

# Energy Saving Trust's COVID-19 Public Transport Retrofit Fund 2020/21

## Bus and Community Transport (Standard) Eligibility Criteria

As part of the application process and to qualify for funding, applicants must meet and/or agree to the below criteria:

### Applicant

- **Applicants must submit their application to the fund by 15 March 2021 (final application deadline).** Please note applications are assessed on an ongoing, first-come-first-served basis and the application deadline is subject to available funds, therefore applicants should apply as soon as possible.
- The scheme is only open to organisations, not individuals
- Only the organisation applying to the fund should complete the application. Submissions from third parties are not accepted
- Your organisation must be eligible for funding within the context of the COVID-19 Temporary Framework for UK Authorities (the 'Scheme') under the Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak
- The applicant must consult with their vehicle insurance provider and / or local authority licensing agency regarding the potential changes to their vehicle(s)
- Applicants who have applied to the COVID-19 Support Grant Restart (CSG-Restart)<sup>1</sup> are not eligible to apply via the Bus and Community Transport Application Form (Standard). If you have applied for this fund, please look instead at our Bus and Community Transport (Enhanced) Eligibility Criteria
- The applicant must have been operational for a minimum of 12 months
- The applicant must be the registered keeper of the funded vehicle(s) and must have been the registered keeper of the funded vehicles for at least 12 months prior to the application being submitted
- All information provided on the application and in any subsequent interactions with Energy Saving Trust must be correct and accurate. Failure to do so will result in the rejection of an application

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<sup>1</sup> Details found here: <https://www.transport.gov.scot/public-transport/buses/covid-19-support-grant/>

## Funding restrictions

- Businesses are eligible to receive funding retrospectively for items installed and paid for from 6 April 2020. Businesses are able to apply retrospectively subject to a cost cap of £50,000 on the overall application value. Applications above this value will be assessed on a case-by-case basis
- **Where possible applicants applying prospectively must not purchase any measures before receiving a formal grant offer letter from Energy Saving Trust. If you do so, your application may be refused**
- The funded vehicles must be for the provision of public and/or community transport. The following definitions have been adopted for public transport and community transport within this eligibility criteria and associated application form:

Public Transport: 'A system of vehicles such as buses that operate at regular times on fixed routes and are used by the public'

Community Transport: 'Community Transport provides flexible and accessible community-led transport solutions in response to unmet local transport needs, and often supports vulnerable and isolated people including older people and people with disabilities.'

- All funded vehicles must be currently in operation and must be operational primarily within Scottish local authority areas
- The applicant will have 14 days from the Grant Offer date (as specified within the Grant Offer Letter) to accept the grant offer. In addition the applicant will have two months from the Grant Offer date (as specified within the Grant Offer Letter) or until 14 May 2021 to have the work completed and claim the grant, whichever is sooner. If the grant is not accepted and claimed within the required timeframe, the grant will be withdrawn and not paid
- The grant available to an applicant covers the cost of the measure(s) only; it does not include other costs such as delivery
- **Funding will only be paid out once the applicant has been sent a formal grant offer, has installed and purchased the approved measures(s) and sent in relevant documents (including, but not limited to, paid invoice(s)), confirming the final cost**

## Eligibility criteria – standard measures

The following measures can be claimed under the Bus and Community Transport (Standard) application for the COVID-19 Public Transport Retrofit Fund. The prices listed next to each item represent the maximum amount which can be claimed per unit. If you

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wish to apply for measures not listed below, please refer to the Bus and Community Transport (Enhanced) Eligibility Criteria.

- Driver protection screens - £400 (made from Polycarbonate (PC) or Glycol modified Polyethylene Terephthalate (PETg))
- Ceiling-mounted retractable screens between each row of seats (per screen) - £150
- Hand sanitiser dispensers and pole mounting bracket - £60
- Face mask dispensers and bins - £35
- Hands-free bell pushes - £60
- Window hopper locks - £6
- Interior fogging equipment - £550
- Static automated UV cleaning solutions for attachment to push bell 'stop' and payment areas - £300 (Other UV solutions will be considered. These should fall under the Bus: Enhanced application form)

Additionally, the following criteria applies:

- The eligible costs exclude: any Value Added Tax (VAT) reclaimable by the applicant
- Installation costs, where the measure(s) cannot be installed by the applicant, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- All works and materials used must be of a high standard and in line with all local and national regulations. Energy Saving Trust, Transport Scotland and other funding partners do not accept any liability for the measures themselves, or the installation
- The total value claimed per vehicle must not exceed £2,000

## **Monitoring, evaluation and feedback**

- Energy Saving Trust reserves the right to carry out site inspections in order to verify that the grant conditions have been complied with and/or to monitor the effectiveness of the measures that have been implemented under the scheme
- Applicants must agree to ongoing cooperation with Energy Saving Trust by providing feedback and assisting with evaluation of the scheme. This could include completing customer satisfaction surveys, providing data upon request after the grant has been issued, and any further information requested by Energy Saving Trust to assist in the evaluation of the scheme
- Where appropriate, we may wish to publicise our, your or any of the funding partners' involvement in the scheme and ask that you co-operate and assist us as we reasonably require. This may include acknowledging in promotional literature or case studies that Energy Saving Trust has administered the grant to you and that it has been funded by Transport Scotland

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## Criminal convictions and business probity

- Applicant organisations, their directors, or other persons with powers of representation, decision or control of the organisation must be of good standing. Applicant organisations must declare prior to submitting an application if they, their directors or other persons with powers of representation, decision or control of the organisation have any prior convictions for any common law or statutory offence referred to in Regulation 57 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015
- Applicant organisations must also declare prior to submitting an application if they are subject to any kind of bankruptcy, administration, insolvency, winding up or debt relief order or proceedings, if they are in an arrangement with creditors, if their business activities are suspended, or if they are in any analogous situation arising from any similar procedure under the laws and regulations of any jurisdiction. They must also declare, prior to applying, if they have committed an act of grave professional misconduct or failed to fulfil obligations relating to the payment of social security or tax contributions
- Declaration of any of the offences, matters or circumstances referred to above may result in the application being rejected, but Energy Saving Trust reserves the right to consider on a case by case basis. Failure by an applicant organisation to disclose true and accurate information on any of the above offences, matters or circumstances will result in an application being rejected