



Pedal for Scotland grant scheme

Frequently asked questions

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Can I use my event to raise funds for a good cause?

Any and all fundraising must be achieved through optional donations. To ensure access to the widest possible audience, events should be free (essential for those awarded large grants) or at an accessible, subsidised rate.

Can funding be used for 'fun' categories at competitive events?

Community cycling events must not be competitive – they are not designed to test skills, or endurance and instead celebrate the joy of cycling. Cycling Scotland will consider funding rides as part of wider competitive events, provided there is no element of competition – such as rider timing or podiums.

Can we use funding to deliver a series of activities?

Community cycle event funding is intended for a single event or connected activities delivered together from the same location on a single date. It is expected to be a mass-participation format with the majority of riders setting off within a short time of each other. Funding cannot be used to support a series of led rides, coaching or skills sessions.

What is not eligible for funding?

The funding is only available for the delivery of bike events as detailed in the Application Guidance.

The funding does not cover:

- A series of activities delivered over different dates (such as led rides, coaching or instruction sessions).
- Competitive events, virtual or endurance challenges
- Course costs for individuals developing as leaders, coaches or instructors
- Support for bike maintenance skills
- Support in the purchasing of bikes for individuals or groups

Does the route have to be flat?

Elevation should be kept to a minimum. While it may be necessary for some participants to briefly dismount to cross a feature such as a railway bridge, sustained gradients and descents should be avoided wherever possible. As a guide, we encourage event organisers to design routes that a five-year-old on a single speed bike could be expected to complete without much walking.

Can we use funding for equipment for our existing event?

Grant funding is intended to support communities to develop new events that showcase local cycling opportunities and infrastructure. Applications for existing events will only be considered where they demonstrate how the event is evolving to reach new audiences or increase participants.

What level of insurance do I need?

If you are an existing cycling community we recommend event insurance from national cycling organisations such as Cycling UK or British Cycling, which offer up to £10million public liability for organised events. Otherwise, a range of commercial providers offer cycle event insurance in the UK and we recommend ensuring you have at least £5million public liability insurance in place. If applicable, make sure to check with your local landowner what insurance requirements they have.

Can our event have road closures?

Where possible events should showcase existing cycling infrastructure and not impact on other users. In certain situations, traffic management may be required to enable large numbers of participants to safely move from one part of a route to another (e.g. where a cycle path is intersected by a major road). Road closures are not encouraged for events with less than 250 participants. Exceptions may be considered if for example the event is delivered by a Local Authority.

What about the impact of potential public health restrictions?

As public health guidelines in response to Covid evolve, Cycling Scotland will work with funded event partners to identify whether an event is viable in its current format, whether adaptation is possible, or whether it needs postponed or cancelled. In the unfortunate event that restrictions surrounding Covid result in events not being allowed to take place, Cycling Scotland would engage with events on an individual basis.

Details will be requested of costs incurred, what costs can be carried forward, what costs might be lost and whether the existing grant will be sufficient to reorganise (some costs may be incurred twice) and confirmation that the group is willing to rearrange the event. From this information Cycling Scotland can decide whether postponement is appropriate, or total cancellation is the best option.