

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE****3 AUGUST 2021****ACTIVE TRAVEL GRANTS: ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR 2021/22****REPORT BY STRATEGY OFFICER (SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT)**

This report seeks approval of allocation of projects for Regional Active Travel Development Fund (RATDF) and Tactran Active Travel Grant (ATG) 2021/22.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That the Executive Committee:

- (i) approve the award of funding from the Regional Active Travel Development Fund and Active Travel Grant 2020/21 to the projects outlined in Table 1 within this report;
- (ii) notes Officers' intentions to negotiate with Sustrans for additional funding for further projects within 2021/22, shown in Table 2.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As reported at the Tactran Partnership meeting on 15 June 2021 (Report RTP/21/14 refers) Tactran and Sustrans have been working in partnership to promote and deliver active travel projects in the Tactran region through the Active Travel Grant (ATG) scheme since 2014/15. Since 2018/19 Transport Scotland have made available a Regional Active Travel Development Fund (RATDF) to the RTPs.
- 2.2 Tactran receives a minimum of £100,000 from Sustrans for the ATG and £133,400 from Transport Scotland for the RATDF, annually.
- 2.3 At its meeting on 15 June 2021, the Partnership agreed to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to agree projects and award funding for the ATG and RATDF for 2021/22. This report provides detail of the recommended distribution of these funds.

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 At its meeting on 16 March 2021, the Partnership approved criteria for identifying suitable RATDF and ATG projects (Report RTP/21/05 refers) that the funding be utilised to:

- A: Take forward the recommendations of the 13 active travel audits previously undertaken at key settlements across Angus, Dundee, Perth & Kinross and Stirling Council areas;
- B: Develop and implement key routes within the Tactran Regional Walking and Cycling Network (TRWCN); and
- C: Develop and implement access to key services within the Tactran Region.

3.1 The total applications to Tactran from partner authorities came to £453,000. However, as noted above a minimum of £100,000 ATG and £133,400 RATDF is available providing an initial £233,400 budget in 2021/22.

3.2 Table 1 below details the projects recommended in 2021/22. These recommendations follow discussions with partner Local Authorities, Sustrans and Transport Scotland regarding which projects best meet the criteria and priorities.

Organisation	Project	Criteria	Proposed Grant
Angus Council	Installation of cycle and walking counters, within the previously funded audited areas to support business cases for bringing forward audit recommendations. In conjunction with Cycling Scotland framework agreement.	A + B	£35,000
Angus Council	Sidlaw Path Network – Community engagement and design phase from previous audit work.	A + B + C	£30,000
Dundee City Council	Community Engagement building on design work previously supported by Tactran on Coupar Angus Road	A + B	£40,000
Perth and Kinross Council	Fairies Road, Perth: Design and construction to create a new path which will link to Perth Academy as well as bus stops.	C	£32,500
Perth and Kinross Council	Primrose Crescent, Perth: Construction of 2.5m path linking lady's cycle path, Gillespie crescent and Tulloch primary school. Relating back to	A + C	£30,000

	previous travel audits.		
Stirling Council	Business cases for previously carried out feasibility studies from Dunblane to Bridge of Allan and Alloa to Stirling link.	A + B + C	£40,000
Stirling Council	Strategic Cycle GIS tool	B	£25,000
Total			£232,500

Table 1: Projects Recommended

- 3.3 The above projects in Table 1 utilise £232,500 of the £233,400 funding available. The Executive Committee is asked to consider and approve the award of funding to these projects.
- 3.4 Tactran Officers are currently in discussions with Sustrans to investigate the possibility of funding further projects in 2021/22. Projects for consideration for this additional funding are shown in Table 2 below:

Organisation	Project	Criteria	Proposed Grant
Angus Council	Access to heath centres, building on previous work which installed dropped kerbs.	A + C	£40,000
Dundee City Council	D&A College Gardyne Campus, feasibility study linking to NCN1.	B + C	£18,000
Perth and Kinross Council	Broich Road, Crieff. Construction and design of path linking two schools, supermarket and town centre. Relates to previous active travel audits funded by Tactran.	A + C	£50,000
Perth and Kinross Council	Viewlands Road, Perth. Construction of new footway across frontage of Perth Academy between Fairies Road and Murray Terrace	A+C	£57,500
Perth and Kinross Council	Stormont Road, Scone. Continuation of shared use path (2.5m) from Stormont Road, linking to the Robert Douglas memorial school and proposed link around the site to cycle parking	C	£20,000

Perth and Kinross Council	Spoutwells Place, Scone. Continuation of/link from shared use path (2.5m) on Stormont Road.	C	£10,000
Perth and Kinross Council	Tulloch Road, Perth. Provision of footway for pedestrians between Wallace Crescent and Tulloch Terrace to connect residential area with Tulloch Primary School, shopping centre and community facilities. Relates to previous active travel audits for Bridgend Scone.	A + C	£25,000
Total			£220,500

Table 2: Potential Projects Reserve List

- 3.5 The Executive Committee is asked to note the reserve list of projects outlined in Table 2 should further funding become available in 2021/22.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 Tactran officers have consulted with partner authorities as well as Sustrans and Transport Scotland in identifying priorities and projects.

5 RESOURCE & EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 All costs of the project will be funded through the Sustrans ATG and Transport Scotland's funding for RATDF.

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NOTE

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report.

Report to Partnership 15 June 2021, Active Travel Progress Report, RTP/21/14

Report to Partnership 16 March 2021, 2021/22 Budget and Programme, RTP/21/05