

# Groups Can Apply Now for Funding to Promote Cycle Friendly Communities in Scotland

Provided by Transport Scotland and administered by Cycling Scotland, the Cycle Friendly Communities Development Fund offers grants of between £2,500 and £20,000 to support established (constituted) community-focused groups achieve Cycle Friendly Community status by encouraging more people to cycle locally.

The fund's aim is to help groups promote cycling as a healthy and sustainable way to travel and to support improvements to cycling facilities.

Examples of eligible expenditure include:

- Procuring bicycles to improve community access to bikes, tackling inequality.
- Installing or enhancing cycle parking to increase capacity and/or security.
- Creating maintenance hubs (including procurement of tools, but not consumables).

Successful proposals will focus on capital improvements although Cycling Scotland will consider funding complimentary activities such as:

- Monitoring and Evaluation – including baseline data collection, audits, travel surveys/workshops, impact assessment.
- Cycle training – including Cycle Ride Leader training and Essential Cycling Skills.
- Maintenance training.
- Sessional work/support.
- Promotional and engagement activities – such as targeted campaigns, festivals, led rides, Dr. Bike, bike breakfasts, travel planning, social marketing.

Given the focus on capital costs, projects that are applying for revenue only costs will be considered though they are less likely to be funded.

Groups need to have made initial contact with Cycling Scotland to discuss an application.

For more information please go to:- <https://www.cycling.scot/our-programmes/cycle-friendly/community>