



FOR A HAPPIER,
HEALTHIER SCOTLAND



**Smarter Choices,
Smarter Places**

Supporting Sustainable Travel

OPEN FUND

ABOUT THE FUND



The Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) Open Fund aims to encourage people to change their behaviours to walk or cycle as part of their everyday short journeys. The Fund will also encourage people to use other sustainable travel choices for longer journeys. It is available to support public, third and community sector organisations that want to change people's everyday travel behaviour and help create a happier, healthier Scotland.

Funded activities could include, but are not limited to:

- Producing local maps showing walkable routes
- Holding car-free days
- Taking part in active travel challenges
- Organising led-walks
- Providing information on pedestrian and cycle friendly routes
- Activities that support sustainable travel to clubs, societies and gatherings
- Making walking and cycling routes more attractive and friendly
- Community-based active travel information hubs
- Car-sharing and car clubs
- Improvements to Bus services
- Incentives for travelling by public transport
- Improving health conditions through active travel
- Sustainable travel festivals
- Feasibility studies

Examples of successful projects are available in the Smarter Choices Smarter Places Case Studies on our website www.pathsforall.org.uk



Some previous SCSP funded projects have included:

- Building community awareness
- Improving Physical or Mental Health
- Community art shaping local places
- Community challenges
- Workplace challenges
- Car free days



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The Open Fund is looking for new, innovative projects

We are offering grants from £5,000 to £10,000 and larger grants of between £10,001 and £50,000. Funding is available for 50% of a total project cost, although 25% of the total project cost can be in-kind contributions.

The SCSP Open Fund cannot be used to match-fund other Transport Scotland funded sustainable transport initiatives, but we would welcome applications that add value to existing or new projects.

We particularly welcome applications from partnerships of organisations as we know these deliver better results.

Projects should be able to be completed within one year of funding, but we are willing to consider longer-term projects.

There is no schedule of submission dates, we will try very hard to respond to requests for funding as soon as we can.

Please get in touch on scspopenfund@pathsforall.org.uk to discuss your proposals and ideas.

The Fund is available to a wide range of organisations, this includes, but is not limited to:

- Constituted groups, clubs and community organisations
- Registered charity
- Not-for-profit company or Community Interest Company
- School, university or college
- Statutory body (including town, parish and community council)
- Regional Transport Partnership
- Health and Social Care Partnership
- Health Board
- Business Improvement Districts
- Local authorities

The Fund is not available for:

- Individuals
- Sole traders
- Projects outside Scotland
- Commercial companies
- Organisations to distribute resources to other parties
- Capital works inc. paths, shelters, cycleways, bike lockers and storage
- Upkeep or maintenance of infrastructure or existing projects
- Sports events and tournaments
- Political campaigns

All applicants must demonstrate how they will deliver one of the following outcomes:

- More people choose to walk or cycle for short local journeys
- More people choose sustainable transport options for longer journeys
- People develop more positive attitudes towards sustainable transport choices
- Peoples knowledge about sustainable transport choices increases
- There is an increased evidence base to support sustainable travel interventions

YOUR APPLICATION



We will consider:

- How your project helps deliver the SCSP outcomes. We recommend that you identify only one
- The target audience for the project
- The need for the project
- The difference you propose to make
- The capacity of your organisation to deliver the project
- Value for money

How to apply

Submit an expression of interest to this e-mail address and we will contact you to discuss it with you.

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Your expression of interest should identify the population you are targeting, the activities you will undertake and how you think you will be able to demonstrate success. It should be a maximum of 200 words.

On receipt of your expression of interest, we will contact you to discuss if you should submit an application with more details. If the SCSP Open Fund is unsuitable for your project, we may be able to signpost you to other sources of funding.

Our Community Active Travel Grants of up to £3,000 are available to communities for small capital improvements such as:

Further details regarding these grants can be found on the [paths for all website](https://www.pathsforall.org.uk).

- Promote and signpost active travel routes;
- Improve and develop routes that will make it easier to walk and cycle when making short everyday journeys;
- Maintain active travel routes and ensuring that they are accessible.