

# Smarter Choices Smarter Places Open Fund

I've recently started working in a new role with Paths for All managing the Transport Scotland Smarter Choices Smarter Places Open Fund.

I am writing to all Third Sector Interface organisations as our fund represents a really good opportunity for 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations to bring in some funding for promoting and developing projects that encourage modal shift away from cars and I was hoping you might either be interested in a project yourself or indeed be able to add our information to any funding lists or newsletters you might have. I would also be delighted to come along to any meet the funder type events you might have in the pipeline.

We are keen to hear from community organisations who are interested in encouraging people to walk and cycle more, either as a new project or as an additional part supporting an existing project.

The Smarter Choices Smarter Places Open Fund has funding available on two levels. We have smaller grants between £5000-£10,000 and larger grants between £10,001-£50,000. (There is a 50% match funding requirement of which 25% can be in kind but we are flexible and can work with you on this).

If you think any of your projects might be interested, Paths for All are initially looking for an Expression of Interest by email. Just a couple of hundred words detailing the initial project idea, how it will work, how it will encourage modal shift out of cars and who it will target (specific community, group of people, employer etc). The process is that they then feedback on this Expression of Interest and issue an application form. (application is a lot more straight forward than some others).

There is no deadline at the moment for applications and the funding would be for 12 months from the date of award. Its revenue funding so can pay for staff, events, interventions etc but cannot pay for physical infrastructure.

Further information is available on our website:

<https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pfa/get-involved/smarter-choices-smarter-places-open-fund.html>

It really is a good opportunity for 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations and groups and we are really keen to develop projects at a community level.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact myself

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