

**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.

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

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

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

Project Proposal

Organisation Name: Community Wellbeing Hub CIC	
Project Name: Empowering people to work in Holistic Therapies	
Organisation Address: 17 Barns Road, Maybole	
Charity No: SC693646	
Postcode: KA7 7EN	
<p>What are the main activities/purpose of the group: Helping people to move their lives forward using holistic therapies, and enabling those who would otherwise be unable to afford to participate to have the same opportunities. The Hub offers holistic therapies and wellbeing sessions to those living with chronic conditions, stress, anxiety and depression, and who have a financial barrier to accessing help to get out of the cycle. The Hub can access fully accredited training for clients to qualify in one or more holistic therapies and have previously been funded to do so, with outstanding results and many people now running their own businesses, CICs and charities, or volunteering within 3rd sector with our support. Some others have also gone back to college to pursue higher education after the boost their treatments and training has given them.</p>	
<p>Purpose of grant application – please advise how the grant funding would be spent and how it would benefit recipients:</p> <p>The grant funding would allow 10 local people to qualify in a holistic therapy of their choice – either Reflexology, Massage, Reiki, Sound Healing, Aromatherapy, Biofield clearing, or wellbeing activity facilitator. Training would take place at the Hub premises in Maybole. Each recipient would receive training to an accredited level, allowing them to begin working or volunteering within their chosen discipline. Volunteering opportunities would be available within the Hub to build confidence, support their vision and allow them to network with potential clients. A small start up pack would be issued to each candidate with record keeping documents, discounted insurance code, and some basic supplies to ease their transition into employability. Recipients will have the ability to become self employed, employed or work within 3rd sector with their new skills, and our past success demonstrates that people can really change their lives with our</p>	

support. This type of work is particularly suitable for people with young children or caring commitments due to it's flexibility and as such has previously allowed participants to access a route to employment that is flexible to fit around their family life.

Total cost of idea/how much are you applying for? Please provide a breakdown:

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Total £ 4500

10 x individual places on accredited training courses in a variety of holistic therapies to enable candidate to ascertain which discipline best suits their needs and abilities. £3500

10 x starter packs with insurance discount link, legal documentation and basic equipment. £1000

Are you a constituted group/organisation?

YES

Do you have a bank account?

YES

Do you have host organisation in place (if required)?

N/A

If so, please state host organisation.

Do you give consent for us to use/share your details throughout the Financial Inclusion funding process.	YES
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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: _____ Tracy McCrindle _____

Date: _____ 18/07/25 _____

This application only should be uploaded to [Your Area Your Voice Your Choice](#)

**Please submit the following information via email to External Funding Officer at:
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**