary:</p> <p>The Maybole Women's Group seeks funding to organise a day/evening trip to the theatre for its members. This initiative aims to promote social inclusion, mental well-being, and cultural engagement among women who have experienced isolation due to anxiety, mental health challenges, or the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
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What community will this project be delivered in and what communities will benefit?

This project will be delivered in Maybole, South Ayrshire, where the Maybole Women's Group meets weekly. The group provides a safe and supportive space for women from the local area to connect, share experiences, and build confidence.

The primary beneficiaries will be women living in and around Maybole, many of whom face barriers such as social isolation, mental health challenges, and limited access to cultural experiences. By offering a theatre day trip, we aim to uplift these individuals and strengthen their sense of belonging.

Wider communities across North Carrick—including Kirkoswald, Dunure, Crosshill, and surrounding villages—may also benefit indirectly, as participants return with renewed confidence, stronger social ties, and increased engagement in local activities. The project fosters inclusion, well-being, and community spirit across the region.

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

The need for this project has emerged directly from the voices of the women in our group. Through regular discussions at our weekly meetings in Maybole Library, members have expressed a strong desire for shared experiences beyond the local area, particularly cultural outings that foster connection and joy. Many have never attended a live theatre performance, and the idea of a day/evening trip was met with enthusiasm and emotional support from the group.

Our approach is rooted in community-led decision-making. Activities are chosen by the women themselves, with support from volunteers who help organise and deliver what the woman within the group wants. This ensures the project reflects genuine interest and need, rather than top-down planning.

We also work closely with Thriving Communities, who provide space and guidance, and have helped us grow steadily in numbers. Word-of-mouth and peer encouragement have been key to our success, showing that the group is trusted and valued locally.

The proposed theatre trip is not just a day/evening out, it's a response to isolation, anxiety, and a lack of access to cultural life. It's backed by the women's voices, supported by local networks, and designed to uplift and empower.

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:

N/A

Estimated start date:	01/12/2025
Estimated completion date:	01/03/2026

Section 4: Project Costs

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

£965

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
Tickets	£800.00
Transport	£144.00
Snacks	£21.00
Total	£965.00

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: Linda Paterson – Group Secretary

On behalf of: (Organisation name): Maybole Women's Group

Date: 10/09/2025

Completed applications 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)