

eCargo Bike Grant Fund – Local Authority Project Directory

The ecargo bike scheme funded by Department for Transport and administered by Energy Saving Trust has seen 14 local authorities secure funding from the £1.2 million local authority eCargo Bike Grant Fund in this financial year and 18 local authorities secured £1.4 million from the 2019/20 eCargo Bike Grant Fund.

The aim of the scheme has been to encourage the large-scale uptake of ecargo bikes to support sustainable active business travel, to reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality.

The full list of the local authority recipients from the eCargo Bike Grant Fund (both 2019/20 and 2021/22) and project summaries are detailed in the table below:

	Project summary	Number of ecargo bikes	Other equipment
Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire - Joint bid	This project supports 22 organisations by replacing car/van journeys where possible and complement existing sustainable travel offers for businesses available through TravelWest.	30	
Coventry City Council	The city of ecargo culture showcases the use of ecargo trikes and trailers before, during and after Coventry UK City of Culture 2021. This demonstrates to a large audience how ecargo bikes are an ideal last-mile solution in a compact city centre environment. The project supports the purchase of ecargo trikes and trailers by public, private and third sector organisations. eCargo trikes are also available to loan.	5	
West Yorkshire Region	This project impacts all five district authorities through three elements: a trial fleet available to organisations, a grant scheme providing ecargo bikes to organisations who can prove demand and three authorities (Bradford, Leeds, and the combined authority) using ecargo bikes in their fleets.	32	

Salford City Council	The project acts as both an employer-based pool bike scheme, with partner organisations utilising the ecargo bikes for business travel and deliveries, and a 'try before you buy' scheme where local businesses can trial a range of ecargo bikes utilising a 'bike library'.	19	4 trailers
Oxfordshire County Council	Electric Cargo Oxford (ECObike) replaces car and van travel with ecargo bikes in Oxford through two schemes, both managed by a local cargo bike courier service. One scheme incorporates three trikes into the courier delivery fleet and the other provides 10 bikes for a leasing scheme for businesses and organisations.	13	
Lewes District Council	This project has four parts: a bike library offering bikes to micro businesses, community organisations and neighbourhood groups; a loan/leasing scheme; a delivery scheme targeting larger suppliers and retail outlets; and finally wider roll-out.	14	2 storage units
London Borough of Brent	This project procures one ecargo bike for use by council staff at promotional activities and events, cycle training, internal staff hire for staff visits and as a trial for an ecargo bike scheme.	1	
West Berkshire Council	Three bikes are available to council staff and local businesses. Two bikes are used as pool bikes by staff or loaned on a trial basis.	5	
City of York Council	Some bikes are loaned to businesses as a try before you buy scheme with priority given to businesses interested in replacing vans. Some bikes are lent to a charity who pick up kerbside recycling for the council. The rest of the bikes are used internally by the council to deliver their services, including consultation around York's upcoming local transport plan.	5	
London Borough of Waltham Forest	The use of these bikes is broken down into three projects: Project 1 – ZED Waltham Forest: ZED Waltham Forest is a service that utilises ecargo bikes and an electric van to make deliveries for over 50 businesses in Waltham Forest. Project 2 – Ecargo Culture: A consortium of sustainability-focused community groups and social enterprises have come together to utilise a pool of ecargo bikes in their day-to-day work supporting residents.	16	6 trailers

	Project 3 – Waste & Recycling Team: The council's Waste and Recycling Team, in partnership with contractors, run a frontline resident and community service and are looking to integrate ecargo bikes into their existing work programmes.		
Stratford District Council	This ecargo bike project's focus is primarily within Stratford-upon-Avon and specific large employers. The project facilitates a trial scheme to enable businesses to test the benefits of ecargo bikes without making a financial commitment.	10	1 storage unit
Manchester City Council	This project introduces a fleet of ecargo bikes and trailers for the delivery of council services, voluntary and social enterprises and for cycle courier deliveries in the city.	27	9 trailers
London Borough of Hackney	The council is driving the increased uptake of ecargo bikes within its own fleet and by local businesses and residents by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - increasing the number of ecargo bikes in the council's fleet. - creating public ecargo bike sharing stations across the borough for use by businesses and residents. - providing funded ecargo bikes to businesses for use as delivery vehicles. 	12	4 storage units
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	The ecargo bikes are used within the council fleet to encourage modal shift, allow for sustainable travel, and move goods/food in the town centre.	6	

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Epping Forest District Council	Three bikes facilitate council deliveries, site visits, events, engagement, and general operations. The fourth bike is used by Harlow college for the delivery of laundry between campuses and other ad-hoc duties.	4	

Bedford Borough Council	The ecargo bikes are used by the sustainable transport team, parks and open spaces team and street cleaning team for operational duties and activities. Some bikes are loaned to local businesses on a trial basis as a practical alternative to motor vehicles and to assess their impact on reducing congestion and improving air quality.	7	
Wirral Council	These ecargo bikes are used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'Try before you buy' short-term trials. - Trials for council departments. 	5	2 trailers
Bath and Northeast Somerset Council	Ten bikes support demand for ecargo bikes across a variety of organisations and uses. These include commercial businesses, not-for-profit organisations, a charity, commercial last mile delivery companies and a loan ecargo bike scheme.	10	
Derby City Council	The Cycle Derby ecargo project procured eight ecargo bikes for use by the city council, partner organisations and local businesses as part of a loan scheme.	8	
Southampton City Council	The RIDES project is an ecargo bike leasehold scheme working with employers in the Southampton Travel Plan Network, internal departments at Southampton City Council and Eastleigh Borough Council, community groups and not-for-profit organisations.	10	
Nottingham City Council	This project delivers three trials: using ecargo bikes in the council's internal fleet to replace journeys around the city and in parks currently done by petrol or diesel vehicles; making bikes available to local partners such as universities; and a free, try-before-you-buy trial for up to three months for local businesses.	15	
London Borough of Wandsworth	13 ecargo bikes have been given to a wide cross-section of organisations in the borough for their daily use, to inspire change	13	

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Birmingham City Council	16 ecargo bikes have been given to local partner organisations on long-term loans as a pilot to demonstrate how ecargo bikes can be used for a variety of purposes and trips. Another 4 bikes are part of the council's fleet.	20	
North Tyneside Council	These shared bookable pool bikes have been made available to a combination of small businesses via three local chambers of trade, and selected larger public organisations, including the local authority and police force.	10	
Devon County Council	This project encourages the uptake of ecargo bikes as an alternative to car/van use through a "try before you buy" model. Nine bikes are used by the partner organisations and four bikes are used to expand the capabilities of the established Exeter ecargo courier service.	13	
Brighton and Hove City Council	The council lease five ecargo bikes to an urban logistics company, helping them to expand their existing fleet and increase the amount of first and last mile collection and delivery trips. Bikes are also used by five local small and medium enterprises and two council teams (post room and parks and gardens team).	13	
Plymouth City Council	These ecargo bikes are used in the council's own fleet and in the fleets of 21 other organisations.	26	
Sheffield City Council	26 businesses were allocated 32 bikes to undertake their day-to-day operations. Uses include food redistribution and delivery, operational use, post runs, transfer of materials between multiple sites and the start-up of a last mile delivery service.	32	

Colchester Borough Council	<p>This project works with local organisations to make ecargo bikes a normal part of the town's operation. 10 external champions and three council teams are highly visible in the town, sharing their stories and experiences and enthusing other organisations to try an ecargo bike from our pool. Bikes are available for local organisations to borrow for short term trials and for other council teams to try out.</p>	30	
Milton Keynes Council	<p>Some bikes are used by local community businesses for sustainable last mile delivery and by a variety of local authority services.</p> <p>This scheme also established a council owned fleet of ecargo bikes to lease to local business, as part of the council's smarter travel business toolkit offer.</p>	21	
Cambridgeshire County Council	<p>This project delivers four initiatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First mile deliveries: Removing courier vans from the city centre by using four ecargo bikes to collect packages from small businesses and consolidate them outside the city for onward national distribution. 2. Residential sharing scheme: Targeting young families by providing six shared use ecargo bikes in residential areas, for families to borrow, replacing car journeys. 3. Leasing scheme: A range of eight bikes for businesses and families to "try before you buy", particularly supporting new or expanding businesses. 4. Pool eCargo Bikes: 12 bookable ecargo bikes hosted at accessible central locations for use by council departments, Cambridge University, and other external organisations. 	30	