



THE AGE CONCERN AYR SMALL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND

Round 1

What is the Age Concern Ayr Small Project Development Fund?

Age Concern Ayr SCIO is a registered Charity in Scotland dedicated to protecting and promoting the wellbeing of the those aged over 55 in South Ayrshire.

The organisation's purposes are to promote the welfare of the over 55s through:

- The prevention or relief of poverty
- The advancement of health
- The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage
- We are 100% funded by our Charity Shop and public donation, and all money raised is used for the benefit of residents in South Ayrshire. We have been operating in South Ayrshire since the opening of our Charity Shop in 1975.

The Charity has committed a £30,000 resource from its funds to support applicable local organisations to develop and implement projects which will benefit the over 55s in South Ayrshire.

Who can access the funding?

Funding will be open to:

- Older people's related organisations,
- Voluntary, community and independent sectors
- Arts, sports, cultural, faith community sectors.

Community Groups need to be constituted but not necessarily have charitable status.

Please note we will not fund statutory bodies.

What do applicants need to consider?

- The degree of fit with our purpose.
- Funding is not appropriate to fund core health, care (and other) services.
- Projects should be able to measure and report on impact including use of quantitative and qualitative data (this could include case studies, video reports, blogs, etc).
- Projects that are co-produced with older people will be particularly welcome, as are inter-generational projects which benefit the over 55s.
- Joint bids (there should be one nominal lead agency).
- Grants should normally be used within 12 months of being awarded - organisations can only apply once every bidding round and we will not fund retrospective work.

- This will normally be a one-off grant and therefore not appropriate for long term projects needing recurrent funding, although it might fund tests of change or pilots that are set up to demonstrate potential impact to support longer-term, sustainable projects.
- Please note we will not fund individuals or organisations which do not have a bank account.

How much can organisations apply for?

Grants awarded will be between £500 to £5k.

How does an organisation apply?

Organisations can submit a proposal to the contact email. Submissions should set out:

- The substance of the proposal.
- Assessment of need and involvement of older people.
- How the project addresses Age Concern Ayr's purpose.
- The budget plan with costings.
- Any other additional resources utilised both financial and in kind.
- How impact will be measured. We will be interested in quantitative data but also qualitative data such as case studies.
- **Submissions should be reasonably concise and not longer than 4 main pages plus appendices such as budget / costings.**

The submission should also include:

- The lead applicant person and their contact details.

- Details of the applicant body such as the kind of organisation, charitable number if appropriate and details of publicly facing information (e.g. websites).
- Bank details including account name, number and sort code.
- If a joint bid, details of lead organisation and the partner organisations.

Who makes a decision on funding?

The Trustees of Age Concern Ayr will consider submissions and make decisions on the proposals.

Trustees need to notify the Chair of Age Concern Ayr of potential conflicts of interest.

How will applications be assessed?

The applications will be evaluated in relation to the degree of the fit with Age Concern Ayr's charitable purpose and demonstrated need as set out in the proposal.

The Trustees will also consider value for money, potential duplication of existing work, involvement of older people and general practicality. They will also consider proposals for measuring impact.

How will you know if you have been awarded funding?

You will be notified as soon as possible after the final decision of the Trustees.

Submissions should be sent to ageconcernayr@gmail.com by the 16th January, 2026, & typing FUNDING APPLICATION in the Subject header.

For any further information organisations should contact Age Concern Ayr through the email address above.