

ACTIVE TRAVEL COMMUNITIES GRANT GUIDANCE

FROM LANARKSHIRE CLIMATE ACTION HUB

What is it?

The **Active Travel Communities Grant** is a grant of up to £1000 for Lanarkshire groups to build and grow **active travel communities** in their area by demonstrating and promoting the benefits of walking, wheeling and cycling. Transport is the biggest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Scotland today. Travelling more actively can reduce emissions, benefit air quality and improve our health and wellbeing.

In preparing your application, get in touch with our Travel Development Officer to discuss your ideas and the needs of your community. He can assist with the development of your project idea. The Active Travel Communities Grant is to support the delivery of:

- **A community event** – through using the services of an established active travel anchor organisation to demonstrate and enable your community to participate in active travel activities. For example, in building confidence in cycling skills, bike maintenance, led bike rides.
- **Gathering insights** – through surveys and feedback at the community event to identify interest and any potential barriers for your community to build future local active travel activities.
- **Next steps** – identifying future opportunities for active travel activities in your community and what resources and funding support you would need to deliver them.

You will need to demonstrate in your funding application how your project will provide ongoing behaviour change towards more sustainable forms of transport in your community. We are particularly keen to work with groups who don't currently have any active travel projects, or who have recently started a project and are looking to enact ongoing behaviour change.



Applications are open now and will be reviewed monthly from 20 April until they close for applications on 20 August 2025.

Who can apply?

Eligible organisations who can apply are constituted community groups based in, and working in, Lanarkshire. Applications will only be accepted from non-profit-distributing groups and organisations with bank accounts.

Who are the established active travel anchor organisations?

Our Travel Development Officer will advise you, based on the needs of your project, which organisation we recommend delivering your active travel community event. The organisations are (but not limited to):

[Gear Up](#)

[Northern Corridor Volunteers](#)

[Social Track](#)

[Climate Action Strathaven](#)

How to apply

Get in touch with our Travel Development Officer by emailing travel@climateactionlanarkshire.net with your project idea. Following this complete and return the Active Travel Communities Grant application form along with a copy of your group/organisation's constitution and a copy of your group/organisation's bank statement dated within the last 3 months to travel@climateactionlanarkshire.net.

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What can the funding be used for?

The funding should be used to cover the cost of the active travel community event, promotional and marketing material, survey costs and can also cover the cost of a small quantity of cycling safety equipment like helmets, lights, hi-vis vests for use as prizes or to incentivise feedback from event attendees.

You cannot include for costs already incurred and items or equipment of a personal nature. The project must be completed by 31 March 2026.

How will my application be assessed?

We are keen to understand how the community will benefit from your project and what impact your project will achieve to improve awareness and engagement with active travel in your community. Please consider the climate when choosing materials or purchases and buy local wherever possible.

When will I know the outcome from my application?

You will be notified by email within a week of the application being assessed.

Reporting

We will require evidence of what you have spent the money on so please retain receipts and records of expenditure. You will be issued with a short form to complete to explain how you have spent the money and the impact it has made.

Accessibility

If you need assistance with accessing the application form or have any queries regarding accessibility, please email travel@climateactionlanarkshire.net and we will do our best to help.

Help us share the word

Many groups and organisations may not realise that this funding can be applicable to them too. You can make a positive difference to your local community by sharing the word. The more groups and organisations we can get involved in climate action, the greater impact we'll see.

Contact

For any questions on eligibility, or for assistance in completing the application form, please contact travel@climateactionlanarkshire.net