

People and Place Grant Awards

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to report the SEStran People and Place grant awards 2024/2025 to the Board.

2 MAIN REPORT

- 2.1 As per the Assessment Process and Award of Grants section in the SEStran Grant Standing Orders, the People and Place grant awards have been reviewed and approved by the Partnership Director. All awards were under the delegation limit for approval by the Partnership Director. The process stipulates to report to the Board for noting at its next meeting.
- 2.2 The grant eligibility criteria and assessment process for the grant fund were approved by the Board at its last meeting, which took place on Friday 15th March 2024. The total value of the non-Local Authority amounted to £2,464,774, which was within the 10% variation threshold for the approved total grant fund value as agreed by the Board.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Partnership Board is asked to note the content of this report and the SEStran People and Place Plan 2024/2025, including the list of grant awards at Appendix 1.

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Appendix 1: SEStran People and Place Plan 2024/2025 – list of grant awards

Policy Implications	The People and Place Plan aligns with the objectives of the RTS and therefore will help deliver on SEStran's policy objectives
Financial Implications	All costs are within the grant award from Transport Scotland, so there is no financial impact on the SEStran core budget. Funding agreements are in place for each grant to ensure funds are appropriately managed.
Equalities Implications	In supporting people to travel actively, the grants should have a positive impact on equalities. Specific elements of the grants have been designed to further support the accessibility of active travel, including a focus on the provision of adaptive bikes and a programme focused on physical barrier removal on pavements. An EqIA has been undertaken on the Plan and recommendations from this will be incorporated where possible.
Climate Change Implications	In promoting behaviour change from private cars to active travel, the grants will support the transition to net zero.

APPENDIX 1

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Local Authorities grant awards

City of Edinburgh Council	£798,700
Clackmannanshire Council	£190,200
East Lothian Council	£149,800
Falkirk Council	£84,000
Fife	£361,200
Midlothian Council	£270,400
Scottish Borders Council	£433,800
West Lothian Council	£175,150
Total	£2,463,250

Third Party organisations grant awards

Bike Station	Wee Bike Library	£106,795
	Kids Bike Life	£153,300
Cycling Scotland	Access to Bikes for Young People	£352,000
	Active Ways to Work	£105,000
Cycling UK	Cycle Access Fund	£236,016
	Connected communities East Lothian	£150,000
Forth Environment Link	Community Active Travel Programme	£195,000
	Community Active Travel Programme - Schools	£159,750
Greener Kirkcaldy	Routes to Change	£99,902
Living Streets	WOW Southeast Scotland	£122,075
Paths for All	Secondary School clusters Walking, Wheeling and Cycling programme	£124,000
Sustrans	Behaviour Change Strategy Embedded Officers	£129,506
	I Bike Schools	£490,474
University of Edinburgh		£40,956
Total		£2,464,774