

**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: South Ayrshire Escape from Homelessness (SeAscape) Ltd	
Project Name: Frontline Flexible Fund	
Organisation Address: Unit 1A, Mosshill Industrial Estate, Ayr	
Charity No: SC028570	
Postcode: KA6 6BE	
What are the main activities/purpose of the group: <p>Our VISION is that everyone has a safe, secure place to call home and the opportunity to thrive within their community. Our MISSION is to provide the support and resources necessary to enable individuals and families to establish a safe secure home with stability and positive community connections.</p> <p>Over the last 26 years SeAscape have supported thousands of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. We recognise that simply giving someone a house is not the answer to tackling homelessness. What is needed is a holistic approach, positive relationships, and a sense of purpose and belonging. We provide this support through multiple projects, including the delivery of housing support services, services to refugees, and support to people on release from prison on behalf of South and East Ayrshire Councils. We support an average of 1,000 people per year.</p> <p>We are contracted by South Ayrshire Council to provide a Housing and Homelessness Support Service for people aged over 26. To ensure we deliver wraparound support, we also operate a number of independently funded projects. The I'M IN! project funded by the Scottish Government aims to increase positive homeless prevention outcomes in the Private Rented Sector through early intervention and person-centred support. Our befriending project: Reconnect with Hope, aims to tackle social isolation and our Pass It On furniture project helps people to create a home environment in which they can thrive. We also operate our Social Enterprise: Reuse Furniture Store based in Ayr Central which contributes towards the costs of our independent projects.</p>	

Purpose of grant application – please advise how the grant funding would be spent and how it would benefit recipients:

An award from the Financial Inclusion Fund will allow us to continue to operate a Flexible Frontline Fund which in the last financial year helped us increase the number of positive homeless prevention outcomes in South Ayrshire. Last year this emergency fund was accessible to our service users in the Private Rented Sector who were at risk of homelessness and needed urgent intervention, in this financial year we would like to broaden the eligibility criteria for the fund to include all tenures. Distribution of funds will be at the discretion of our support workers, overseen by our service coordinator to determine what the person needs and will directly impact on the prevention activities undertaken in their case.

Examples may include but are not limited to:

Person has identified and moved into alternative accommodation but has exhausted funds in removal costs etc and needs short term assistance to top up their electric/gas meters.

Person we are supporting has moved to a village location without mains gas, and is required to pay in advance to fill their oil tank for which there is no alternative energy support.

Person we are supporting has been able to access alternative accommodation but needs some assistance to top up their deposit/rent in advance/pay for removal costs to secure the accommodation and directly prevent homelessness and is unable to wait for the outcome of DHP for fear of losing the offered property.

Person we are supporting has lost/damaged their mobile phone which prevents them from engaging with essential support/adhering to Universal Credit claimant commitment etc. This would allow us to replace the phone to ensure we can continue to engage with them and link them in with other key services. We can supply a SIM card with 6 months call time and data through our partnership with Vodafone.

Person is at risk of eviction due to condition of tenancy / hoarding. This would allow us to access specialist cleaning / clearing / support where there are no alternatives available from other agencies.

Giving people the opportunity to lift themselves out of poverty by assisting with funding not available through statutory sources, which would allow a person to access training or employment opportunities through assisting with certification, renewal of construction cards etc.

Any individual at risk of homelessness can be referred by existing partners or can self-refer and be assessed by the coordinator to be eligible for assistance through the project.

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

Frontline Flexible Fund: £4,950

(Items will be determined based on needs of service users accessing the service for which examples have been given above)

This fund would be delivered alongside our existing services, namely our Housing Support Service for people aged 26 and over which is currently contracted by South Ayrshire Council until 31 March 2026 and our I'M IN! Project which is delivered in partnership with Ayr Housing Aid Centre to prevent homelessness from the Private Rented Sector and currently funded by the Scottish Government until 31 March 2026.

Are you a constituted group/organisation?	YES
Do you have a bank account?	YES
Do you have host organisation in place (if required)? If so, please state host organisation.	N/A
Do you give consent for us to use/share your details throughout the Financial Inclusion funding process.	YES

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: ___Kelsey Kane_____

Date: ___28/07/2025_____

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**

- 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**

