

**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	X
3. A reduction in the number of people in crisis through early intervention	X
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	X
Priority 2 – Live, Work, Learn	
Priority 3 – Civic and Community Pride	

Project Proposal

Organisation Name: The Carrick Centre	
Project Name: Heat & Eat – Family Supper Club	
Organisation Address: Culzean Road Maybole	
Charity No: SC041794	
Postcode: KA19 7DE	
<p>What are the main activities/purpose of the group:</p> <p>The Carrick Centre is a community hub in Maybole, South Ayrshire, providing a wide range of services, activities, and support for local residents. Our purpose is to be “<i>The Heart of the Community</i>” by delivering inclusive, accessible opportunities that improve wellbeing, reduce isolation, and tackle poverty. We operate the Carrick Café, the Maybole Food Pantry, youth programmes, training and volunteering opportunities, and a variety of social and educational activities for all ages. Our aim is to strengthen community connections to support those facing financial hardship, and create a welcoming space where everyone can access the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.</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 will be used for <u>project costs</u> to support the delivery of our “Heat and Eat” Family Supper Club, which will run every Tuesday evening from the end of October 2025 to the end of March 2026 alongside our Food Pantry’s evening opening hours. Items will include; insulated food transport containers, durable food preparation tools, reusable serving ware, and storage solutions.</p>	

This equipment will enable us to prepare and serve nutritious, hot meals efficiently and safely for **local families**, while keeping running costs low so the project can continue in future years. By providing a hot meal in a warm, welcoming space, families can save on household energy costs, improve their diet, and spend quality time together. Linking the Supper Club with the Food Pantry means families can collect affordable groceries and enjoy a meal in one visit, helping to tackle both food insecurity and fuel poverty in South Ayrshire. The equipment will remain in use for other community food projects after the funding period, ensuring a lasting benefit to the community.

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

Budget breakdown

Food for 20 Supper Club sessions – £2,750

Kitchen Equipment – £1,500

Reusable resources for families including food storage – £700

Total = £4,950

Are you a constituted group/organisation?

YES/NO

Do you have a bank account?

YES/NO

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/NO

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: ____Paula Lennox____

Date: ____12/08/2025____

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**