

Spaces for People

Making essential travel and exercise safer during COVID-19



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Useful links

Spaces for People website: www.sustrans.org.uk/SpacesForPeople

Application portal: scotlandportal.sustrans.org.uk/Login

Contact a member of our team: SpacesForPeople@sustrans.org.uk

Contact Transport Scotland: ActiveTravelEnquiries@transport.gov.scot

Funding Guidance

About

Spaces for People is a temporary infrastructure programme which offers funding and support to make it safer for people who choose to walk, cycle or wheel for essential trips and exercise during COVID-19.

Funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Sustrans Scotland, the new programme aims to enable you to implement measures focused on protecting public health, supporting physical distancing, and preventing a second wave of the outbreak.

Who can apply?

The fund is open to statutory bodies, and we anticipate the majority of applicants will be from planning and roads authorities. We will however welcome submissions from other statutory bodies such as Scottish Canals, NHS Health Boards, or applications from Regional Transport Partnerships in partnership with local authorities.

What can you apply for?

You can apply for funding and if needed access additional support services. This support can be tailored to meet your needs to help expedite delivery, making it safer for people who choose to walk, cycle or wheel for essential trips and exercise during COVID-19. You can apply for up to 100% funding towards the delivery of temporary infrastructure projects. You can also access support if needed. Please see a summary of support which can be provided below.

Examples of support which can be provided

This offer of services is available across the various stages of the delivery cycle and can help ensure temporary measures are inclusive, meeting the needs of different groups of people.

It includes but is not limited to;

- **Procurement:** for example, management of tender processes, management of appointed services, and support in the planning and logistics of the supply chain.
- **Engagement:** for example, online engagement, and/or management of communications for Traffic Regulation Orders, including TTRO's and ETRO's.
- **Design and Implementation:** for example, network planning, civil engineering, urban design, landscape architecture, contract management and site supervision.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** for example, data collection, analysis and reporting.
- **Signposting and referral:** for example, connecting you with key contacts and specialist advice in organisations such as Mobility and Access Committee Scotland and Public Health Scotland.

For more information please get in touch to discuss potential ideas or support needs.

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Assessment Criteria

All applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

Protecting public health: Provide temporary walking and cycling infrastructure that helps to protect public health by enabling safe physical distancing for essential journeys and exercise for everyone, in particular where there are space constraints or user safety concerns.

Essential journeys: projects should focus on essential journeys including:

- Journeys to and from hospitals and health services.
- Journeys to shops, pharmacies, schools, and other returning workplaces.
- Journeys for recommended exercise, for example neighbourhoods and local parks.

Immediate delivery: Projects should be delivered quickly and provide a visible improvement that has an immediate benefit.

Examples of Temporary Interventions which could be funded through Spaces for People include:

Physical interventions

- Selective road closures using planters or cones
- Reallocating road space for wider footways
- Reallocating road space for cycle tracks
- Reallocating parking and loading
- Reduced speed limits and/or traffic calming measures
- Cycle parking
- Removal of barriers to open up constrained spaces and remove pinch points

And please reference [Transport Scotland's Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Guidance on Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders and Notices](#).

Softer interventions

As part of the temporary infrastructure, consider what communications and ongoing public engagement is required for the project. For example, opportunities to inform people of the purpose of this work, how to use the new facilities or of quieter times to access off road path networks.

How to apply?

To apply you can complete a short application form for either one project or a suite of projects on the [Sustrans Scotland Portal](#) where you will also find further reference documents, including FAQs and Legal templates.

We will follow up with a short video conference/telephone meeting to discuss your application in more detail. To respond quickly to your needs we will aim to turn your application around within one week.

Closing date for applications

The fund will remain open for the duration of the restrictions associated with COVID-19. There is no closing date, [Sustrans Scotland Portal](#) will remain open for applications and submissions while physical distancing is operating and we will continually review this in line with Government advice.