

PEOPLE AND PLACE GRANT AWARDS

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to report grant awards for 2026/27 to the Board for noting.

2 GRANT AWARDS

- 2.1 As per the Grant Standing Orders, grant awards have been made to various organisations to support delivery of People and Place, Transport to Employment, and wider activities to further the aims of the RTS. All awards were under the delegation limit for approval by the Partnership Director.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 shows a list of grant awards issued under the People and Place programme for 2025/26. These awards have been updated to reflect funding changes for the programme set out earlier on this agenda. As such, these awards supersede those noted and approved by the Board on 13th March 2026.
- 2.3 Appendix 2 sets out the Transport to Employment grant awards that have been made to date. Detail is also provided on which programme area these sit within, which are set out earlier on this agenda. The also includes a grant award made to Scottish Borders Council to deliver the workforce mobility programme on behalf of all RTPs, with funding provided by Transport Scotland.
- 2.4 Appendix 3 lists other grant awards made that fulfil the objectives of the RTS. The reason for offering each grant is given against each one, along with any further relevant detail.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Partnership Board is asked to note the content of this report and the grant awards contained in appendices 1-3.

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Appendix 1: People and Place 2026/27 grant awards
Appendix 2: Transport to Employment 2026/27 grant awards
Appendix 3: Other SEStran 2026/27 grant awards

Policy Implications	All grant awards are made to support the aims of the RTS. Grant awards for People and Place and Transport to Employment also support national policy objective set by Transport Scotland
Financial Implications	All costs are within the approved budget. Grant for People and Place and Transport to Employment are funded via a grant from Transport Scotland to SEStran. Funding agreements are in place for each grant to ensure funds are appropriately managed.
Equalities Implications	In supporting people to travel sustainably, the grants should have a positive impact on equalities. All grantees are expected to comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty when carrying out grant funded activity.
Climate Change Implications	In promoting sustainable travel, the grants will support the transition to net zero.

People and Place Plan 2025/2026 grant awards

Organisation	Project Name	Org Type	Total Award
City of Edinburgh Council		Local Authority	£891,749.10
Clackmannanshire Council		Local Authority	£162,472.50
East Lothian Council		Local Authority	£175,307.27
Falkirk Council		Local Authority	£140,080.25
Fife Council		Local Authority	£527,721.00
Midlothian Council		Local Authority	£ 98,160.00
Scottish Borders Council		Local Authority	£339,289.70
West Lothian Council		Local Authority	£86,640.15
CoMoUK Trust	Pop-up Hub	Large Delivery Partner	£ 65,360.00
Cycling UK	Cycle Access Fund	Large Delivery Partner	£250,000.00
Cycling UK	Connecting Communities Midlothian	Large Delivery Partner	£115,000.00
Cycling UK	Connecting Communities - East Lothian	Large Delivery Partner	£115,000.00
Cycling UK	Play Together on Pedals	Large Delivery Partner	£40,000.00
FEL Scotland	FEL Schools	Large Delivery Partner	£360,548.00
FEL Scotland	Linlithgow Academy Active Travel Hub	Large Delivery Partner	£102,788.00
FEL Scotland	FEL Community	Large Delivery Partner	£79,303.00
Forth Valley College	FVC Routes to Active and Sustainable Travel	Large Delivery Partner	£31,078.00
Greener Kirkcaldy	Fife Access to Cycles project	Large Delivery Partner	£110,000.00
Greener Kirkcaldy	Healthy and Active Ways to Work Fife project	Large Delivery Partner	£95,000.00
The Bike Station	Kids Bike Life	Large Delivery Partner	£143,467.38
The Bike Station	Wee Bike Library	Large Delivery Partner	£128,404.61
Scottish Cycling	Rock Up & Ride Inclusive Communities (Edinburgh)	Large Delivery Partner	£65,000.00
Scottish Cycling	Rock Up & Ride Inclusive Communities (Fife)	Large Delivery Partner	£65,000.00
Travelknowhow Scotland (Shona Drummond Marketing Ltd)	Travelknowhow Scotland/ CalCommuter Workplace Travel Planning Support 2026/27	Large Delivery Partner	£4,000.00
University of Edinburgh	BioQuarter Sustainable Travel	Large Delivery Partner	£49,056.00
Transition University of St Andrews	A More Active Way St Andrews	Large Delivery Partner	£32,575.00
Walk Wheel Cycle Trust	I Bike SEStran	Large Delivery Partner	£243,029.00
Walk Wheel Cycle Trust	Behaviour Change Embedded Officer	Large Delivery Partner	£15,000.00
A Greener Melrose SCIO	E-bikes for Borderers (EB4B)	Community Group	£13,169.00

APPENDIX 1

Bikes for Refugees (Scotland) SCIO	Edinburgh New Scots Cycling Inclusion Project	Community Group	£36,371.00
Borders Wheels	Indoor Walking	Community Group	£14,000.00
Bridgend Farmhouse	Community on the Move	Community Group	£28,668.00
Clackmannan Development Trust (CDT)	Clackmannan Active Travel Hub	Community Group	£16,048.00
FEL Scotland	Community Grants	Community Group	£35,000.00
Hope in Place	Hope on Wheels – Fife	Community Group	£36,840.00
In-Tandem East Lothian	Expanding Participation through Cycling	Community Group	£26,364.00
Just Cycle Ltd	Just Cycle community hub expansion pilot	Community Group	£5,950.00
Linlithgow Community Development Trust	Move For Good 2627 - LCDT Active Travel programme	Community Group	£21,135.24
North Edinburgh Arts	North Edinburgh Active Travel	Community Group	£20,000.00
Parents For Future Scotland	Clean Air In Edinburgh Schools	Community Group	£28,950.00
Porty Community Energy	Porty Community Energy bike library and Equal Footing project	Community Group	£33,630.00
SHRUB Cooperative	Wee Spoke Hub	Community Group	£5,000.00
Stow Cycle Hub CIC	Stow Cycle Hub CIC	Community Group	£23,478.00
Strengthening Communities for Race Equality Scotland (SCOREscotland)	Wester Hailes Walk, Pedal & Thrive 2026/27	Community Group	£20,000.00
The Pennypit Community Development Trust	Prestonpans Walking Bus	Community Group	£8,619.00

Transport to Employment 2025/2026 grant awards

Project Name	Organisation	Programme Area	Total Award
Transport Access Pilot	FEL Scotland	Working with School Communities	£87,600
Skills Development & Apprenticeships within Kids Bike Life	The Bike Station	Working with School Communities	£77,455
School communities careers pathways	Powering Futures	Working with School Communities	£50,000
Midlothian west links to RIE	Midlothian Council	Transport to large workplaces	£245,000
East Lothian links to Fort Kinnarid and Western General	East Lothian Council	Transport to large workplaces	£103,000
East Lothian links to RIE	East Lothian Council	Transport to large workplaces	£102,700
West Lothian Sunday Links	West Lothian Council	Transport to large workplaces	£190,000
Supporting access to NHS sites in Fife	Greener Kirkcaldy	Transport to large workplaces	£25,000
Paid transport related work placements	Clackmannanshire Council	LEP Delivery Support	£66,000
Contribution to Transformation Space	Clackmannanshire Council	LEP Delivery Support	£40,000
After school transport to support employment for parents	Clackmannanshire Council	Rural Transport to Work and Further Education	£12,000
Travel for NHS skill academies	Clackmannanshire Council	Rural Transport to Work and Further Education	£15,000
New Bus Route linking Hawick directly to the Borders General Hospital	Scottish Borders Council	Rural Transport to Work and Further Education	£125,000
Direct link to Borders College from Tweeddale serving Peebles	Scottish Borders Council	Rural Transport to Work and Further Education	£70,000
RIDONKULOUS Project Expansion into employability	Scottish Borders Council	Rural Transport to Work and Further Education	£50,000
South west Fife DRT	Fife Council	Rural Transport to Work and Further Education	£300,000
Levenmouth DRT	Fife Council	Transport to Healthcare Pilot Projects	£200,000
Clacks to Forth Valley Hospital DRT pilot	Clackmannanshire Council	Transport to Healthcare Pilot Projects	£20,000
Employer Engagement role to strengthen employer engagement and targeted support	West Lothian Council	Capacity and Capability	£60,000

APPENDIX 2

Job Broker Post to support employer engagement	Clackmannanshire Council	Capacity and Capability	£49,887
Dedicated Behaviour Change Officer - Transport to Employment	Scottish Borders Council	Capacity and Capability	£42,000
Workforce Mobility Project Delivery	Scottish Borders Council	Workforce Mobility Project	£172,272.99

Other SEStran 2025/2026 grant awards

Project Name	Organisation	Description	Total Award
Edinburgh and Lothians Regional Equality Centre	Edinburgh and Lothians Regional Equality Centre Ongoing Delivery	A small award to support the ongoing running of the organisation for 1 month to deliver active travel projects and allow alternative funding sources to be explored following unsuccessful people and place funding application.	£3,000
Climate Risk Interdependencies Project	University Of Glasgow (National Centre for Resilience)	Supports a Scotland-wide study to map and model climate-related infrastructure interdependencies, including risk cascade analysis. Outputs will include an open-access database, interactive model, and case studies to support resilience planning across critical infrastructure systems.	£10,000
Powering Futures	Powering Futures	An award on behalf of SEStran and other RTPs to jointly sponsor a transport challenge for school pupils as part of the wider Powering Future initiative to equip young people with the meta and employability skills needed for the jobs in a net zero future.	£30,000