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**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FUND
2025/2026**

Completed project application forms must be emailed to:

grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

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	Troon Men's Shed
b	Organisation Address	c/o 18 Staffin Road Troon KA10 7JB
c	Website	https://troonmensshed.wordpress.com/
d	Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by	SCIO



	guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	
e	If a charity or Limited Company please include your number	SC053474
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	Hosiery Park Pavilion Acquisition
b	About Your Project	<p>The project is to fund the acquisition of the Hosiery Park Pavilion, Brodie Avenue, Troon by a Community Asset Transfer from South Ayrshire Council for use as a Men's Shed.</p>



The purpose of our Men's Shed is to provide recreational facilities and advance the social needs, health and well being of men of all ages and backgrounds living in Troon and surrounding areas. Troon Men's Shed was established in April 2024 and has a growing membership with 75 members as at 30 April 2025.

Fortnightly social meetings are currently held in The Lighthouse Christian Centre in Ailsa Road, Troon where tea and coffee are provided and guest speakers such as Prostate Scotland, Scottish Men's Shed Association, Fishermen's Mission, Troon Community Council, Troon Club 41 have given talks.

NHS Ayrshire and Arran have held an ageing well Functional Fitness MOT. Visits have taken place to UPM Caledonian Paper Mill and the Scottish Maritime Museum in Irvine.

Our members have volunteered to help out at community events in Troon; Wintertainment, Troon Round Table Fireworks and Santa Float.

We are currently (April 2025) assisting Ayrshire Cancer Support with getting their new Ayr centre ready by moving items from storage, and assembling desks, tables, cupboards, sofas, chairs, putting up pictures and providing other volunteer assistance.

The acquisition of the Hosiery Park Pavilion will enable us to meet more regularly and undertake practical workshop activities which we are unable to do in a hired meeting hall.

A Stage 1 Community Asset Transfer Request was submitted to South Ayrshire Council in November 2024 and the Stage 2 request is currently being prepared, with a target date to submit of 31 May 2025.

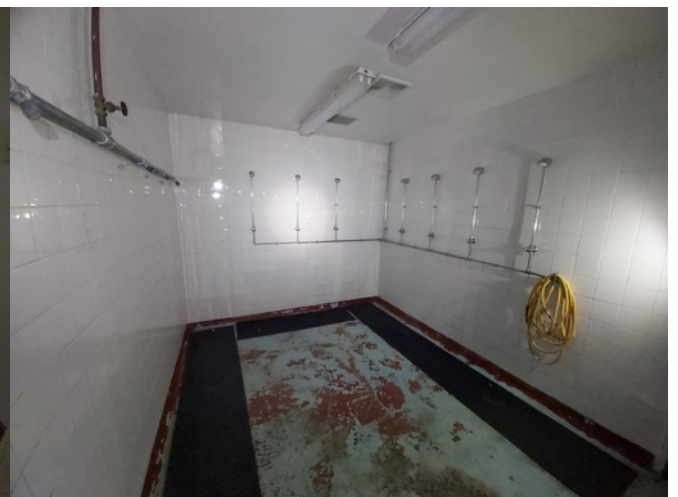
The Hosiery Park Pavilion building is in poor condition as it has been unused for several years, and once acquired would be repaired and converted into a suitable facility comprising of an activity workshop area where woodworking and other similar practical activities can be undertaken, and a separate multi-use social space.



Hosiery Park Pavilion – external views



Changing room



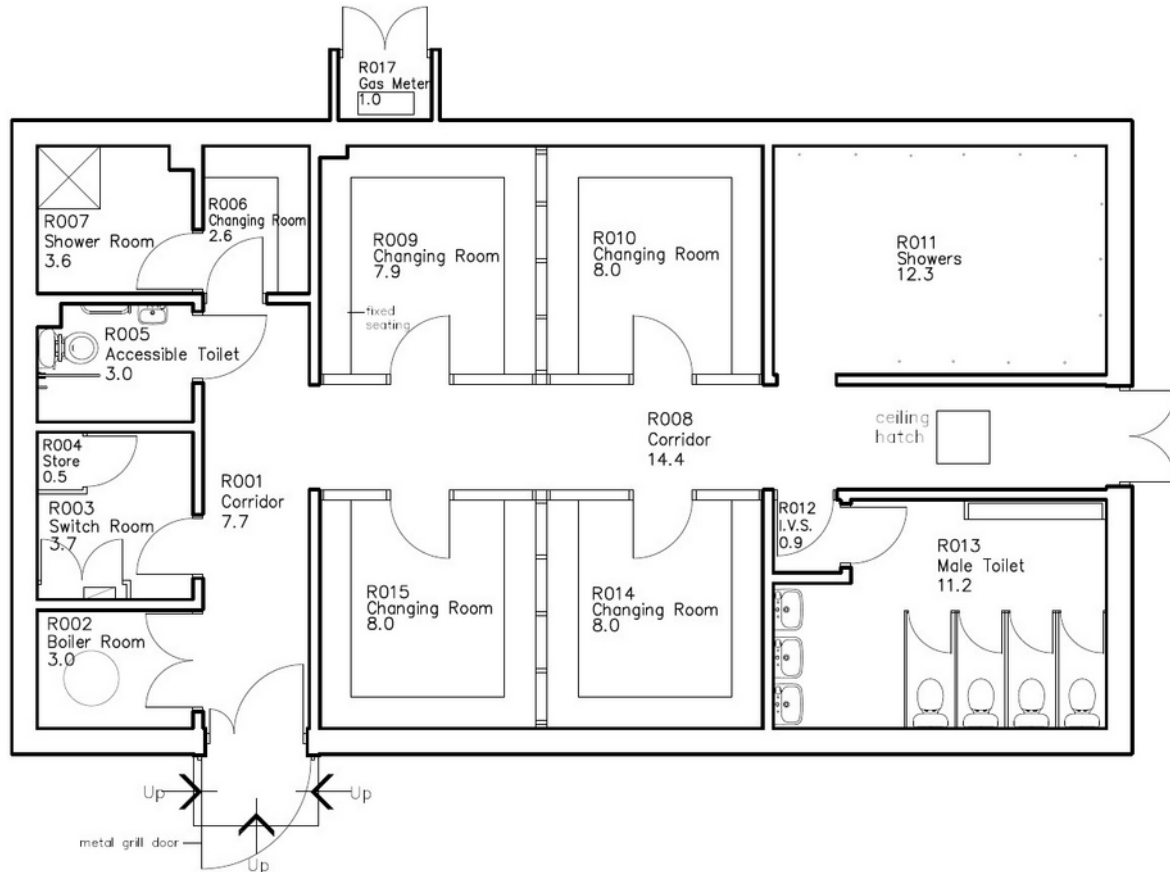
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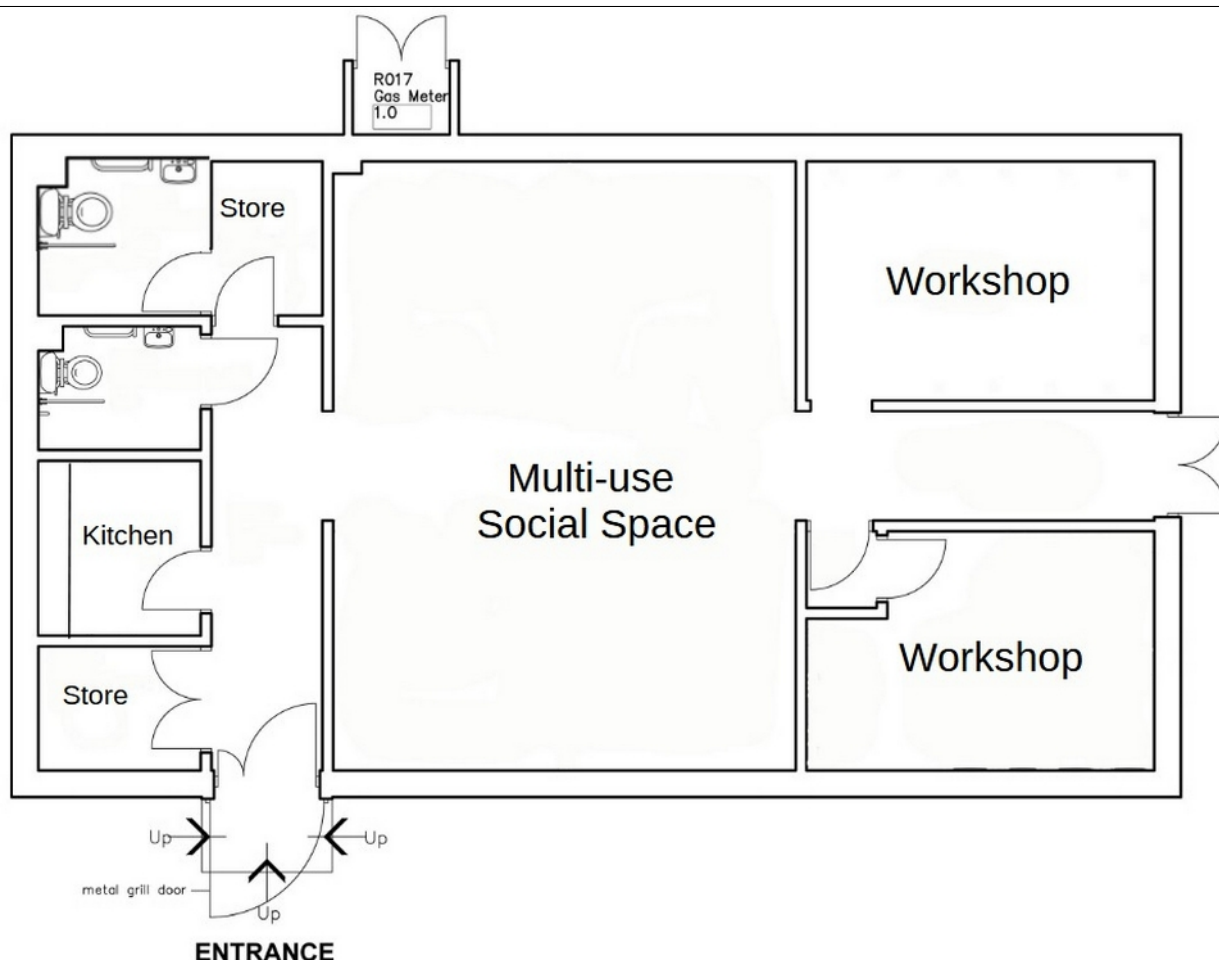
Toilets



Ceiling damage



Current layout



Possible future layout

c What community will this project be delivered in and what communities will benefit?

The Troon Men's Shed is for men aged 18 years or over living in Troon or the surrounding area. No membership fee is charged to become a member of Troon Men's Shed.

Members benefit by meeting with other men in a safe environment, reducing their social isolation and providing mental stimulation, which also benefits their families. Our fortnightly meetings have a regular attendance of 20 – 35 members which demonstrates that there is a demand for such events in the town.

The establishment of workshop activities will enable men to utilise their practical skills, and to pass on their knowledge to others.

A workshop would enable practical assistance to be provided with community projects in the town.

The Hosiery Park football pitches are still in use and our meeting space could be made available to



	organisations using them when it is not being used as a Men's Shed, thereby benefiting other community groups in Troon eg Troon Thistle Youths' Football Club.
d	<p>If your project will require maintenance in future years how will your organisation achieve/fund this?</p> <p>The Hosiery Park Pavilion has been disused for a number of years and requires repairs undertaken as detailed in a Condition Survey Report undertaken by South Ayrshire Council in March 2023. As part of our Stage 2 Community Asset Transfer request we will be applying for an Advancing Community Assets Fund Capital Grant for necessary repairs.</p> <p>The main areas of the building currently consists of changing rooms, toilets and communal showers. The building would require to be converted to make it suitable for use as a Men's Shed. The former shower and large toilet areas would be used as workshop areas, and the four changing rooms opened up into a large multi-use social space. Funding for the development of the building would be sought from The National Lottery Community Action grant.</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>Prior to forming, an initial meeting was held which 30 men attended and which sought their views and ideas on initial activities. Recently members have been consulted on what they like the Hosiery park Pavilion to be used for once acquired for a Men's Shed.</p> <p>We have met with Troon Community Council and Troon Development Trust to discuss our aims and objectives in establishing a Men's Shed in Troon.</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 type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Priority 3 – Civic & Community Pride <input 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 type="checkbox"/> (Crime Reduction/Prevention)</p> <p>Community Inclusion <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Link into your local place plan/community action plan priorities <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If linking into a place plan or a community action plan, please details which priority it will be achieving:</p>	
g	Estimated start date:	01/11/2025
h	Estimated completion date:	28/02/2026
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> lease <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>A Stage 2 Community Asset Transfer application is being prepared to purchase the building from South Ayrshire Council. The target submission date is 31st May 2025.</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>
k	<p>Please tick/populate as appropriate:</p> <p>Are you aware of the appropriate consents required for this project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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>Not applicable <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Capital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	£15,0000
b	<p>Please provide a full break down of costs for your project.</p> <p>If applying for both revenue and capital, then please details costs separately.</p>	



***For costs over £1000, 3 quotes need to be provided – if relevant quotes are not provided when submitting application, it will not be considered.**

CAPITAL

Purchase of Hosiery Park Pavilion by Community Asset Transfer.

Valuation of the building is currently in progress, as required for the Community Asset Transfer process, which is being arranged by Colin Love, Team Leader (Community Asset Transfer) at South Ayrshire Council. We would wish to apply for a grant of the full value of the building.

REVENUE

As part of the Community Asset Transfer a joint valuation on behalf of South Ayrshire Council and Troon Men's Shed is required and joint instructions have been issued to Shepherd Chartered Surveyors. The valuation fee is £850 +VAT and Troon Men's Shed share would be 50% = £510

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Love, Colin** <Colin.Love@south-ayrshire.gov.uk>
Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2025 at 13:48
Subject: FW: Hosiery Park Valuation
To: Vicechair TMS <vicechair.troonmensshed@gmail.com>

Hi Owen

The Surveyors – Shepherd Chartered Surveyors – have confirmed the cost of the valuation survey as £850 +VAT.
You've previously indicated TMS would be happy to do this jointly with the Council and cover 50% of the cost – which is best practice – so here, TMS's share would be £425 +VAT (£510 in total). Can you confirm you're happy to proceed on that basis please?

Thanks

Colin Love | Team Leader (Community Asset Transfer) | Asset Management | [Housing, Operations and Development Directorate](#) | colin.love@south-ayrshire.gov.uk | Direct line: 01292 559347 | South Ayrshire Council | County Buildings | Wellington Square | Ayr | KA7 1DR | www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk

There will also be solicitors costs associated with the acquisition but these are unable to be determined at this stage.

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Does your group require the full amount applied for your project? Yes ☒ No ☐

If the fund is oversubscribed, would a part funded offer be considered?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, then would this impact the delivery of the project?



	<p>We would seek the rest of the funding elsewhere.</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> <p>Not applicable for this aspect of the project.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Body:</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Amount applied for:</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Amount received:</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">OR</td></tr> <tr> <td>When applied:</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>When decision expected:</td><td></td></tr> </table>		Body:		Amount applied for:		Amount received:		OR		When applied:		When decision expected:	
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e	<p>Please confirm you have the following documents:</p> <p>Constitution/Memorandum & Articles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>A resolution to amend our constitution in order to meet the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 is due to be considered at our AGM on 12th May 2025: <i>Resolution to modify the constitution:</i> <i>Insert after paragraph 12:</i></p>													



13. The organisation shall have no fewer than 20 Members at any time.

14. In the event that the number of Members falls below 20, the trustees may not conduct any business other than taking steps to ensure that sufficient members are admitted to enable the organisation to comply with clause 13.

Audited or independently verified accounts ☐

Accounts for year ending 31/03/2025 are currently being prepared.

Last 3 months bank statements ☒

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

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.



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- 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: Andrew Smith

Date: 30th April 2025

On behalf of: (Organisation name) Troon Men's Shed

Please submit all supporting information to:

External funding Officer

grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk