

eBike Grant Fund EAUC – Transport Seminar

Programme Background

National Transport Strategy

'An accessible Scotland with safe, integrated and reliable transport that supports economic growth, provides opportunities for all and is easy to use; a transport system that meets everyone's needs, respects our environment and contributes to health; services recognised internationally for quality, technology and innovation, and for effective and well-maintained networks; a culture where transport providers and planners respond to changing needs of businesses, communities and users, and where one ticket will get you anywhere.'

- *Improve journey times and connections*
- *Reduce emissions to tackle the issues of climate change, air quality and health improvement*
- *Improve quality, accessibility and affordability'*

Where does the eBike Grant Fund fit in?

Grant funding to support:

- Establishment or expansion of public ebike hire/loan/trial schemes
- Establishment or expansion of employee ebike pool schemes
- Development of exemplar facilities/logistics/operations projects

Past FHE recipients of eBike Grant Funding

Glasgow Kelvin College	University of Glasgow	University of Dundee
£5,771.00	£15,220.00	£9,187.20
3 ebikes	8 ebikes	10 ebikes
Improving access between campus and public transport hubs	Staff pool ebike scheme. eCargo bike use for operational/grounds staff	Staff pool ebike scheme, targeting specific journeys

2018/19 Projects

- Funded 497 ebikes and ecargo bikes
- 46 projects
- Over £925,000 funding offered

Recipients included Community Development Trusts, Local Authorities, NHS Boards, 8 FHE bodies, and community groups.

Projects ranged from small, village based loan and hire schemes, to public, app-based hire schemes, rural focused transport solutions, to urban-centred logistics and facilities projects.



eBike Grant Fund – 2019/20

- £1,140,000 total funding pot, covering:
 - Grants via applications
 - Pilot projects with Active Travel Delivery Partners
 - Home Energy Scotland eBike Trials

Category A	Category B
Grants up to £25k	Grants up to £200k
Open to public sector organisations and constituted community groups	Open to public sector organisations and constituted community groups
25% match funding required for community groups, in-kind funding considered	50% cash match funding required for all interested parties
50% cash match funding required for public sector bodies	Focussed on large scale workplace pool ebike schemes and publicly available hire schemes.
Community led trials/hire schemes or workplace pool ebike schemes	

What is eligible?

- Pedelec ebikes and ecargo bikes: definition of pedelec from hmrc <https://www.gov.uk/electric-bike-rules>
- Safety, cargo and security equipment: helmets, hi-vis, lights, panniers, child seats, locks. Basic repair equipment will also be considered
- Non-ebike/ecargo bikes will be considered if the project is engaging with groups considered 'vulnerable': disabled, elderly, families with young children
- Subsidised access to large, public hire schemes (category B only)

What isn't eligible?

- Storage equipment, bike stands etc. Applicants are being directed to Cycling Scotland programmes (Cycle Friendly Communities/Employer/Campus) for this
- Training
- Maintenance equipment (other than basic puncture repair, pumps)

Key dates, areas of focus for 2019/20

13th May - Programme opens for applications

28th June – Closing date for Category A Fund

5th August – Closing date for Category B Fund

20th September – Closing date for Category A Fund*

2nd December – Closing date for Category B Fund*

In 2019/20 Transport Scotland and Energy Saving Trust are particularly keen to see submissions for projects that will address key Programme for Government 2018/19 areas of interest:

- Providing low-carbon alternatives to car use
- Inclusive access to services, targeting job-seekers, students, young families
- Developing cycle-friendly businesses and destinations

Application Process

1. Guidance Notes available on Energy Saving Trust eBike Grant Fund website from 7th May
2. Category A projects email eBikeGrantsScot@est.org.uk to request application form
3. For Category B projects, expression of interest noted via form on website emailed to eBikeGrantsScot@est.org.uk
4. Applications available as of 13th May
5. 1-to-1 support, webinars or teleconferences offered in support where necessary
6. Feedback on eligibility and applications provided before assessment panel consisting of EST, Transport Scotland, Cycling Scotland*
7. Further rounds announced if funding remains
8. Funds to be spent by end March 2020.

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<https://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/ebike-grant-fund>