

Driving and Motorcycle Lessons

Grant Information and Guidelines

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| Aims and Objectives of the Driving Lessons Grant | <p>The aim of this grant is to provide payments to support individuals who reside in the SFCC area in taking driving lessons where it is usually necessary to drive to access the range of opportunities that residents of other areas are more readily able to access.</p> <p>This grant seeks to bring meaningful benefit to both the individual and the wider community in terms of improving access to employment, education and training, or to support rural regeneration (i.e. a viable and economically active population) more broadly.</p> <p>Driving is recognised as a vital skill in many rural communities where public transport is limited or unavailable and obtaining a driving qualification can support the sustainability of rural populations.</p> |
| Eligibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your main residence must be within the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council (SFCC) area. • You must hold a UK Provisional Driving License for a car, motorbike, moped or other vehicle from the DVLA. • Driving or Motorcycle lessons must be carried out within a 25 mile radius of the SFCC area. • A maximum of £300.00 being awarded directly to a registered Driving Instructor/School by SFCT. • This grant can only be applied for once. |
| What SFCT will not fund | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the applicant already holds a UK Driving Licence, SFCT will not fund an additional Motorcycle Licence unless it can be demonstrated that this is required as the primary mode of transport to get to work or study etc. • SFCT will not fund Driving or Motorcycle lessons to individuals solely based on a personal interest in learning to drive/ride, and evidence of need in the form of a statement outlining why the applicant requires a funding contribution towards lessons must be provided. • SFCT will not fund lessons that have already taken place*. <p><i>*Applications received up to and inclusive of 31 December 2025 will be accepted from individuals who have already commenced lessons. An award will be based on the number of remaining lessons from the point of application. Funds will not be paid retrospectively so it is important you</i></p> |

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| | apply as soon as possible to ensure your application will be eligible for an award. |
| When can an application be made? | <p>Applications can be submitted on any date throughout the year. Once received they are held until the next grant application deadline.</p> <p>There are four advertised grant deadlines each year and these are published on the SFCT website.</p> <p>Your completed application will be placed in the next grant round after receipt, unless it is incomplete or requires additional information. Incomplete applications will be returned requesting further information.</p> |
| Grant Process | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please complete and submit the application form including all the required documentation. You will receive a confirmation of receipt from the SFCT Administrator. 2. Your application will be processed and then assessed by SFCT Staff members and considered by Directors at a SFCT Board Meeting. 3. The SFCT Administrator will inform you of the decision made by the Board soon after the meeting. Your grant may be approved, declined or a request for additional information made. Grants are normally paid via BACS. 4. If you are awarded a grant, you will be provided with a form for your driving instructor/school to complete. An award will not be made until this form is returned to SFCT and it will be your responsibility, as the applicant, to ensure your driving instructor returns it. 5. If any funds are unspent, these are to be returned to SFCT. |
| Stratherrick & Foyers Community Trust Funding | <p>SFCT uses funds it receives from renewable energy companies to support a range of community and individual grant schemes. This grant scheme is supported by funds from the community benefit money received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSE and Greencoat UK Stronelaig windfarm • SSE Dunmaglass windfarm • SSE Glendoe Hydroelectric scheme • Greencoat UK Wind Corriegarth windfarm • Green Highland Allt Luaidhe (228) Limited Knockie Hydroelectric scheme • Easter Aberchalder Partnerships wind turbine. |
| Publicity and general Data Protection regulation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember that if you are awarded a grant from SFCT, your name and the amount you received will be made available on the SFCT website. • This information is made public to demonstrate how funds are being used and to encourage other applicants to use the grant scheme. • Please check the SFCT Privacy Policy on the SFCT website at www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk |
| Further help | If you need help to fill out the application form, please contact: |

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