

Young Active Travel Trust: Grant Funding GUIDANCE NOTES

What is it for?

The Young Active Travel Trust seeks to encourage parents and pupils to reduce car journeys by adopting more sustainable ways of travelling to school, thus improving not only their own health but that of the wider community, with reduced road danger, less air pollution from cars, and less traffic congestion in local neighbourhoods – particularly around school gates.

The Trust will award grants to Birmingham schools and groups of parents to support the development and implementation of school travel plans, and fund initiatives to encourage travel behaviour change and/or measures to improve children's safety as they travel to and from school.

Who can apply?

Any of the following, located within the geographic boundary of Birmingham City Council:

- A school.
- A group of schools (with one taking the lead on the application).
- A school council or group of pupils.
- A constituted group of parents of school children.

The relevant school must have an on-going commitment to promoting safe and sustainable travel through actions within their ModeShift STARS (on-line toolkit) travel plan. In Particular -

- The school **MUST** have registered to Modeshift STARS
- The school **MUST** have completed at least 1 school travel survey for both staff and pupils within the previous 12 months of the application.
- The school **MUST** have at least started their School Travel Plan.

How much is available?

- Up to £1,000 per application, or school in the case of collective bids, will be available for projects that meet one or more of the criteria set out below.
- Applications may be made for revenue or capital schemes but if it is the latter, the applicant will need to resource any on-going maintenance liability that may be created.

What are we able to support?

Priority will be given to schemes that will deliver projects identified in the relevant Modeshift STARS action plan and/or demonstrate one or more of the following:

- A link to existing initiatives led by the council or its partners, for example, Bikeability (cycle training), Big Birmingham Bikes library or family cycle centres, or Birmingham Cycle Revolution infrastructure investment.
- An expectation that the proposal will result in a reduction in parking congestion around school gates.
- Connectivity with other children's health and well-being programmes and activities; or local environmental initiatives.
- Consideration of the legacy of the initiative or activity to ensure sustainability beyond the life of the grant funding, for example, through parents groups or the school council.
- Groups of schools working together, and/or with parents.
- Pupils are actively involved in designing or delivering the scheme.

The Trust cannot:

- Award grants in excess of £1,000 to a single institution or group.
- Award more than one grant to the same school in less than 36 months.
- Award grants for things that have already been paid for.
- Fund initiatives or measures for which there is a free of charge alternative, for example, Think Road Safety resources, or other local funding source.

How to apply:

- Complete an application form describing your proposal and the expected benefits. Download the form from www.birmingham.gov.uk/YAT
- Submit it to **connected@birmingham.gov.uk**
- Commit to providing feedback at the end of the project and evidence of how the grant has been spent. Please note that any unspent resources will be subject to clawback.

There is no specific deadline for applications as the Trust is on-going but we will endeavour to make a decision on grant applications within 8 weeks of receipt of your application. If successful we will ensure grants are paid as quickly as possible.

On your application form please identify if you are a Birmingham City Council (BCC) School or external to the Council. If you are a BCC School, please identify your School Fund Centre 'R' Code on the application form.

Deadline dates for application submission:

Applications are welcomed each term the deadline dates for application submissions are:

Summer term – 1⁶th July 2021

Autumn term – 3rd December 2021

Spring term – 18th March 2022

Applications will be submitted at the next date for Trust and Charities Committee meetings for approval and schools will be informed if they have been successful.