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Low Carbon Travel & Transport Challenge Fund

Second funding call – Information sheet

Transport Scotland's Low Carbon Travel and Transport (LCTT) Challenge Fund will provide up to £7.6 million of capital funding under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) 2014-2020 Programme to facilitate the delivery of active travel and low carbon transport hubs.

In December 2016 the first funding call was launched and public, community and third sector organisations were invited to bid for up to 40/50% of their total project costs, up to £2 million, with the remainder of project costs provided through match funding from other non-European public sources. In June 2017, [£3.25 million was awarded to five projects.](#)

Following the awards of the first round of funding, there remains £2.15 million of ERDF funding available for projects in the Lowlands and Uplands (LUPS), and £2.3 million ERDF funding for projects in the Highlands and Islands (H&I).

Transport Scotland has made changes to the criteria for the second funding call:

- Total eligible project costs are set at a minimum of £250,000 and a maximum of £2 million.
- Applications are required to match the ERDF funding. Applicants in H&I can apply for up to 70% of their eligible project costs. The 70% ERDF intervention rate for H&I is subject to European Commission approval. The LUPS level remains unchanged and applicants can apply for up to 40% of their eligible project costs.
- Path-only applications will be considered provided they can demonstrate that the path works are of sufficient scale and strategic.
- Projects must be completed by December 2019.

With the exception of the changes noted above, all other criteria relating to the LCTT Challenge Fund will remain the same.

Updated application forms, notes for applicants and guidance documents will be released in early October 2017. In the meantime, applicants should refer to the documents prepared for the first funding call for guidance on eligible costs, match funding, and the application process. Funding for the second call will be awarded in March/April 2018.