



FEL Scotland

Community Active Travel Accelerator (Stirling) Grant

Community Active Travel Accelerator grants help people in urban and rural Stirling explore locally grounded ways to increase walking, wheeling and cycling for everyday journeys through increased opportunity, capability and motivation.

FEL Scotland Active Travel projects help people to move around in ways that improves their health and wellbeing and reduces emissions that contribute to climate change. We work to make walking, wheeling and cycling for everyday journeys accessible to everyone.

Funded by Stirling Council, these grants of between £500 and £1,000 enable communities across Stirling to deliver public engagement or activities that address barriers to participation in active travel (walking, wheeling and cycling) through positive experiences, confidence building, and access to resources.

What is the aim of the grant?

The grant is designed to support communities based in Stirling to improve accessibility and inclusion around everyday walking, wheeling and cycling. Communities will use the grant to deliver activities that can improve

- **Capability** through training, skill sharing and confidence building activities
- **Opportunity** through improved awareness of or access to equipment, routes and infrastructure
- **Motivation** through providing inclusive positive experiences or supporting behaviour change

Ultimately, the grant aims to enable communities to set their own priorities when it comes to increasing intent to walk wheel or cycle for more low-carbon everyday journeys in readiness for the development of active travel routes near them and as identified in Stirling Council's Forthcoming Active Travel Action Plan.



What areas are prioritised for funding?

Urban areas

City Centre South: A9 Bannockburn
City Centre South: St Ninians
Bannockburn to Plean
Cambusbarron to St Ninians
Stirling Station to Craig's Roundabout

Rural areas

Killlearn to Balfron
Dunblane to Ashfield
Drymen to Balfron
Balfron to Buchlyvie
Drymen to Balmaha

How much can I apply for?

£500 - £1,000

What monitoring and evaluation are needed?

Outcome monitoring and evaluation are a condition of the grant. Please ensure that evidence of participation numbers as well as any changes in awareness, confidence, or participation in active travel through the project or future intent are recorded. We'll ask for these figures along with a final report via a survey that we'll send out in April 2027.

What types of projects are eligible for funding?

We're keen to hear your idea, but below are just some examples of types of activity eligible for funding:

- Cycle skill sessions
- Ride leader or home mechanic courses for volunteers
- 'Cycle and Sip' style led rides
- Art, craft and photography projects
- Improvements to local Bike libraries
- Free bike check and repair sessions
- Step count Challenge
- Bike to Work Week
- Pop-ups or drop-ins to support overcoming barriers to participation



- Bike Buses
- Traffic-Free School Day
- Play street events

When is the deadline?

Applications will be reviewed monthly up until 30th October 2026 but may close sooner to new applications depending on demand. We recommend applying ahead of this date to avoid disappointment.

You can expect to hear within 14 days of the 1st Monday of the month.

Am I eligible to apply?

- You need to be a member of FEL Scotland (register for free at FELScotland.org/membership)
- You need to be based within Stirling local authority boundary in Scotland.
- You need to be a community group, parent Council, community council, community development trust, community interest company (CICs) or a similar not-for-profit group with constitution or similar governance documents in place
- You need to have a bank account in the group name (not an individual's name)
- You need to have a committee with at least 3 unrelated members

What documentation do I need to provide?

You'll be asked to upload the following documents to your application:

- A constitution or similar governing document
- A bank statement account in the organisation's name (not in an individual's name)
- Most recent audited signed accounts, or similar evidence of financial management (where the group has been operating for 18 months or longer)
- You will also need to upload a budget with estimated project costs – you can download the form here:

Please note it is a condition also a condition of the grant the recipient organisation has a policy and procedure in place relating to the [Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults \(PCVA\)](#). Guidance on PCVA can be found at:



<https://www.volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/disclosure-services/>

A sample PCVA policy and further support and guidance is available at:

<http://www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services/resources/>

Please contact us to discuss if this presents a barrier to your group applying for the grant.

What costs are eligible?

You can apply for money to spend on:

- Event space hire and catering
- Communication and promotion
- Resources, materials for community engagement
- Learning exchange visits
- Tools and equipment
- Volunteer expenses
- Training and education
- Research and evidence gathering
- Fees of consultants, experts and specialists
- Contribution towards core costs (to a maximum of 20% of the value of the grant)

We may ask for evidence that best value is achieved for any single purchase over the value of £500. If you are not sure what costs are eligible, please get in touch.

What costs are not eligible?

- Salaries of contracted staff (a maximum 20% contribution to core costs of running the project is eligible)
- Capital costs - defined as costs incurred on the purchase of land, buildings, construction and equipment to be used in the production of goods or the rendering of services.
- Costs incurred out with the funded project, or incurred prior to the project start date

How can my project be delivered in an environmentally sustainable way?

- *Make Eco-Friendly Choices:*
 - Use local, borrowed, recycled or second-hand items when you can
 - Make sure products are kind to the planet and consider their lifespan
 - Local, seasonal and plant-based foods are a more sustainable choice
 - Choose to support local food producers and independent employers
- *Make Sustainable Travel choices:*
 - Travel sustainably: walking, wheeling, public transport or car shares are good



- Browse the ebike library at felscotland.org/bike-library/
 - We don't fund flights but can consider taxis where other options are not possible
- *Projects should be inclusive and accessible:*
 - Projects should not discriminate against any individual or group and must not cause harm. Contact us for advice on ways to make your project inclusive, diverse and equitable.

What are the key dates?

- **8 July 2026:** Applications open
- **30 October 2026** (latest): applications close. Please note the fund may close to new applications sooner depending on demand. We recommend applying ahead of this date to avoid disappointment
- **Ongoing:** Rolling monthly review of applications and decisions communicated (we will aim to respond within 14 days of the 1st Monday of the month)
- **31 March 2027:** Deadline for projects and spend to be completed
- **April 2027:** Survey to be submitted as final report. We will send the survey closer to the time.

What if I need help?

You can also answer the questions via a video or voice note in place of a writing responses in the application – if you would prefer one of these alternative options, please let us know in advance.

FEL commits to equity, diversity and Inclusivity (EDI) in all its work including through the Forth Valley Climate Action Hub. If you need support around EDI in relation to your application, please get in touch.

Did you know that the Climate Hub at FEL Scotland can help you plan for future funding for Climate Action and can offer tips and helpful resources on writing applications? Please get in touch if you'd like to discuss support available.

For all additional assistance with your application please get in touch with us by email at stuart@felscotland.org

FEL Scotland is grateful to SESTran (South East Scotland Transport) for making grant giving possible through their support.

We're here to support your community's efforts to address climate change. Apply and let's work together to make a difference.





Appendix

Indicative preview of questions on the application:

1. Name of organisation
2. Title of project
3. Type of organisation
4. Please give an overview of your organisation and its objectives (200 words)
5. How would you describe your experience delivering active travel projects?
6. Please explain your project idea. (500 words)
Tell us what your project aims to achieve, what activities will be involved, and how you intend to deliver it
7. Which grant are you applying for?
8. How much are you applying for?
9. Upload your budget or estimate costs
10. Confirmation of FEL Scotland membership
11. Contact details
12. Declaration, sign and date
13. Upload documents as proof of eligibility