

**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>Priority 3 – Civic and Community Pride</b>	

## Project Proposal

<b>Organisation Name: RecoveryAyr</b>	
<b>Project Name: @48</b>	
<b>Organisation Address: 48 Newmarket Street, Ayr, KA7 1LR</b>	
<b>Charity No: SC045041</b>	
<b>Postcode: KA7 1LR</b>	
<b>What are the main activities/purpose of the group:</b>  RecoveryAyr is a peer led grassroots recovery charity, established in 2014, who provide recreational activities, along with training and volunteering activities which support individual and whole family recovery from alcohol or drug use. We have over 100 members and over 35 volunteers, and our activities and developments are driven by our members, participants, volunteers, trustees, and staff.	
<b>Purpose of grant application – please advise how the grant funding would be spent and how it would benefit recipients:</b>  Working with our members we developed a proposal to create a vibrant and thriving venue (@48) in the heart of Ayr, which enriches and enhances the whole community. @48 is an alcohol free, family friendly, venue which offers social activities and events, along with opportunities for volunteering, accredited training, and employment, and opportunities to support the local community to develop.  We currently operate a weekly community café, Café Hope, which offers tasty home cooked three course meal for £2.50, with under 16s eating for free. One of our ambitions is to open the community café further, providing a safe space for the whole community. To support our ambition we would like to offer our volunteers additional training and support to allow the community café to be led by our volunteers and accessible by to the whole community.  Our proposal seeks funding to support three areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of training e.g. barista, REHIS, First Aid, along with the support to allow the community café to be led by our volunteers and local community.</li> <li>• Supporting our new monthly Family Café we run in partnership with the Connexions Family Support service. The family café provides a safe space for children and parents to come together, access fun activities and a free lunch.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introducing a 'pay it forward' model for our community café where individuals on low income can attend and feel part of their local community, reducing isolation and stigma.</li> </ul>	
<b>Total cost of idea/how much are you applying for? Please provide a breakdown:</b>  The funding below would support the three areas of our activities from September 2025 – March 2026.  Volunteer training e.g. Barista, REHIS, First Aid - £850.  Catering for community café – £600  Catering for monthly family café (September – March) – £350  Volunteer costs e.g. travel - £200	
<b>Are you a constituted group/organisation?</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Do you have a bank account?</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Do you have host organisation in place (if required)?</b> If so, please state host organisation.	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Do you give consent for us to use/share your details throughout the Financial Inclusion funding process.</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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: James Dysart, Trustee  
 Date: 31/7/25

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](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**