

Islands Green Recovery Programme: Sustainable Transport Fund project summaries

The £2 million [Islands Green Recovery Programme / Prògram Ath-Shlànachaidh Uaine nan Eilean \(IGRP\)](#) aims to support the economic recovery of island communities from the Covid-19 pandemic. It is split into four strands, each managed by a separate partner with responsibility for delivering investment in low carbon transport, food sustainability and zero waste projects.

Energy Saving Trust has selected two initiatives to benefit from the £270,000 sustainable transport strand of the programme. Funded by the Scottish Government, the fund aims to support locally led, low carbon transport projects in communities of the Scottish islands.

Voluntary Action Barra and Vatersay – Barra and Vatersay Green Transport Project

Scottish Government funding: £195,000

Voluntary Action Barra and Vatersay is a local charity that contributes to the long-term social, economic and environmental vitality of these two islands. This project will help to decarbonise community transport by replacing a diesel minibus with an electric model. Furthermore, it will enable active travel by installing a bus bike rack and acquiring bike accessories and maintenance tools. Finally, it will facilitate the expansion of the sustainable transport network through the development of the Castlebay mobility hub. This initiative will include the installation of a rapid electric vehicle (EV) and ebike chargepoint, the provision of training to upskill local mechanics in EV maintenance, a storage facility for four bikes and a booking system.

Isle of Kerrera Development Trust – Isle of Kerrera ebike schemes

Scottish Government funding: £75,000

The Isle of Kerrera Development Trust is a charity that develops initiatives to improve the quality of life of the island's 68 full-time residents. The fund will support the development of two ebike schemes, one for residents and another for visitors. The project aims to

promote physical activity to help support both the physical health and mental wellbeing of community members and reduce car dependence through greater access to cycling. The fund will finance 13 ebikes, three ecargo bikes, one etrike, two bike trailers, two bike shelters, four bike racks, one open-access ebike changepoint, signage for hire bikes and routes, and a reservation system.

Awarded project locations

