**COMMUNITY WELLBEING FACILITIES FUND
PLACE BASED INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (PBIP)**

**GUIDANCE NOTES**

**2022 / 2023**

**Background**

The PBIP is an overall investment of £325m (Scotland wide) to support community led regeneration and town centre revitalisation and seeks to build on the work of the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) and Town Centre Action Plan.

The Community Wellbeing Facilities Fund is being created through South Ayrshire Council’s remaining balance from the PBIP (£75,000). This new fund is available to projects that meet the criteria of the Place Based Investment Programme, **delivers specific improvements in community wellbeing and accelerates ambitions for net zero**.

Expressions of interest are now invited from all community and sporting organisations who are constituted to deliver health, wellbeing aims and objectives and where proposals meet the aims of the fund.

This is a capital fund only and revenue costs will not be considered. The maximum that any group/organisation can apply for is £25,000. The funding must be committed by March 2023 and projects must be fully completed by September 2023.

Projects and proposals must demonstrate they meet the main objectives of the PBIP:

* to link and align place based initiatives and establish a coherent local framework to implement the Place Principle <https://www.gov.scot/publications/place-principle-introduction/>
* to  support place policy ambitions such as town centre revitalisation, community led regeneration, 20 minute neighbourhoods and Community Wealth Building
* to ensure that all place based investments are shaped by the needs and aspirations of local communities
* to accelerate our ambitions for net zero, wellbeing and inclusive economic development, tackling inequality and disadvantage, community involvement and ownership.

**Assessment of applications**

The Assessment panel will evaluate projects against the objectives of the PBIP (stated above)

As well as the this the panel will also consider deliverability, end benefits, and risk of failure to deliver within the specified timeframes.

The panel will also consider:

The use of the grant to fund third party capital expenditure is limited to the subject of the specific legislation including:-

* Expenditure incurred in supporting community wellbeing and accelerating ambitions for net zero, as well as associated activities which contribute to the regeneration or development of an area
* Activities which contribute to the regeneration or development of an area include, in particular—
	1. securing that land and buildings are brought into effective use;
	2. contributing to, or encouraging, economic development;
	3. creating an attractive and safe environment;
	4. preventing crime or reducing the fear of crime;
	5. providing or improving housing or social and recreational facilities, for the purpose of encouraging people to live or work in the area or of benefiting people who live there;
	6. providing employment for local people;
	7. providing or improving training, educational facilities or health services for local people;
	8. assisting local people to make use of opportunities for education, training or employment;
	9. benefiting local people who have special needs because of disability or because of their sex or the racial group to which they belong.

**Submission of application form**

Once you have completed the application form please send to:

grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is 5pm on the 24th November 2022