

# Low Carbon Transport Funding in Scotland

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## Who we are

Energy Saving Trust is an independent organisation dedicated to promoting energy efficiency, low carbon transport and sustainable energy use. We aim to address the climate emergency and deliver the wider benefits of clean energy as we transition to net zero.



### Low Carbon Transport Loan

- Interest free loan for individuals and businesses in Scotland to support the switch to more sustainable transport measures
- Repay over 6 years
- No administrative or processing fees
- Up to £120,000 (capped at £35,000 per vehicle) for businesses



 Applicants subject to credit and affordability checks

### What can be supported?



- Vehicles must be eligible for OLEV Plug in Grant
- For cars:
  - RRP must be less than £50k
  - Only available for cars with "CO2 emissions of less than 50g/km and can travel at least 112km (70 miles) without any emissions at all"
- Electric motorcycles, mopeds, vans and taxis also eligible
- New and ex-demonstrator models but recently introduced funding for used vehicles (more on this shortly)
- Can also support other sustainable transport solutions for businesses if they can evidence carbon savings

#### **Growth**



Interest free loans for sustainable transport measures have been available in Scotland since **2011/12**.





#### Used Electric Vehicle Loan

- Launched 28<sup>th</sup> September
- Interest free loan expanded to allow individuals and businesses in Scotland to purchase used electric vehicles for the first time
- Repay over 5 years
- Max loan value is £20,000 and the vehicle must be priced at £20,000 or less
- Only 1 vehicle per individual or business
- Applicants subject to credit and affordability checks

## What can be supported?



- Funding is for electric cars, motorcycles and mopeds, with businesses also eligible to apply for vans
- Vehicle must be on the OLEV Plug in Grant list
- Vehicle must be purchased from a dealership that is part of a trade or industry body signed up to the independent, third party conciliation/arbitration process via either the Motor Ombudsman or the Nation Conciliation Service
- Cannot support private sales



#### <u>Charge point grants – Domestic</u>

- Homeowners are eligible for a grant of £300 towards installing an electric vehicle charge point at their property. Those in the most remote parts of Scotland can get an additional £100
- The above is in addition to the OLEV grant of £350
- Installer must be on the EST verified list dozens of companies to chose from with coverage over the whole of Scotland
- Must be able to evidence ownership/lease of an electric vehicle, including through employer



#### <u>Charge point grants – Business</u>

- Funding open to organisations with electric vehicles or who can demonstrate the need for charge points (i.e. staff and visitors)
- Grant covers up to 50% of installation costs
- Wide range of units and installers available
- Can usually be combined with OLEV funding



Support to install charge points for the ChargePlace Scotland network is being reviewed for 2020-21



### <u>eBike Loan</u>

- Interest free loan for individuals and businesses for the purchase of eBikes, eCargo bikes and Adaptive bikes
- Repayment period of up to 4 years.
- To be eligible the eBike must meet the definition of an 'electrically assisted pedal cycle' (EAPC).
  - This means the motor must have a maximum power output of 250 watts and should not be able to propel the bike upwards of 15.5 mph
- Cap of £3k per eBike or £6k per eCargo bike
- Businesses can apply for up to £25k

#### Need more Information?



#### Website

Visit <a href="https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans">https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans</a> for more information and to find out what else is available

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