



British Cycling -Places to Ride Funding

Dedicated cycling facilities provide safe, traffic-free environments for any cyclist of any ability to participate, train, compete and - most importantly - have fun whilst riding a bike. British Cycling is working closely with Sport England to develop a national network of new cycling facilities which meets local demand, making use of a £15 million investment programme called **Places to Ride**.

The funding is available to any organisation that is developing cycling activity in their community and can be used for anything from equipment packages to activate your local space, through to a brand new cycling facility.

The programme is open until January 2021, so there is plenty of time to think about your project, discuss with your wider organisation and partners and submit an application when you're ready. For organisations looking to put in a small- or large-scale request, we would encourage you to discuss your ideas in advance of submission with your Cycling Delivery Manager, who can help to refine your ideas and provide feedback on lessons learnt from other projects, (see contact details below).

You will find the guidance prospectus for the Places to Ride funding scheme small grants [here](#) . This contains all the facts about targets, levels of funding, and what we can and can't fund.

There are also small and large grant prospectus on the website Places to Ride (they are too big to attach them all) but they can be found on the [Places to Ride](#) page

Applications for the large and small grant schemes are made online via a simple form and both are a two stage application that require a simple development plan.

The main things to consider for projects is that they are for capital i.e for things and buildings/ storage/ redevelopment. There is NO revenue associated with this scheme so things like training courses, maintenance of kit, coaching costs cannot be covered. Page 4 of the prospectus highlights 'what we will fund'

Creative and innovative ideas to get more people riding bikes more often are exactly what we are looking for. Projects like showers, storage, pool bikes, playground and access development like adaptive or ebike bike schemes linked to Lifelong engagement are exactly what we are looking for.

The match funding target for large and small scale grants is 50% however there will be potential for some flexibility on that if it makes the difference between something happening or falling flat. Some of the larger schemes may come with simple grant conditions on reporting, as you would expect from any funder. You will see reference to the statement that we would expect a minimum of 25%. Match funding can come from other grant schemes or organisation funds. In kind volunteer time for capital builds/ technical drawings etc can be included at an advised rate. Local authority officer time would not be included in this.

Evidence is Key. Asking Why we need this or want to do it will be the main question from any assessors – simple questionnaires for young people or staff/ user surveys are great examples. Pupil and parent consultation are a great one to use.

The equipment and activation packages are funded slightly differently and are match funded at 20% by the applicant. So simply put a £1250 equipment package requires a £250 buy in. The equipment on the list is not compulsory and you can choose what you wish to apply for and we can build this package with you. These are a really useful tool box for schools. Applicants can come back to the fund more than once where they have need to enhance or further activate an offer linked to a project or facility.

The ideas for storage/ showers at a school would be a great one – especially if you have evidence of a waiting list or evidence of need. Run any ideas past me, no matter how creative they may be, as the scheme is incredibly flexible and looking for innovation – we have somebody at Stage 2 applying to turn an old red phone box into a tool box for passing cyclists.

Attached is the schools FAQ guidance document, schools should have their main focus on extra curricular and community use.

If you are considering applying to the fund please contact Lorna Bennett, North East Cycling Delivery Manager lornabennett@britishcycling.org.uk to discuss your project in more detail before submission.