

Further £1.8 million for walking and cycling facilities across Scotland Successful applicants announced for Cycling Scotland support

149 organisations comprised of community groups, employers and social housing providers will share £1.8 million in support to improve facilities for walking and cycling.

An estimated 90,000 people across Scotland will benefit from funding allocated from the Scottish Government's active travel budget and delivered through Cycling Scotland's *Cycling Friendly* programme and the Social Housing Fund:

The three funding streams aim to support communities and workplaces through improved facilities and to encourage more people to choose walking and cycling as their preferred mode of sustainable transport for everyday journeys.

Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity Michael Matheson said:

"Alongside the development of quality infrastructure, high-impact behavioural change initiatives such as Cycling Scotland's Cycling Friendly programme are critical to encouraging greater participation in sustainable walking and cycling in our communities.

"Walking and cycling is key to improving our air quality, protecting our climate and improving our health. Encouraging active travel options for an estimated 90,000 people across Scotland is an incredible achievement and I look forward to seeing improved facilities in workplaces and communities.

"The 2017 Programme for Government committed us to build an Active Nation, where more people can benefit from walking and cycling than ever before. We're delivering on that commitment and the work of partners such as Cycling Scotland is contributing directly towards our objectives."

Kath Brough, Head of Behaviour Change at Cycling Scotland said:

"We're delighted to announce funding to 149 organisations across Scotland to encourage more people to cycle. Cycling Scotland works closely with partners to help employers, community groups and housing associations take advantage of the benefits of cycling and this round of funding will provide opportunity for over 90,000 people across Scotland to access improved cycling facilities."

48 community groups, 68 workplaces and 33 social housing providers across Scotland have received support. For more information visit the [Cycling Scotland website](#).

Background notes

To learn more about how the Scottish Government is working to build an Active Nation visit: www.transport.gov.scot/activenation

Cycling Scotland is the nation's cycling organisation. Working in partnership with other organisations, with funding from Transport Scotland, they help create an environment for everyone in Scotland to cycle easily and safely. Their vision is of a sustainable, inclusive and healthy Scotland where anyone, anywhere can enjoy all the benefits of cycling. For more information please visit www.cycling.scot

The social housing providers have been funded through the Social Housing Fund for Improved Walking and Cycling Facilities, delivered by Cycling Scotland in partnership with the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA), Living Streets Scotland and Sustrans Scotland: <https://www.cycling.scot/our-programmes/cycle-friendly/social-housing-fund>