

**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>	

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

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

## **Project Proposal**

<b>Organisation Name: Glendoune Community Association</b>	
<b>Project Name: Glendoune Support Hub</b>	
<b>Organisation Address: 60 Piedmont Road, Girvan</b>	
<b>Charity No:</b>	
<b>Postcode: KA26 0DS</b>	
<p align="center"><b>What are the main activities/purpose of the group:</b></p> <p>GCA provides services and activities to both adults and children in the Glendoune area, one of the most poverty-stricken areas in Ayrshire. We provide local children a structured programme of activities to provide them with a safe and productive outlet during the school holidays, we also provided food at this programme to ensure that all children were being provided with a meal on each day of attendance.</p> <p>During the school summer holiday, we work alongside Thriving Communities, to provide an extensive summer programme. This programme involves a rotation of activities and weekly excursion. Our full programme is supported through different strands of funding to allow the programme to have no expense for targeted children, this is completely youth led and created by the young people in the area.</p> <p>Early intervention is a key element to the work in Glendoune and we are continuously adapting our provision to meet the evolving needs of the community, the organisation has created a responsive and inclusive environment where individuals can thrive. Tailored support, accessible resources, and a commitment to listening have empowered the community to overcome challenges and work collaboratively toward shared goals, driving lasting impact and growth.</p> <p>Providing volunteer opportunities for young people in deprived communities is vital for fostering confidence, building skills, and opening pathways to future success. These experiences not only empower youth to see their value and potential but also strengthen community bonds, creating a positive cycle of growth, leadership, and resilience from within.</p> <p>Delivering seasonal events in a previously overlooked, deprived area has brought joy,</p>	

connection, and a renewed sense of pride to the community. Where once there was little celebration, these events have created moments of togetherness, uplifted spirits, and shown residents that their area—and their voices—matter. This consistent presence has sparked hope and strengthened community identity, turning shared experiences into lasting positive change.

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

We would be looking for funding to support the Glendoune Support Hub. Within the Glendoune Centre, we run our Glendoune Support Hub every Monday from 10am-3pm. Within the Hub, we have services who attend to support locals who drop in. The support hub also has a community pantry, where locals who are struggling to access food, gas or electricity, can come in for support from staff.

Every week we are seeing more and more clients coming in looking to access the pantry as they are really struggling. Due to the cost-of-living, food prices are always increasing, this along with the increasing numbers of clients means that the cost to provide food, gas & electric is becoming increasingly difficult. This funding, if successful, would allow the Glendoune Centre to continue to provide food parcels and gas & electric vouchers to those in need. As we are looking to progress our community, this support hub is now run in partnership with Thriving Communities and Information & Advice Hub. This will allow a logistic approach within the drop-in as we are able to tackle the reasons to locals accessing the support hub by giving them direct support within the hub. This allows the full team to support with benefit advice, community groups and referring directly to other services such as Employability.

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

30 weeks: Food Pantry Items = £2,250  
30 weeks: Gas & Electricity Vouchers = £1,000

**Are you a constituted group/organisation?**

**YES**

**Do you have a bank account?**

**YES**

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

**NO**

If so, please state host organisation.

<b>Do you give consent for us to use/share your details throughout the Financial Inclusion funding process.</b>	<b>YES</b>
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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: Codie Hodge

Date: 14/08/2025

**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](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**