

Applications for Funds for Local Highway Improvements

What Funding Is Available?

Cambridgeshire County Council is making a budget available for applications from local communities who would like to take a shared approach to providing small projects to improve their local highways and streets.

This approach gives local people a real influence over highway improvements in their community.

Successful projects will be those that will provide improvements considered to offer benefit to the local community. For example, better signing and road markings, pedestrian improvements, parking controls or dropped crossing points.

Who Can Apply for the Funding?

All community groups and charities are eligible to apply for the funding.

How Do I Apply For The Funding?

You can apply using the application form attached.

Applications should be submitted by no later than Friday 12th September 2014. Applicants can seek up to a maximum £10,000 as a contribution to their projects, which could include highway improvements for as little as £500. The expectation is that the applicant will provide at least 10% or more of the overall cost of their project. Where an applicant is able to offer a greater percentage contribution the bid will be looked upon more favorably.

We ask applicants to identify the objective of their bid e.g. to reduce traffic speeds or assist pedestrians and applicants can indicate a preference for a particular type of solution however, it should be noted that until detailed work is carried out, no guarantee can be given to the deliverability of their preferred solution. The attached guide gives an indication of typical costs of various highway improvements.

Any Local Highway Improvement that includes changes to the Public Highway that will require enforcement or physical Traffic Calming features will need informal consultation prior to the submission date of 12th September with Cambs Police via Derek Crosby
Traffic Management Officer
derek.crosby@cambs.pnn.police.uk.
01480 422458

County Council officers will provide advice on issues such as safety and deliverability in order for each panel to prioritise each application.

Applicants should demonstrate that there is support for the scheme from local people. The panels will take into account the views of local Parish Councils and District Councillors as appropriate, before making recommendations on allocating the funding.

Things to consider when applying

Where improvements are constructed to County Council standards, long-term maintenance will become the responsibility of the County Council.

However, any on-going running costs – such as electricity for street lights or regular routine safety equipment maintenance inspections – will need to be met by the applying group.

We recognise that communities may want to adopt a higher standard of design, such as incorporating special materials or features to enhance the local environment.

We are happy to work with applicants who wish to adopt this approach, provided they are prepared to take responsibility for the additional maintenance liability. The Member panels will be asked to reflect on any implications of adopting a higher design standard.

Further help

Your Area Highways Team are always available to advise on any aspect of this initiative on 0345 045 5212.

Please return your application to:

local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Local Highway Improvement Initiative Funding Application Form

Please complete all sections of this form.

Please note failure to provide adequate information may result in your proposal being discounted, or further information being sought.

Applying Organisation:

Contact Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Location of Proposal:

Objectives of Proposal: What would you like to address? What would you like to achieve? (e.g. Speed control, new footway, parking restrictions etc).

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e.g. speed limit changes, parking restrictions or physical traffic calming features in the carriageway.

Please detail the comments of Derek Crosby, Traffic Management Officer, Cambridgeshire Police in the box below.

If your proposal does not need Police consultation then write not applicable in the box.

Panels will score each of the proposals received against the following aims of the LHI initiative:

1) Persistent Problems:

The degree to which ongoing difficulties are addressed

2) Road Safety:

The degree to which a proposal could reduce hazards or improve road safety

3) Community Improvement: (social or economic)

The degree to which a proposal addresses something felt to be very important locally.

Each of these aims will be scored in the following way:

Aims 1 - 3

Score 0: **Fails** to deliver any improvement

Score 1-3: Delivers **few** of the aims of the LHI initiative

Score 4-6: Delivers **some** of the aims of the LHI initiative

Score 7-9: Delivers a **substantial** improvement

Please outline how your proposal fulfills the LHI Initiative aims.

Persistent Problems: e.g. regular speeding in a community or provide parking area

Road Safety: e.g. improving crossing facilities for pedestrians

Community Improvement: e.g. new streetlight or disabled parking spaces

Please attach additional information in support of your application e.g. plans, correspondence. (Maximum of 3 pages)

Financial Contribution:

Can you confirm that you understand that you will be asked to contribute at least 10% of the cost of the scheme.

Yes/No

Please note that unless you are able to contribute 10% of the costs your proposal **will not** be assessed.

The estimated cost of your project: £_____ (see indicative costs)

Thank you for taking the time to submit your proposal.