

**FINANCIAL INCLUSION FUND  
2025/2026**

The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

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

<b>Priority 1 – Spaces and Places</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Priority 2 – Live, Work, Learn</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Priority 3 – Civic and Community Pride</b>	<b>X</b>

## **Project Proposal**

<b>Organisation Name:</b>	<b>Tarbolton Community Council</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Voice of the Villages (Three Villages Forum Project)</b>
<b>Organisation Address:</b>	<b>2 Smithfield Crescent Tarbolton KA5 5RE</b>
<b>Charity No:</b>	<b>SC054279</b>
<b>Postcode:</b>	<b>KA5 5RE</b>
<p><b>What are the main activities/purpose of the group:</b></p> <p>Tarbolton Community Council is a community organisation set up by the people of Tarbolton, for the people of Tarbolton. Our objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The advancement of education;</li> <li>b) The advancement of citizenship or community development;</li> <li>c) The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science;</li> <li>d) The advancement of environmental protection or improvement;</li> </ul> <p>Set up to help facilitate the actions that are laid out in the Tarbolton Community-led Action Plan and the Tarbolton Place Plan that were produced by Tarbolton Community Council over the past 2-years. In addition to this we are a partner organisation on the Three Villages Forum (a working group between Tarbolton CC, Annbank Community Association, and Mossblown Matters).</p>	
<p><b>Purpose of grant application – please advise how the grant funding would be spent and how it would benefit recipients:</b></p> <p>The Tarbolton Community Council SCIO is applying for this funding as part of its affiliation with the 'Three Villages Forum'. We have recently ran a 'Trip Down Memory Lane' project which was out inaugural project to show people that as villages we are not only tightly knit in terms of our history but the communities are still close. During this some old copies of a monthly newsletter that was distributed round Tarbolton in the 80s/90s called 'The Tarbolton Times' were found and brought along to our consultation sessions and from the public there was an overwhelming consensus that this is something that should be brought back.</p> <p>In the times that we live in where everything is posted on social media, those who aren't on it find life very isolating (especially in the outlying villages of Tarbolton, Annbank, and Mossblown). In addition to this, there is no space for community groups to provide regular longer form updates to the public because of social medias demand for content to be short and engaging for our ever shrinking attention spans. The Three Villages Forum is going to bring back the Tarbolton Times as 'The Voice of the</p>	

Villages' which will be a monthly/bi-monthly printed booklet/newsletter that will be sold within the Three Villages. This will help to bring the communities closer together by updating each other on our news and it will also reduce social isolation, an issue which is so prevalent, within the villages by updating those socially isolated on what is going on in the community and what events are running, encouraging them to attend and integrate back into community life.

This is going to help prepare people for employment, training, education & volunteering opportunities because the magazine is going to be run solely by young volunteers. Equipping with them with skills in journalism, writing, communications, design, commercial printing, marketing, distribution, community engagement, and so much more we are providing them with invaluable on-the-job experience that they can use when applying to jobs, apprenticeships, college, university, etc. We plan to work with industry experts who can come and speak to the volunteer team and provide them with advice for those wishing to go into the industries.

All profits that are made off the publication will go right back into the production of it.

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

In order to make the project viable in the long term and reduce costs we plan to purchase the printing equipment and materials ourselves rather than relying on commercial printing costs for each issue. We plan to apply for **£4,829.72** which will cover a Printer, Machinery, Materials, and Workstations.

Item	Item Cost	Quantity	Final Cost
HP Colour LaserJet Pro MFP 4302dw A4 colour Multifunction Laster Printer	£322.26	2	£644.52
Compatible HP 220A Toner Cartridges Multipack	£187.14	2	£374.28
Galaxy Bookit Booklet Maker	£500.00	1	£500.00
iMac Mini	£600.00	3	£1,800.00
ACER KB272GOBI 27" IPS Monitor	£115.00	6	£690.00
Dahle Guillotine A4 320mm Blue 8 Sheets	£38.93	1	£38.93
Galaxy 24/6 Premium Machine Staples 1000pcs	£5.99	5	£29.95
Viking Multipurpose A4 Coloured Paper Pink 80gsm 500 Sheets	£9.35	2	£18.10
Viking Multipurpose A4 Coloured Paper Blue 80gsm 500 Sheets	£9.35	2	£18.10
Viking Multipurpose A4 Coloured Paper Vivid Yellow 80gsm 500 Sheets	£11.39	2	£22.78
Viking Multipurpose A4 Coloured Paper Lilac 80gsm 500 Sheets	£9.95	2	£19.90
Viking Everyday A4 Printer Paper 80 gsm Bright White 153 CIE 500 Sheets Pack of 5	£21.54	10	£215.40
Samsung T7 Portable SSD 1TB	£90.00	3	£270.00
Anker USB-C SD Card Reader	£20.00	1	£20.00
Dell Pro Plus Compact Keyboard and Mouse – KM7120W – UK (QWERTY)	£55.92	3	£167.76

**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**

I, on behalf of, Tarbolton Community Council:

- 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: Matthew McColm

Date: 25/07/2025

**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](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**