

Great Harbour Community Fund - grant application

Great Harbour Community Fund aims to support projects and activities that contribute to the transformation and regeneration of Irvine Harbourside, with a specific focus on free community events, which will increase visitor numbers, visitor expenditure and raise the profile of the **Great Harbour** regeneration project and support development of the **Maritime Mile** as a key North Ayrshire tourism destination, and in addition promote societal well-being, reduce inequalities and improve access to cultural and physical activities, and foster a sense of place and community ownership.

Small grants are available to community groups, not-for-profit organisations, clubs, etc. which are constituted and hold an organisational bank account.

Stage 1: If the panel determines that your application aligns with the grant's objectives, you will receive an *in-principle award*. This will enable you to apply for all the necessary permits, consents, and insurances. Please allow up to 10 weeks to secure these. For more advice on planning your event, please contact events@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.

Stage 2: Once you provide evidence of all the required permits, the panel will make a final decision on the award.

The grants will be distributed on a first come first served basis until the end of March 2026 or until all funds are utilised.

Before applying using this platform, view this [Application Template](#) to make sure you can provide all the information required to complete it. Please also read the attached [Grant Contract template](#) containing important information, and discuss your proposal with the Grant Administrator - kasiasmith@north-ayrshire.gov.uk | 07826 534 292.

For more advice on planning your event please visit [Event planning and support](#)

About your group

Group's name

Location within North Ayrshire

- no yes

Legal structure

- Not-for-profit Community Interest Company Association
- Social Enterprise Charity Community or Voluntary Group
- Club
- Other

Industry Sector

- Education Heritage (natural, built or cultural) Visitor Attraction
- Marine / maritime Outdoors & Activities
- Other

Brief description of your organisation's main area of activity.

People ▼

Number of full-time employees

12³

Number of part-time employees

12³

Number of seasonal employees

12³

Number of volunteers

12³

VAT number (if applicable)

12³

Charity Registration number (if applicable)

12³

Address



Your constitution or articles of association

Upload the document

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Bank Statement

Upload document

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Contact name and role in your organisation

Contact email address

Contact telephone number

About your Project

Grant funding will only be considered for events that meet **at least one objective from Group 1 plus at least one objective from Group 2** listed below (please tick all relevant boxes).

Group 1 - Harbourside Connection

- Promotion of the Great Harbour project and Irvine Harbourside as a tourist destination - the Maritime Mile (working title) focusing on the place's best asset/s
- Promotion of local art, culture and /or history with a specific focus on the connection to the Harbourside's past or a link to the coast and Beach Park
- Offer a nature conservation or biodiversity improvement, educational or volunteering activity, specifically around the dune system/habitat
- Offer physical activity within the green and blue spaces of the Irvine Harbourside, Beach Park and the beach, including water activity
- Pilot of a social enterprise activity at Irvine Harbourside or Beach Park

Group 2 - Community Impact

- Test the area's suitability as an event space through the delivery of the activity/event and provide measured feedback
- Advance equality of opportunity and/or foster good relations between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not
- Promote cross group collaboration and/or partnership to achieve mutual benefits and increased impact

Proposed event

Brief description of your Project - proposed activity / event, including how it aligns with the objectives selected above.

More information can be found in **Schedule A** of the Grant Contract.

Expected impact

Briefly describe or list expected outcomes of your Project, e.g. number of attracted visitors (day/overnight), audiences, learning outcomes, etc. and how you propose to measure them.

More information can be found in **Schedule A** of the Grant Contract.

Event's Location


You can upload your event's location plan or completed **Schedule C** of the Grant Contract here.

Schedule C of the Grant Contract provides more details on the event location plans.

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Proposed start date

 DD/MM/YYYY ▼

 hh:mm ▼

Proposed end date

 DD/MM/YYYY ▼

 hh:mm ▼

About the grant

Subsidy Control

North Ayrshire Council provides this grant on a **no-subsidy basis** in accordance with the UK Subsidy Control Act 2022 on the understanding that all activities supported by the Grant shall be **not-for-profit, non-economic** aimed at providing activities that are free of charge to the public.

Further information on Subsidy Control compliance can be found at [UK subsidy control regime - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-subsidy-control-regime).

By applying for this grant, you confirm that your project meets these requirements.

If you are uncertain about how these rules apply to your project, we recommend seeking independent advice before submitting your application.

Project Finances

Provide a financial breakdown of all costs directly associated with the Project, indicating which items will be funded by the Grant and which costs will be covered by other sources, including in-kind contributions.

You can use the box below or complete **Schedule B** of the Grant Contract and upload below.

Financial Breakdown - document upload

You can complete **Schedule B** of the Grant Contract and upload it here.

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Total grant requested

12³

Additional information

Use this box to provide any additional information relevant to this application.

