

**PLACE BASED INVESTMENT FUND
2025/2026**

The closing date for applications is Thursday 19th February 2026 at 5pm.

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

All projects must be completed by 30th September 2026

SECTION 1 – ORGANISATION DETAILS

a	Organisation Name	Carrick Centre
b	Organisation Address	Culzean Road, Maybole KA19 7DE
c	Website	www.carrickcentre.co.uk
d	Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	Charity
e	If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	Charity No SC041794 Company No SC334701
f	Is your organisation VAT registered?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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 – PROJECT DETAILS

a	Project Title	
b	About Your Project The Carrick Centre has served the North Carrick community for 13 years, providing a safe, welcoming and fully accessible space where people of all ages can connect, learn and participate in community life. Operating seven days a week, the Centre supports a wide range of local groups,	

	<p>voluntary organisations, businesses and individuals. It plays a vital role in reducing rural isolation, supporting wellbeing and strengthening community cohesion.</p> <p>At the heart of the Centre is the Crossraguel Auditorium, a key community asset hosting concerts, conferences, film screenings, training sessions, community meetings, graduations, weddings, funerals and other significant local events. The café space allows events to be relayed beyond the main hall, increasing accessibility and capacity.</p> <p>However, our current audio and visual system is now at the end of its operational life. The existing setup provides basic stereo sound, wireless and fixed microphones, and projection capability, but it no longer meets modern expectations or technical standards. The sound desk and microphones are ageing and increasingly unreliable. There is no integrated streaming capability, and the system cannot properly support hybrid delivery. Maintenance issues are becoming more frequent, and there is a growing risk of equipment failure.</p> <p>Community consultation and user feedback have clearly identified the need for live streaming and hybrid access. Many residents in North Carrick face barriers to attending events in person due to health issues, mobility challenges, caring responsibilities, employment patterns or rural transport limitations. Without digital capability, these individuals are excluded from cultural, educational and civic participation. Modernising our facilities is therefore essential to ensure inclusive access.</p> <p>In addition, demand for space continues to grow. The main auditorium is frequently fully booked, and we are receiving increasing requests for conferencing and business events requiring audio-visual capability. Our second hall, Cargill, currently lacks suitable sound and projection equipment, limiting its potential and reducing income opportunities.</p> <p>This project will upgrade and future-proof our facilities by installing high-quality streaming equipment, replacing the sound desk and microphones, upgrading the stage audio-visual system, and integrating sound and visual systems to support hybrid events in the Crossraguel Auditorium. In Cargill Hall, we will install a sound system, projector and screen to create a second digitally capable event space.</p> <p>This investment will strengthen essential community infrastructure and ensure the Centre remains a sustainable local hub. It will reduce isolation by enabling participation from home, support inclusion for older residents and people with disabilities, and enhance opportunities for learning, cultural activity and civic engagement. Improved conferencing facilities will also attract local businesses and organisations, increase earned income and support the wider local economy.</p> <p>By investing in the Carrick Centre’s digital and audio-visual capacity, the Place-Based Investment Fund will secure the long-term resilience of a key rural community asset, ensuring it continues to meet the evolving needs of North Carrick for years to come.</p>
<p>c</p>	<p>What community will this project be delivered in and what communities will benefit? Maybole – but will benefit the wider North Carrick community and beyond.</p>

d	<p>If your project will require maintenance in future years how will your organisation achieve/fund this?</p> <p>The Carrick Centre has an ongoing plan to ensure all maintenance is programmed and included in the cash flow.</p>	
e	<p>Can your project demonstrate that your project/organisation needs have been identified through consultation?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Ongoing consultations and feedback from stakeholders and users.</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>Does your project meet with any of the following objectives?</p> <p>20-minute neighbourhood <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community led regeneration <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community wealth building <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>More activities and community space</p>	
g	Estimated start date:	01/04/26
h	Estimated completion date: (must be by 30th September 2026)	31/05/26
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</p> <p>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>If lease, then a copy of the lease needs to be provided.</p> <p>Full repair and maintenance lease</p>
k	<p>Please tick/populate as appropriate:</p> <p>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 type="checkbox"/> • Planning, including listed building and conservation area consents <input type="checkbox"/> • Building Warrants <input type="checkbox"/> • Evidence of Pre application discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Please include your reference number <p>_____</p> <p>Not applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Copies of any of the above need to be provided</p>

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SECTION 3 – PROJECT COSTS

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a	<p>How much are you requesting from the Place Based Investment Fund?</p>	£32,3334
b	<p>Please provide a full break down of costs for your project.</p> <p><u>*3 quotes need to be provided for proposed works – if relevant quotes are not provided when submitting application, it will not be considered.</u></p>	

	<p>Provision of new sound desk and microphones. Upgrade of audio/visual connections on platform/stage. TV mounted at rear of auditorium. Streaming equipment, all cabling, scaffolding, installation and programming in Crossraguel £15,746</p> <p>Installation of sound desk, microphones, speakers, projector and screen, all cabling, scaffolding, installation and programming in Cargill £20,588</p> <p>Quotes from RH Elliott Ltd William Duncan IT Simplistic Installations</p>								
c	<p>Does your group require the full amount applied for your project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 within the specified timescale? Depending on funding receive we may be only able to undertake the upgrading of the existing equipment in the given timescale as we would need to seek further funding for the installation in Cargill but would endeavour to source this within the timescale.</p> <p>If you are successful, will this funding be used as match funding? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, have the other sources been confirmed?</p> <p>Have already received £4000 from the trusts specified below towards the cost.</p>								
d	<p>OTHER FUNDING. Have you applied for, or received, grants from any other body for your project/activity?</p> <p>If so, please give details of to whom and how much:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Body:</td> <td>EC Hendry Charitable Trust and Baird Trust</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount applied for:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount received:</td> <td>£1000 and £3000</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">OR</td> </tr> </table>	Body:	EC Hendry Charitable Trust and Baird Trust	Amount applied for:		Amount received:	£1000 and £3000	OR	
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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 online due to GDPR regulations. These documents should be submitted via email to grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk</p>	

SECTION 4 – 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.

Name of Person Completing Application: Paula Lennox _____ Date: 17.02.26

On behalf of: (Organisation name) Carrick Centre _____

Please submit all supporting information to:

External funding Officer

grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk