

The Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

(1a) Organisation/group name: Cargo Bike Movement SC051593

(1b) Project name: Cargo Bike Movement Food Sharing Project

(2) Tell us about your organisation / group (what do you do?) (150 words maximum)

Cargo Bike Movement is a charity that was established, initially informally, in April 2020 in response to the first UK Covid-19 lockdown. Since then, we have gone through the journey of being a Community Interest Company (CIC) and now a registered charity (SC051593)!

By bringing together cargo bikes and volunteers, we were able to respond to food insecurity experienced by many across the city of Edinburgh. We did this in a number of ways, such as delivering surplus supermarket food to those being accommodated in hotels, shelters, and hostels, and supporting local food banks and building partnerships with various charitable organisations across Edinburgh.

By collecting surplus food from supermarkets, we prevent these products from being wasted, which helps people and planet.

Working through existing charities and services, we get food to those that need it in a dignified way.

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(3a) Please select the fund criteria which your project relates to (Select all that apply)

- Create opportunities for community leadership and learning on climate change
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions within communities and contribute to the net-zero target for Edinburgh
- Generate sustainable projects for the benefit of local people to build resilience or adapt to climate change within communities
- Build relationships between neighbourhoods of different socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds to work together on just, equitable and accessible climate and resilience activities contributing to the cities net zero agenda, also ensuring that activities work towards reducing or removing barriers for disabled people in the transition to net zero.

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(3b) Tell us about the project you would use the money for. (500 words maximum)

This fund would enable us to pay our Volunteer Coordinator full time to manage and grow our food sharing project. This is an essential role in our project and without this position we would not be able to successfully continue this important work.

We have almost 70 active volunteers who take our bikes out every weekday evening to collect up to 300kg of food every time. This food is saved from landfill and redistributed to people who need it most.

This role would enable us to expand our activity and start to make collections during the day and at weekends. Currently, our Volunteer Coordinator works 8 hours per week liaising with our volunteers, food banks, our mechanic and other partners. Their time is stretched and so the capacity to reach the project's full potential is hampered.

By collecting surplus food from supermarkets, we prevent these products from being wasted, which helps people and planet.

We ensure these tasty items end up on plates - where they should be - and limit the greenhouse gas emissions associated with food 'waste'. Typically, 1 tonne of food wasted from supermarkets results in 1 kg CO2 equivalent emissions*. These greenhouse gas emissions can negatively alter our atmosphere and impact climate change.

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Over 80,000 people in Edinburgh live in poverty, affecting almost 1 in 5 children**. Ideally, the service we and our partners deliver shouldn't be needed, but sadly it is and we are proud to be able to offer the support that we do.

* [DEFRA Conversation Factors, 2020](#)

** [Edinburgh Poverty Commission](#)

This fund would be an invaluable contribution in making our food sharing project more sustainable, successful and far reaching.

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(4) Describe your project in no more than 30 words (this will be used for publicity)

Cargo Bike Movement is a charity that was established, initially informally, in April 2020 in response to the first UK Covid-19 lockdown. By bringing together cargo bikes and volunteers, we were able to respond to food insecurity experienced by many across the city of Edinburgh.

(5a) Who do you hope will benefit from this project?

- Those reliant on food banks
- Our volunteers (they all love riding cargo bikes)
- Wider public (we often get stopped and asked what we are doing, what the bikes are etc. The more people see cargo bikes being used the more of an impact on behavioural change they can have).
- The Planet (by reducing waste and making collections via bike we reduce CO2 emissions).

(5b) Is your group open to all?

Yes

No

If no, please explain:

(5c) Will the project have a positive impact on any of the following protected characteristics?

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Disability

Marriage
or civil
partnership

Pregnancy
and
maternity

Race

Sex

Age

Sexual
orientation

Religion or
belief

Gender
reassignment

(6) Where will the project be delivered?

Central Edinburgh based from our Hub at 141 Laurieston Place EH3 9JN.

(7) Project start date: 2020
Project end date: Ongoing

(8) How many people do you hope
will benefit from your project?

This is difficult to quantify but it will
be in the 100s.

(9) Is anyone else working with you on the project?

Yes

No

If yes, please tell us about this:

- Shrub Co-op
- City of Edinburgh Council
- Paths for All
- Energy Savings Trust
- Cycling Scotland

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(10) Do you require permission from anyone or any additional insurance to carry out your project?

Yes

No

If yes, please tell us about this:

We have this in place and covers all our activity as well as our volunteers.

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(11) Please outline a breakdown of the cost of delivering this project (including VAT).		(12) Do you have additional funding or income from charges which will contribute to this project? If yes, please detail below	
£26,500			
Goods/Equipment/Time etc	£	Source	£
Volunteer Coordinator F/T	26,500	Participatory Funding	20,000
		Paths for All	6,500
Total Expenditure	26500	Total income	26500

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