

Sport England Together Fund – National Cycle Network Community grants

We are delighted to announce **National Lottery** funding from **Sport England** for community organisations on or near the [National Cycle Network](#). Grants are now available to improve or enhance the spaces along local paths, run led walks and rides, deliver bike maintenance sessions or to fund ideas for activities that bring people together.

The **Together Fund** is a national programme funded by Sport England who have awarded grant to Sustrans to distribute. Its purpose is to empower community organisations connected to those affected disproportionately by COVID-19 and the associated cost of living crisis to engage in walking, cycling and wheeling.

The Together Fund is now open for new applications. Applications will be approved on an ongoing basis. The application form will close on **28th February** and project delivery will need to be completed by **30th September 2023**.

With the Together Fund, your community organisation could receive:

- Led walk and ride training to encourage your community to enjoy your local path
- Access to bike maintenance training or equipment
- Tools, training or materials for temporary route signage and wayfinding

We would also like to hear more about your own ideas of how the funding could be used to get more people out and about on the National Cycle Network.

Why should I apply for the Together Fund?

Many communities are still experiencing the lasting impacts of COVID-19, and now the associated cost of living crisis. The Together Fund will help enable you to encourage communities to walk and wheel for their everyday journeys as well as just for fun.

Through this we can improve our physical and mental health, help enhance the environment and increase participation on and awareness of the National Cycle Network with the local community.

Who can apply?

The Together Fund will be available to:

- Constituted community groups
- Registered charities
- Social enterprises
- Schools
- Religious groups
- Community family groups
- Groups already in receipt of Sport England funding

The four priority audiences include:

- Culturally diverse communities
- Low socio-economic groups
- Disabled people
- People with long-term health conditions

What support can I apply for through the Together Fund?

The Together Fund with Sustrans encourages organisations to submit applications to engage their audiences in walking and wheeling.

This funding is available to community organisations who want to deliver projects that benefit people on the National Cycle Network in England.

The support you can apply for through the Together Fund includes:

- Staff costs
- Training costs
- Rent/facility hire
- Utility costs
- IT costs
- Insurance

Projects supported by the Together Fund will need to be ready to begin delivery within 6 weeks of application. The Together Fund cannot support projects that have already begun and are looking to extend delivery. The maximum amount of funding for a community body in any single phase of Together Fund is £10,000. The average amount of funding received through the Together Fund is £3,500.

Examples of how you can use the Together Fund include:

- Bike maintenance equipment
- Led walk and ride training
- Temporary wayfinding equipment

Please see our [Together Fund guidance and FAQs document](#) for more information.

How do I apply?

1. Please download and read the [Together Fund guidance and FAQs](#) before applying
2. Get in touch with your Sustrans key contact, or togetherfund@sustrans.org.uk for support in your application process
3. Consider whether your proposed idea to enable more people to get out and about on the National Cycle Network focuses on one or more of the 4 priority audiences that have been disproportionality affected by COVID-19 and the associate cost of living crisis
4. Familiarise yourself with the organisation requirements outlined in the guidance and FAQs document, and ensure you can provide evidence of these requirements
5. [Complete and submit your online application](#)
6. Prepare your evidence of the organisation requirements with support from your Sustrans key contact

If you have any questions about the Together Fund or the application process, please get in touch with either your Sustrans key contact or togetherfund@sustrans.org.uk.

We are also running drop in sessions in November and January. If you would like support or advice about the fund, please register for one of the following sessions to discuss your project proposal.

- [Wednesday 16th November 1-2pm](#)
- [Friday 25th November 12-1pm](#)
- [Monday 16th January 12-1pm](#)
- [Thursday 26th January 1:30-2:30pm](#)

Please select the link for the session you would like to attend and register for the session.