

**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	Ayr Sea Cadets & Royal Marines Cadets
b	Organisation Address	Foresters Hall, 46 New Road, Ayr, KA8 8EX
c	Website	https://www.sea-cadets.org/ayr
d	Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	Charity - unincorporated association
e	If a charity or Limited Company, please include your number	SC030257
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 – PROJECT DETAILS

a	Project Title	Finishing the Transformation of Foresters Hall
b	About Your Project Ayr Sea Cadets and the Royal Marines Cadets recently secured ownership of Foresters Hall in Ayr North, transforming an ageing and underused building into a growing community asset that now supports youth training, volunteer activity, and wider neighbourhood use. The hall provides a safe	

and accessible space used weekly by young people, volunteers, and local groups, contributing to community wellbeing, skills development, and social connection.

Since taking ownership, we have delivered a structured programme of volunteer-led regeneration aimed at modernising and safeguarding the building for long-term use. Over £50,000 has already been invested in capital improvements, including installing double glazing throughout, wet-walling toilet facilities, fitting new fire doors, new insulation, and fully refurbishing the main hall floor. These and future planned upgrades have significantly improved safety, accessibility, and energy efficiency, demonstrating strong stewardship of a locally owned asset and a clear commitment to its long-term sustainability.

This application represents the final major phase of works required to complete the hall's refurbishment and bring all remaining areas up to a consistent, usable standard. The project focuses on resolving legacy issues, unlocking underused space, and improving operational reliability so the building can function fully as a community hub.

The first element is roofing over a failed skylight that continues to leak despite previous repair attempts. Permanently removing this defect will prevent further water ingress, protect prior investment, and safeguard the building fabric. This work is essential in ensuring that earlier regeneration efforts are not undermined and that the hall remains a dependable long-term facility.

The second element is the full refurbishment of the final room currently in poor condition and unusable. Once modernised, including the safe encasing of existing boiler infrastructure, the room will become a flexible multi-purpose space suitable for teaching, preparation, and practical cleaning activities, supported by wet wall finishes and an appropriate sink. This conversion transforms wasted space into a valuable resource that increases the building's overall capacity for both cadet programmes and community users.

A further improvement addresses visible damage within the hall caused by historic water ingress prior to our ownership. Professional installation of a tongue-and-groove finish will restore the area to a safe and presentable condition. While much refurbishment has been completed by volunteers to maximise value for money, this specialist work requires professional delivery to meet safety and quality standards.

Alongside these building works, targeted upgrades will enhance day-to-day functionality. New folding tables with a storage trolley will replace mismatched equipment, allowing spaces to be configured quickly and safely for training sessions, meetings, and community events. A replacement kitchen water heater will resolve recurring reliability issues, ensuring consistent facilities for users.

These improvements are about finishing the job properly and protecting the significant investment already made. Completing this final phase reduces the likelihood of recurring maintenance issues,

	<p>improves operational efficiency, and supports sustainable running costs. This ensures resources can remain focused on youth development and community activity rather than reactive repairs.</p> <p>The hall is already in regular weekly use and demand continues to grow as facilities improve. Delivering these works will strengthen the building as a reliable neighbourhood asset, supporting inclusive participation, volunteer engagement, and community-led use. The project is fully deliverable within the funding period and builds on a proven track record of successful capital improvements supported by volunteers and external funders.</p> <p>By completing this final stage of regeneration, Foresters Hall will operate at full potential as a safe, modern, and flexible community facility, a locally stewarded asset that supports youth opportunity, strengthens neighbourhood activity, and contributes to the long-term vitality of Ayr North.</p>
c	<p>What community will this project be delivered in and what communities will benefit?</p> <p>Ayr North and wider Ayr will benefit</p>
d	<p>If your project will require maintenance in future years how will your organisation achieve/fund this?</p> <p>This is achieved in various ways. Subscription Payments from Cadets Rental Income Fundraising Activities throughout the year Grant Funding applications – Ongoing</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>As part of the Wallacetown Community Survey, it was noted the need for a community centre or hub as well as support and activities for young people, Foresters Hall has started to provide this, though we are looking to enhance what we can offer.</p> <p>“When asked what services and support were needed within the community a variety of responses was provided. The most common suggestion was a community centre or hub where people can meet others and seek support from a range of services.”</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>

	Priority 2 – Live, Work, learn <input type="checkbox"/> Priority 3 – Civic & Community Pride <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Does your project meet with any of the following objectives? 20-minute neighbourhood <input type="checkbox"/> Community led regeneration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community wealth building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Link into your local place plan/community action plan priorities <input type="checkbox"/> If linking into a place plan or a community action plan, please details which priority it will be achieving:	
g	Estimated start date:	01/03/2026
h	Estimated completion date: (must be by 30 th September 2026)	29/09/2026
i	Is your application submitted in partnership with other organisations? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, please detail.	
j	If your project relates to a property or land, please confirm whether you own, or lease the property or land own <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lease <input type="checkbox"/> 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 If lease, then a copy of the lease needs to be provided.	
k	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"/> Do you have:	

	<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>
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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>	£11,162.99
b	<p>Please provide a full break down of costs for your project.</p> <p>Joiner Works - £9600 – 3 Quotes Attached Folding Tables with Trolley - £858 – AJProducts Sink for room once refurbished - £360 – Adexa Water Heater - £344.99 - heatershop.co.uk</p> <p>Total - £11,162.99</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>	

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 within the specified timescale?</p> <p>No, we would prioritise the most critical elements first as we fundraised for the remaining amount required.</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" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; padding: 5px;">Body:</td> <td style="height: 40px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Amount applied for:</td> <td style="height: 40px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Amount received:</td> <td style="height: 40px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="padding: 5px;">OR</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">When applied:</td> <td style="height: 40px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">When decision expected:</td> <td style="height: 40px;"></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>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>
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SECTION 4 – DECLARATION AND CONDITIONS

<p>I, on behalf of, (organisation name):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: Duncan McKechnie Date: 15/02/2026

On behalf of: (Organisation name) Ayr Sea Cadets & Royal Marines Cadets

Please submit all supporting information to:

External funding Officer

grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk