

Criteria	Score	Score Range	Judgement
1. The need for the project is clearly shown		<b>0</b> – Little or no evidence of need	The applicant <b>does not</b> describe <b>what needs</b> existing or potential project beneficiaries have and no reason is provided for delivering the project <b>or</b> the description of beneficiary need does not link back to the proposed project activities and therefore does not provide any justification for the project. For example a group may simply state that the project is something they do every year but do not justify why they do it
		<b>5</b> – Sufficient evidence of need	The project is being delivered <b>to address a specific need</b> which has been identified and communicated by the applicant. Sufficient evidence of need must include a description of need (for example socially isolated older people, unemployed, services for young people etc). The applicant should <b>also describe how they are going to meet the need</b> : project activity (for example lunch club, training courses, active outdoor activities)
		<b>10</b> – Strong evidence of need	In addition to the above, strong evidence of need will include a <b>description and/or evidence of the research and consultation</b> that has taken place with existing or potential beneficiaries to establish need <b>and/or</b> for a repeat application previous evaluation report relevant to the Grant. For example details of a survey (who it was carried out with and the findings) or previous evaluations of the project that show a continued need.
Note		Evidence of need should be relevant to the project and beneficiary group. The consultation can be proportionate to the size of the project however existing projects should aim to consult with all their existing service users and potential service users as a minimum.	
2. The project meets the Voluntary Grants and SAC's Priority Areas/Beneficiaries		<b>0</b>	The project does <b>not</b> meet any objectives or priorities
		<b>20</b>	The project meets <b>one</b> priority area / objective or beneficiary groups
		<b>40</b>	The project meets <b>two</b> priority areas /objectives or beneficiary groups
		<b>60</b>	The project meets <b>three</b> priority areas /objectives or beneficiary groups
Note		It must be clear from the information provided how the project will meet a priority.	
3. The project will achieve specific outcomes in line with SAC's Vision and SOA Objectives		<b>0</b> – The project does not have specific outcomes	The applicant <b>cannot</b> describe (and it cannot be identified from other information) <b>how</b> the project will help deliver the Council's Outcomes
		<b>20</b> – The project is a weak fit with SAC's outcomes	The applicant has indicated that the project will meet one or more of the Council's outcomes <b>but</b> it is not clear how the project activities will support this
		<b>40</b> – The project is a good fit with one or more of SAC's outcomes	The applicant has indicated that the project will meet one or more of the Council's outcomes <b>and</b> it is likely that the project activities will support this.
		<b>60</b> – The project is a strong fit with one or more of the programme outcomes	The applicant has clearly described how the project will meet one or more of the Council's outcomes <b>and</b> has described how the project activities will have a direct impact on the Council's outcomes
4. A wide range of beneficiaries will be involved		<b>0</b> – Some people who could benefit will be excluded	The applicant has <b>not</b> clearly indicated who will benefit from the project or the project is open only to people who currently use the project. For example the applicant does not describe how it will publicise and promote the project to attract new service users or it appears that the project will only benefit those who are involved in running the organisation.
		<b>5</b> – The project will be open to all who could benefit	The applicant has indicated that the project <b>will</b> be open to all potential beneficiaries. (For example all older people/everyone in the community)
		<b>10</b> – The project will actively seek to involve a wider range of beneficiaries or this is not appropriate	The applicant has indicated that as well as the project <b>being</b> open to all potential beneficiaries, they <b>have</b> identified that there is a particular group of potential beneficiaries (e.g. disabled children/young unemployed people) who do not traditionally participate in the groups' activities and they have described plans to target and involve them. For example disadvantaged groups (unemployed/older people/disabled) and have shown how they will adapt their project to accommodate these service users.
Note		There may be some groups where a wider involvement may not be appropriate for example women's Muslim groups.	

5. The applicant has <b>not</b> received funding from Voluntary Organisation Grant		<b>0</b>	The applicant <b>has</b> received VOG funding in the last three years
		<b>5</b>	The applicant has received funding in the last 1 – 2 years
		<b>10</b>	The applicant has received funding <b>but</b> not in the last three years
		<b>20</b>	The applicant has <b>never</b> received VOG funding before

6. The applicant is a local community group		5	The applicant is a National Organisation
		10	The applicant is an Ayrshire wide Organisation
		15	The applicant is a Rural Organisation
		20	The applicant is a South Ayrshire Organisation
7. Do the group consider themselves to be a social enterprise?		0	No the group do not consider themselves to be a social enterprise
		5	Yes the Group consider themselves to be a social enterprise
8. Is the application for a standard grant?		0	No, the application is not for a standard grant
		5	Yes, the application is for a standard grant
9. The total project cost is small and the grant element is small		0	The total project cost is more than £10,000 and grant is £5k or more
		5	The total project cost is between £5,001 and £10,000 and the grant element is £5k or less
		10	The total project cost is between £1,001 and £5,000 and the grant element is £2.5k or less
		20	The total project cost is between £100 and £1,000 and the grant element is £500 or less
10. The total project cost is high and the grant element is high		0	The total project cost is high and the grant element is high £5k or more
		10	The total project cost is high and the grant element is low £5k or less
11. The project promotes community involvement, lasting benefits and volunteer working		0	The project has <b>not</b> indicated that the project will involve anyone from outside the organisation or beyond its existing service users
		5	The applicant has indicated that there will be some <b>basic</b> involvement from people outside of the organisation and can describe who will benefit from the project. For example a community park environmental project will describe who will benefit from the project activities (access to the park and its amenities ) beyond local residents or members of the group
		10	The applicant has indicated that there will be <b>some</b> involvement from people outside of the organisation and can describe who will be actively involved in the project and that volunteer working has facilitated this objective. For example volunteer working in the project has facilitated a wide range of beneficiaries e. g. Additional beneficiaries participating within the project which may otherwise have been excluded
		20	The applicant has indicated that there will be a <b>high level</b> of involvement from people outside of the organisation, has lasting community benefit and that volunteer working has facilitated this objective. For example the community park environmental project involves other members of the community to deliver the project. and describes how volunteer assistance has made a difference to the project e.g. scale of project, ability to meet objectives etc
12. The organisation does not carry out any fundraising activities		0	The applicant does <b>not</b> carry out any fund raising activities to support the project.
		10	The applicant carries out <b>minimal</b> fund raising activities to support the project
		20	The applicant carries out a <b>medium</b> element of fund raising activities to support the project
		30	The applicant carries out a <b>strong</b> element of fund raising activities to support the project
13. The organisation has healthy reserves		0	The applicant has <b>very</b> healthy reserves at its disposal
		10	The applicant has <b>moderately</b> healthy reserves at its disposal
		20	The applicant has <b>minimal</b> reserves at its disposal
		30	The applicant has <b>no</b> reserves at its disposal
14. Has the organisation sought match or other funding sources		0	The applicant has not sought other funding sources
		5	The applicant has sought other funding but has been unsuccessful
		10	The applicant has sought other funding sources and has been moderately successful
		20	The applicant has sought other funding sources and has been highly successful
<b>Total Score</b>			<b>Priority: 0 – 105 Low : 106 – 210 Medium: 211 – 320 High</b>