

**COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND**

**2024/2025**

The closing date for applications is 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

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.

This is an application form for the Coastal Communities Fund managed by South Ayrshire Council. Please complete all parts of the form. If you require any clarification or additional information then please contact [grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

**Amount of grant requested**

TYPE OF GRANT	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	SELECT ONE
*Small grant	Up to £1000	To support small grass roots groups and organisations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Development grant	Up to £4,950	The Development Grant will assist groups to plan & develop small scale projects that will link into one of the priorities of the Coastal Communities Grant Fund. Projects will essentially make communities a more attractive place to live & work.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Section 1: Organisation Details**

Organisation Name	<b>Ayr Sea Cadets &amp; Royal Marines Cadets</b>
Organisation Address	<b>Foresters Hall, 46 New Road, Ayr, KA8 8EX</b>
Type of organisation (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector)	Unincorporated Association

If a charity or Limited Company please include your number	<b>SC030257</b>
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

Contacts	Lead Contact
Name	Duncan McKechnie
Position in Organisation	Commanding Officer
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## Section 3: Project Details

### Project Title

Keeping Ayr North's Community Hall Fit for the Future

### About your project/what are you seeking funding for?

The Ayr Sea Cadets Hall in Ayr North is much more than a base for cadet training – it is a community hub that brings together young people, families, and local groups. Every week, it provides a safe and welcoming space for training, events, and activities, fostering personal development, social connections, and community engagement. Maintaining this space is critical to ensuring it continues to meet the needs of the people who rely on it.

Over the past 2 years, our volunteer-led refurbishment program has been working to modernize and safeguard the hall. This work has already attracted significant support, demonstrating confidence in the project and its value to the community. Recent funding awards to this work include:

- **Community Empowerment Fund – £6,500** awarded for new audio systems, storage cabinets, flooring, insulation, and seating.
- **Morrisons Foundation – £6,500** awarded for a new fire escape and refurbishment work within the main hall.

In addition, we are preparing an application to the **National Lottery (up to £20,000)** for improvements including new double glazing, interior doors, and wet walling of toilet areas. These investments form part of a phased plan to ensure the hall is safe, modern, and fully accessible for the long term.

As part of this ongoing program, we are now seeking Coastal Communities Fund support to carry out further improvements and to purchase a scaffold tower. The tower will enable our volunteers to safely carry out maintenance on high ceilings, lighting, and fixtures, reducing the need for external contractors and lowering long-term costs. It is a practical tool that will allow us to take ownership of the hall's upkeep while ensuring safety and efficiency.

**Aims:**

- Continue the volunteer-led refurbishment to make the hall modern, safe, and welcoming.
- Provide volunteers with the right equipment to carry out maintenance and repairs.
- Reduce long-term running costs, allowing more resources to support young people and community activities.
- Ensure the hall remains a sustainable and valued asset for Ayr North.

**Community Benefits:**

- A safer, better-maintained, and more accessible hall at the heart of the community.
- Volunteers gaining skills, pride, and ownership through hands-on involvement.
- Reduced reliance on contractors, freeing resources for cadet training and wider community use.
- A long-term investment securing a vital community space for future generations.

This project is not a one-off request. It is part of a larger, phased refurbishment program already supported by multiple funders and delivered by committed volunteers. With Coastal Communities Fund support, we can take the next step in transforming the hall into a modern, sustainable, and welcoming facility that will continue to strengthen the Ayr North community for years to come.

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

Ayr North and wider Ayr will benefit

**Please provide information you have about the need and support for the project, eg community consultation**

The work on Foresters Hall has been ongoing for several years now and this is a continuation of that project. The work done is driven by feedback from our cadets and hall users in general. We continue to welcome ongoing feedback on the facility and the areas that need worked on.

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

Priority 1 – Spaces & Places ☒

Priority 2 – Live, Work, learn ☒

Priority 3 – Civic & Community Pride ☒

**Please select the grant you are applying for and the relevant priority (you can select more than one priority, if applicable)**

**For small grant only:**

- To assist with barriers to sustain the group ☐
- To develop new projects/ideas ☐

**For development grant only:**

- Deliver improvements to public places that will increase the number of visitors ☒
- make coastal communities more attractive places to live and work ☐
- demonstrate a strong link to local strategies and local place plans ☒

If linking into a place plan or a community action plan, please details which priority it will be achieving:

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<b>Estimated start date:</b>	<b>01/10/2025</b>
<b>Estimated completion date:</b>	<b>01/03/2026</b>

#### **Section 4: Project Costs**

How much funding are you requesting from the Coastal Communities Fund?

£

Are you applying for Revenue or Capital costs, or both?

Revenue ☐ £

Capital ☒ £

Please provide a full break down of costs for your project.

If applying for both revenue and capital, then please detail costs separately.

Item/Activity	Cost
Scaffold Tower	£1500
New Blinds	£600
New Safety Flooring for rear lobby	£600
Improved Ventilation for Kitchen	£500
Plasterwork for new classrooms	£500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3700</b>

**For development grant only:**

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

**Section 5: Checklist**

**Please confirm you have the following documents:**

Constitution/Memorandum & Articles ☒

Audited or independently verified accounts ☒

Last 3 months bank statements ☒

**Section 6: Declaration & 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: Duncan McKechnie

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Ayr Sea Cadets

Date: \_09/09/2025\_\_

Completed application only should be saved as a PDF document and uploaded to the

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Supporting documents should be e-mailed to [grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

These include:

- Constitution
- Last 3 months bank statements
- Independently verified accounts
- Quotes (where required)