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**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FUND
2025/2026**

The closing date for applications is Thursday 1st May 2025 at 5pm.

Please refer to the associated guidance when completing this application form.

All projects must be completed by 28th February 2026

AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUESTED

TYPE OF GRANT	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	SELECT ONE
*Small grant	Up to £4950	To assist with any barriers to sustaining your group. For development of smaller projects.	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Community ownership/Community Asset Transfer (CAT)/ Community empowerment	Up to £15,000	For groups who are taking ownership of land or assets. To support groups going through CAT or who have successfully achieved this, as well as supporting groups who are taking the lease of an asset. To support groups to achieve the priorities identified within their place plans or Community Action Plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

*** only one type of grant can be selected**

SECTION 1 – ORGANISATION DETAILS

a	Organisation Name	Vics In The Community
b	Organisation Address	New Voluntary Park Glenmuir Place Ayr, KA8 9RW
c	Website	Vic's In The Community Local Community Charity in Ayr Vicsinthecommunity.com – (Being Updated)
d	Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO,	Scottish Charitable Incorporated Org (SCIO)



	unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	
e	If a charity or Limited Company please include your number	SC048328
f	Is your organisation VAT registered?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g	Does your group/organisation have a bank account?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 2 – CONTACT DETAILS

The contacts below will be required to read the guidance notes and consent to being contacted by the council officers managing this fund including for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

	Contacts	Lead Contact	Secondary Contact
a	Name		
b	Position in Organisation		
c	Contact E-mail		
d	Contact Telephone Number		

SECTION 3 – PROJECT DETAILS

a	Project Title	Vics In The Community – Redevelopment of Community Hub
b	This application is to support the capital costs for installing security shutters at all door and window entry points at our redeveloped pavilion that is under construction and scheduled to open in June 2025.	



	<p>The pavilion project was tendered in 2024 and work started in December 2024 with local construction firm MCW the appointed contractor. Work was scheduled to be completed by 31st May 2025 however with some construction delays the project will now be complete in June 2025.</p> <p>The total valuation of the project is £620,614.67 (additional costs likely) and funding was secured from Sports Scotland, Scottish Football Association, Coastal Communities, Scottish Football Partnership, LT Landfill and EB Scotland Landfill.</p> <p><u>The Pavilion Project</u></p> <p>The pavilion has been derelict for approximately 25 years and since Vics took on the 25 lease from SAC we £55,000 on a new roof and just under £40,000 in professional fees to prior to the construction work starting. The facility will include changing facilities, facilities for officials, accessible facilities for participants and spectators and a community hub area where we can deliver activities for young people and adults.</p> <p>Since the facility was upgraded in 2021, Vics In The Community have made upgrades to enhance our visitors and communities experience including spectator barriers, benches, dugouts and are currently in the final construction stages of our redeveloped Pavilion and Community Hub.</p> <p>NVP has become the cornerstone of our community, a place people feel safe and can get support and advice in addition to the opportunities to participate in football. The pavilion will allow us to host a range of activities for young people and adults and will be a community asset.</p> <p>The Trustees do however recognise the significant antisocial behaviour in the area and the risk to the building once it is completed, therefore this application is to assist with security.</p>
c	<p>What community will this project be delivered in and what communities will benefit?</p> <p>NVP is located in Whitletts with North Ayr that is recognised as the most deprived community in South Ayrshire and among the top 5% data zones in Scotland. People living in the community experience the poorest outcomes including lower life expectancy, poorer attainment, poverty and poorer mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Vics In The Community is recognised as the anchor organisation that assists children and families living in poverty, the community team continue to support mental health and wellbeing, food insecurity, financial hardship and people who are digitally excluded.</p> <p>Our base at NVP is the cornerstone of the community with over 1000 visitors weekly across our organised kids and adult teams, community programmes and volunteers. We offer opportunities across the full lifespan from kids' football to our walking football programmes for both males and females.</p>



	<p>Our project will support people living in our local community and people registered with our teams and programmes. The Community Hub will provide a facility to delivery adult learning, employability, youth work and drop-ins for families.</p>
d	<p>If your project will require maintenance in future years how will your organisation achieve/fund this?</p> <p>Yes, this proposal is to safeguard and protect the facility from anti-social behaviour and to mitigate the risk of anyone breaking into the facility. Once installed the shutters will be maintained and managed by Vics.</p>
e	<p>Can your project demonstrate that your project/organisation needs have been identified through consultation? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>During the planning stage Vics In The Community carried out extensive engagement and consultation with the local community this was a requirement as part of the acquisition of the lease. Upgrading and turning the facility into community use was also part of the North Ayr 2020 Place Plan that was published by SAC.</p> <p>More recently Vics have been involved in discussions with the local Community and SAC reps to discuss anti-social behaviour around the facility and at James Brown Avenue Field. This proposal will mitigate the risk of vandalism at the pavilion.</p>
f	<p>Which of the following Council plan priorities most aligns with your proposed project:</p> <p>Priority 1 – Spaces & Places <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Priority 2 – Live, Work, learn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Priority 3 – Civic & Community Pride <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>What UKSPF priority does it meet:</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Green Spaces, Active Travel, Sports Facilities, Cost of Living Support)</p>



	<p>Community Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Crime Reduction/Prevention)</p> <p>Community Inclusion <input type="checkbox"/> (Arts, Culture, Heritage, Volunteering, Digital Connectivity, Local Engagement and Regeneration)</p> <p>Does your project meet with any of the following objectives?</p> <p>Ownership of local land and assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community led regeneration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Assist with Community Asset Transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Align with Community Wealth Building Principles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Link into your local place plan/community action plan priorities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If linking into a place plan or a community action plan, please details which priority it will be achieving:</p> <p>Improving sports facilities and turning them into community use was an action noted in the North Ayr Place Plan 2020.</p> <p>Our Project also aligns with various SAC and Community Planning Partnership priorities including the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy, Community Learning and Development Plan, Community Empowerment Act and Local Outcome Improvement Plan.</p>	
g	Estimated start date:	June 2025
h	Estimated completion date:	July 2025
i	<p>Is your application submitted in partnership with other organisations? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please detail.</p>	



j	<p>If your project relates to a property or land, please confirm whether you own, or lease the property or land own <input type="checkbox"/> lease <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (</p> <p>If lease, an indication that the owner is supportive or aware that plans will be required. Please detail how you will provide evidence of support, ie long term lease</p> <p>A copy of the lease will be attached – the lease is a 25-year FRI lease. Vics have been discussing with neighbourhood service regarding security at the site including a new fence once the boundary can be extended. SAC are supportive due to the level of investment that Vics have secured. (Fiona Ross SAC Service Lead – Neighbourhood Services)</p> <p>If lease, then a copy of the lease needs to be provided.</p>
k	<p>Please tick/populate as appropriate: Are you aware of the appropriate consents required for this project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Do you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory consents for your project in place <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Planning, including listed building and conservation area consents <input type="checkbox"/> • Building Warrants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Evidence of Pre application discussion • <input type="checkbox"/> Please include your reference number _____ <p>Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Copies of any of the above need to be provided</p>

SECTION 4 – PROJECT COSTS

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a	<p>How much are you requesting from the Community Empowerment Fund</p> <p>Are you applying for Revenue or Capital costs, or both?</p> <p>Revenue <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>£6,261.88 Excluding VAT</p> <p>Total - £7,827.35</p>



	Capital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
b	<p>Please provide a full break down of costs for your project. If applying for both revenue and capital, then please details costs separately.</p> <p>*For costs over £1000, 3 quotes need to be provided – <u>if relevant quotes are not provided when submitting application, it will not be considered.</u></p> <p>The project has already been tendered as part of a competitive tender, the cover tender that details the tenders are included. This application is to include shutters that were omitted as part of a cost reduction and reengineering prior to the contract being award due to a funding gap.</p> <p>We are required to go with the preferred tender for this work as this is part of a wider project. The costs that have been applied for are the costs that the tender provided for the shutters to cover the doors and windows for the pavilion.</p>			
c	<p>Does your group require the full amount applied for your project? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If the fund is oversubscribed, would a part funded offer be considered? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, then would this impact the delivery of the project?</p> <p>If this is only part funded we will secure the difference as this is a priority for us.</p> <p>If you are successful, will this funding be used as match funding? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, have the other sources been confirmed?</p>			
d	<p>OTHER FUNDING. Have you applied for, or received, grants from any other body for your project/activity? If so, please give details of to whom and how much:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Body:</td><td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Scotland Secured - £100,000 Scottish Football Association Secured - £396,710 Scottish Football Partnership Secured - £ 40,000 LT Scotland Landfill Secured - £30,000 EB Scotland Landfill Secured - £20,000 Coastal Communities Secured - £20,810 </td></tr> </table>		Body:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Scotland Secured - £100,000 Scottish Football Association Secured - £396,710 Scottish Football Partnership Secured - £ 40,000 LT Scotland Landfill Secured - £30,000 EB Scotland Landfill Secured - £20,000 Coastal Communities Secured - £20,810
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	Amount applied for:	
	Amount received:	
	OR	
	When applied:	
	When decision expected:	
e	<p>Please confirm you have the following documents:</p> <p>Constitution/Memorandum & Articles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Audited or independently verified accounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Last 3 months bank statements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>We ask that you do not upload these documents when submitting your application due to GDPR regulations. These documents should be submitted via email to grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk</p>	

SECTION 5 – DECLARATION AND CONDITIONS



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;
- Confirm that the quotations are bona fide competitive quotes;
- Will provide the External Funding officer with digital colour photos of the work, both before and after the work has been completed. I understand that these images will be kept on record and used for future publicity;
- 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 conditions such as planning, procurement guidelines, and other statutory consents; and
- I Have read the associated guidance 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.

Signature: **Marna Ferguson** _____ Date: **25th April 2025**

On behalf of: (Organisation name) - **Vics In The Community**

Please submit all supporting information to:

External funding Officer
grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk