

eBike Grant Fund project summaries

Strathdearn Community Development

Number of ebikes: 6 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £16,541.76

The aim of the project is to offer free, long-term ebike trials to locals from the new mobility hub, located on the NCR 7 route. Strathdearn Community Development's ambition is for people to make active travel a main mode of transport, even in a rural setting. By providing ebikes, they hope to encourage more residents to use the route, which takes cyclists through villages and mostly away from the busy A9 road.

Climate Action Strathaven

Number of ebikes: 5 ebikes, 2 ecargo bikes and 2 etrikes

Grant offer amount: £24,542.02

The project aims to make sustainable choices accessible to all in the community by expanding on their current fleet of 7 ebikes. They will provide increased active travel options to a wider range of community members regardless of their ability. CAS are utilising the eBike Grant Funds subsidised funding, with £1,213.37 available to cover the cost of accessing the hire scheme for vulnerable groups.

Mount Vernon Community Hall

Number of ebikes: 2 ecargo bikes, 2 etrikes, 1 wheelchair tandem and 1 side-by-side bike

Grant offer amount: £25,000.00

This project will make cycling accessible to all. They will encourage parents with young children to use the ecargo bike as an option for everyday travel. The etrikes will be used to encourage people who may have disabilities, have balance issues or those who have concerns that they don't feel steady on the bike. They want cycling to be seen as a sociable activity and to help locals build skills and confidence in cycling on roads. The project also aims to encourage older people into cycling by providing the wheelchair tandem and side-by-side bike.

Galson Estate Trust

Number of ebikes: 5 ebikes and 1 ecargo bike

Grant offer amount: £21,000.00

Galson Estate Trust plan to make their ebikes available for hire by the residents of the island, on low/free long-term hire. This accessible and inclusive mode of transport will help support a rural community to become more active, improve their health and wellbeing, enabling transport provision for low-income individuals and families, while also reducing fossil fuel powered travel, which in turn will reduce carbon emissions.

Shapinsay Development Trust

Number of ebikes: 10 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £16,560.00

To build on their existing project, the ebikes are for use by Shapinsay's residents to promote greener commuting and travel on the island, to give vulnerable individuals the same opportunities others have, and to help reduce car usage. The ebikes will be available for rental to visitors and tourists at a small cost, while residents will have free access for the project duration.

Urban Fox Programme

Number of ebikes: 10 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £10,739.08

The Urban Fox loan scheme will provide residents of the Parkhead community access to ebikes on loan, for free. The aim is to promote active travel, to improve health and wellbeing through leisure rides, and to encourage older residents to keep active and get back on a bike. The project will offer long term loans to local people for a 2-3-month period to allow users to incorporate the bikes into their lives, resulting in a modal shift.

All Abilities Cycles Live Active

Number of ebikes: 1 wheelchair bike and 2 etrikes

Grant offer amount: £24,840.00

The All-Ability Cycling Project aims to make cycling accessible in Perth and Kinross so everyone can enjoy the benefits, by providing sessions on adapted bikes for individuals no matter their ability. These bikes will be added to an established ebike hire scheme, with the intention to replace some older bikes that are no longer in use but continue to be in high demand. All the bikes will be available for public hire.

Outfit Moray

Number of ebikes: 4 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £7,096.00

This project aims to expand upon an existing bike hire fleet that currently offers two folding ebikes. They will purchase 2 low-step ebikes and 2 low-step mountain ebikes to make cycling more accessible to less mobile cyclists. By increasing the size of their fleet, more people will have the opportunity to try out electric bikes, building their confidence to invest in their own, thus reducing the number of journeys made by cars.

Beith Community Development Trust

Number of ebikes: 10 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £16,365.00

The Trust will make ebike loans easily accessible to the communities of Garnock Valley. They are establishing a library of different bikes to suit the lifestyles of different users. As public transport costs are high in the area, the scheme will allow low income working families to test out the potential of ebikes as an alternative transport means. The experience will demonstrate to participants how an ebike could successfully integrate into regular travel behaviours, socially, recreationally and for work or business.

Cargo Bike Movement

Number of ebikes: 3 ecargo bikes

Grant offer amount: £15,350.81

Cargo Bike Movement will work with locals of Edinburgh for fairer, greener, healthier communities by increasing access to, and information on, cargo bikes and their suitability for individual, family, and business journeys. This takes place through the regular food redistribution service, as well as a bike loan scheme. As one of the trustees, Lee Craigie (Active Nation Commissioner for Scotland) will promote this scheme as a means for families and businesses to use active means of travel and transport.

Happy N Healthy

Number of ebikes: 12 folding ebikes

Grant offer amount: £14,001.36

Happy N Healthy work in a diverse urban area affected by deprivation and inequality where transport poverty is an issue. They will provide a fleet of small, wheeled folding ebikes on loan for free, making them easily accessible to the communities of Garnock Valley. Previously funded ebikes have been well utilised and the smaller ebikes will allow the project to reach people they have not been able to previously.

Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council (EVOC)

Number of ebikes: 10 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £24,870.00

The project will demonstrate the benefits of ebikes and promote their use across voluntary, community, third sector and social enterprise organisations for sustainable active business travel as an alternative to car and van use. EVOC would like to develop a covid-friendly cross-company transport programme across the deprived areas of Edinburgh to lessen the burden on public transport, to increase the flexibility and mobility of staff (as they visit satellites and replace online meetings with face-to-face meetings), and to promote active travel.

LEAP Car Club

Number of ebikes: 5 ebikes and 2 etrikes

Grant offer amount: £19,878.04

This project is a community ebike loan scheme, and the aim is to encourage residents to try an ebike (with or without a trailer) for up to a month at a time. They will offer discounted rates for tenants of the Linstone Housing Association. They are aiming to encourage active travel and promote health and wellbeing through use of the ebikes. The car club currently has 5 cars (3 electric and 2 hybrid) and are hoping to offer the ebikes as active travel alternatives, to encourage a modal shift from vehicles to ebikes for shorter journeys.

Glasgow City Council (GCC)

Number of ebikes: 27 ebikes, 9 stations, which each have 4 edocking pedestals giving a total of 36 edocking pedestals

Grant offer amount: £100,000.00

Glasgow City Council are aiming to expand on the existing scheme of ebikes and docking stations within the Glasgow cycle hire scheme. The objective is to provide the opportunity for the general public to integrate ebikes into their daily travel routine. Through the existing scheme, GCC have found the demand for ebike rentals has been increasing and they have regular requests from various community councils for hire station installations within their areas.

HITRANS

Number of ebikes: 20 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £66,000.00

This project is an expansion on an existing Hi-Bike project, providing three additional locations for accessing ebikes around Inverness. They will provide a new, low-cost ebikes to promote a healthier, more active population, and reduce inequalities by offering additional opportunities to access services and employment. The current application is to expand the availability of ebikes to more residential areas, which will distribute the project more evenly throughout the city and benefit more of the population.

South Ayrshire Community Transport

Number of ebikes: 11 ebikes and 1 ecargo bike

Grant offer amount: £24,093.47

The aim of the project is to introduce ebikes to the area of North Carrick and encourage their use among the residents of the area, including many older and less able people who might have thought their cycling days were over in this particularly higher region. The ebikes will be available for up to four weeks at a time with the aim of encouraging people to buy their own afterwards. Two of the ebikes will be foldable to allow for multi-modal transport and the ecargo bikes will allow for food or heavy goods deliveries.

KPT Development Trust

Number of ebikes: 9 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £22,867.91

KPT covers the 3 adjacent villages of Penpont, Keir and Tynron, each of which will receive three ebikes. The aim of the project is to encourage people of all ages in each community to replace short car journeys for commuting, shopping, leisure, and exercise with ebikes.

Healthy Valleys

Number of ebikes: 9 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £18,272.55

This project plans to extend and develop the existing active travel programme in the area. They will continue to provide loans of ebikes to vulnerable individuals who would otherwise not benefit from using ebikes. They also support people who, for various reasons, have not cycled for a while due to - lack of funds, post-operative injuries, and lack of confidence. They hope to raise awareness of ebikes and encourage people to the use them for local daily journeys in place of taking a car.

Fife College

Number of ebikes: 3 adapted cycles (1 wheelchair bike and 2 etrikes)

Grant offer amount: £17,568.00

This project will add to the current pool of ebikes by providing students and staff at the college with an opportunity to trial an adapted bike. By including adapted ebikes, they aim to make cycling accessible to all, in line with the college's inclusivity values. The bikes will open new possibilities for staff, students, and the wider community, by making active travel feel more achievable, practical, and exciting for everyone. The adapted bikes will offer special population groups a chance to participate, through a hobby, a means to do physical activity, or to support a rehabilitation programme.

Talking Tandems

Number of ebikes: 1 electric tandem bike

Grant offer amount: £6,602.00

Talking Tandems is a charity whose main purpose is to improve the health and well-being of people with visual impairment through participation in tandem cycling. The tandem will be available to the public as well as a number of members of the group who are becoming older and experiencing difficulties in participating in group runs. This project will allow people to enjoy the physical, mental, and social benefits of participation in activities. The charity already has some tandem cycles, which provide an opportunity to allow blind members of the group to take part in cycling activities. By adding an electric tandem to the fleet, it will also allow members with health issues to take part.

Ahl Al Bait Society

Number of ebikes: 5 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £14,450.00

EWheels To Go, an initiative by Ahl Al Bait Society, are offering free ebike trials to members of their community who are elderly or infirm and would like to be more active and gain the same benefits as those that cycle. They will introduce the benefits of ebikes through cycle training, maintenance sessions, and long-term trials. They hope to encourage users to be less reliant on cars and show how cycling is better for health, wellbeing, and the environment.

Bridgend Farmhouse

Number of ebikes: 8 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £7,004.00

The project aims to provide ebikes for mature participants. They currently run weekly free led rides for the community and are looking to increase these and allow those who may have mobility or health issues the opportunity to take part. They are also hoping the ebikes will encourage cycling amongst those who are overwhelmed or daunted by the thought of cycling, or those who worry about covering longer distances.

Arran Eco Savvy

Number of ebikes: 6 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £17,216.36

Arran Eco Savvy's project proposal will use a fleet of eBikes to help create '20-minute neighbourhoods for everyday journeys, leisure and adventure', for the island's local community. The island's seven larger villages naturally form 20-minute neighbourhoods, their size and layout siting perfect proximity for nipping to the shops and amenities. The project will continue to encourage a modal shift away from vehicles to active travel and believe ebikes will help with this, particularly in dealing with challenging terrain.

Huntly Development Trust

Number of ebikes: 10 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £ 11,041.50

The current ebike grant fund project has assisted the general community of Huntly including people with various disabilities, older people who had not cycled for years, and financially and geographically deprived people. The project will add an additional 10 ebikes to the existing scheme and will be available for hire for up to many months. The previous project saw a 10% conversion rate from people hiring to buying an ebike and they are hoping to achieve a similar target with this project.

Transition University of St Andrews

Number of ebikes: 3 ecargo bikes and 1 adapted bike

Grant offer amount: £18,777.60

Transition St Andrews will expand on their existing bike pool to offer ecargo and adapted bikes to individuals, groups, and businesses in order to displace ICE vehicles used for local delivery, leisure trips and everyday journeys. Transition have been using and loaning out (for free) a single cargo bike for 3 years from the previous ebike grant round alongside over 100 re-used bikes for long term rental.

Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park

Number of ebikes: 5 ebikes and 1 ecargo bike

Grant offer amount: £15,760.00

This project aims to provide a small pool of ebikes to allow staff to commute to and from work and will enable volunteers working with countryside rangers to cycle to areas of work with the ranger and transport hand tools to site in the cargo bike. This will reduce vehicle use within the park by enabling staff to cycle between centres within Clyde Muirshiel and Gleniffer Braes parks. This will result in a reduction in vehicle use which should equate to around 40- 70 miles per week of short journeys currently done by van.

Stow Community Trust

Number of ebikes: 2 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £5,401.30

A community project based at Stow Station offering bike loans, bike trials and wrap around support to cyclists. The project aims to encourage a modal shift from car use to cycling for commuters to and from the railway station, for short journeys around the area and travel to nearby towns and villages within a 25-mile radius. The ebikes are well suited to the local topography and will make active travel a realist choice, contributing to a more integrated travel system, improving health and wellbeing, and strengthening community cohesion.

Police Scotland – Highland & Island Division

Number of ebikes: 4 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £14,400.00

The ebikes will be used by on duty police officers to improve health and fitness instead of using the car. This will result in increased PR and improve the environment due to less vehicle emissions. Two ebikes will be deployed at Inverness station and two in the islands (shared on a rotational basis). The stations included are in hilly areas, which puts police officers off using bikes, so the project should help with this.

Glenboig Development Trust

Number of ebikes: 3 foldable ebikes and 3 adapted cycles (1 wheelchair, 1 etrike and 1 rickshaw)

Grant offer amount: £24,145.00

This project aims to assist the elderly, people affected with disabilities and people with mobility problems to have opportunities to trial low step through, foldable ebikes and adapted cycles. The foldable ebikes were chosen as not only are they more adaptable for people with mobility issues but they are also easier to transport to different locations for leisure purposes and for people to store at their homes during longer term loans.

HITRANS

Number of ebikes: 10 ecargo bikes

Grant offer amount: £41,863.68

The project aims to introduce 10 ecargo bikes to local communities and businesses. A mix of two and three wheeler ecargo bikes will be provided in Inverness, Elgin and Drumnadrochit to promote a modal shift away from using vans/cars for deliveries and personal use, towards a low carbon alternative.

Sustainable Kirriemuir

Number of ebikes: 3 ebikes and 1 ecargo bike

Grant offer amount: £5,682.42

The main barrier to cycling in the town is the hilly terrain, therefore ebikes will open cycling to more people. The three ebikes will be available for residents to borrow and trial, particularly those who are deterred from cycling short journeys because of the local terrain, physical limitations or those who have not yet tried or cannot afford an ebike. Sustainable Kirriemuir will also allow local businesses to loan the ecargo bike to trial before buying their own.

Police Scotland – Arbroath, D Division (Tayside)

Number of ebikes: 8 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £12,954.00

The bikes will be provided to four police stations across two local authority areas which are largely rural with extensive path networks that are impossible to effectively patrol on foot or in vehicles. Using ebikes will be easier for officers (particularly when carrying heavy equipment), encourage fitness and wellbeing, and allow officers to engage with members of the public in a way that is not possible in a vehicle.

Kinross-shire Move Greener

Number of ebikes: 8 ebikes

Grant offer amount: £12,365.50

The Kinross eBike Share Scheme will provide residents and visitors to the area with free access to an ebike. The wider aims are to reduce the environmental impact of car ownership and to promote health and well-being through active travel. Particular attention will be paid to vulnerable groups to ensure that the project really does deliver for the whole community.

Leonard Cheshire Disability

Number of ebikes: 2 rickshaw adapted bikes

Grant offer amount: £19,035.80

The project aims to provide two adapted cycles to be shared across eight services in Edinburgh, benefitting over 80 people including service users, volunteers, friends, and families. The bikes will be aimed at increasing the cycling rate and confidence in cycling for disabled people, giving them more opportunities to keep active. Staff and volunteers will assist individuals to gain confidence in cycling as well as helping them become more familiar with the local area.

Bike for Good

Number of ebikes: 2 ecargo bikes

Grant offer amount: £12,547.50

This project is aiming to expand upon their existing ecargo bike library, by adding two additional bikes and a trailer. The library is available to businesses, community organisations and individuals to encourage the switch from cars/vans to ecargo bikes for short journeys. By providing local businesses with access to ecargo bikes, they hope to encourage a reduction in travel by motor vehicles for shorter journeys.

Soul Riders

Number of ebikes: 21 ecargo bikes

Grant offer amount: £102,268.80

This project aims to be Scotland's largest ecargo bike network and the go-to place for information, training, trialling, and hiring cargo bikes. Operating from Soul Riders' already established Cargo Bike Hub in Glasgow, the network will offer a turn-key solution for organisations to embed green urban logistics and for neighbourhoods to provide zero-emission transport solutions for local communities.