

# The Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

**(1a) Organisation/group name:** LifeCare Edinburgh

**(1b) Project name:** Electric vehicle for Meals on Wheels

**(2) Tell us about your organisation / group (what do you do?) (150 words maximum)** LifeCare has a proud 80+ year history supporting local older people living across Leith, Portobello and North Edinburgh. Our mission is to ensure every older person receives the best possible care, companionship and advice they need to live well and independently in their own homes for longer.

We support over 1,000 local people (50+) a year including those living with dementia, in isolation, with reduced mobilities, on low incomes and with mental health issues. We run three registered day-centres, registered outreach care and help at home services, meals on wheels, dementia friendly hairdressing, activities for unpaid carers, vintage vibes friendships and run a busy community café and hub on Cheyne Street offering community classes, activities and groups.

Older people have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic and now hit by the rising cost of living; we are experiencing unprecedented demand – up 250% in enquiries for some of our services.

**(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)**

We request funding to allow us to purchase an electric vehicle which will support all of our client care services and will specifically support our meals on wheels service which is completely free for those on low incomes.

We deliver 150 meals per week to local older people living across the North of the city. Meals on wheels ensures that local older people eat well and have something positive and reliable to look forward to. Meals are cooked fresh in our community kitchen, delivered direct to homes hot and ready to eat. Clients are provided with menus, with all dietary needs catered for; client feedback informs changing menus. We make sure the same friendly faces visit regularly so that clients can look forward to a chat with their delivery and our staff/volunteers can raise any issues or concerns if needed.

Our current car is old, expensive to run and is not environmentally friendly. In just the last two months, we have delivered over 1,320 hot meals in our current vehicle and we estimate that we currently cover over 2,550 miles a year distributing this life-saving service. However if we received funding to switch to a used electric vehicle we will significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, and this will support and contribute to the net-zero target for Edinburgh. Furthermore, by purchasing an electric vehicle, we will significantly reduce the cost of our deliveries - enabling us to increase the capacity of our service and reach more older people in need. The demand for the service is growing rapidly and we have experienced a 195% increase in free meals delivered since September.

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

Purchase of a second-hand electric vehicle for LifeCare's vital meals on wheels service which supports hundreds of isolated local older people living across the North of Edinburgh

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

Older people (50+) living across the north of the city with additional support needs. This includes those living on low incomes, with dementia, in isolation, with reduced mobilities and those with mental health issues. We also provide the support for unpaid carers. We are experiencing a huge increase in demand for the free service from those living on low incomes – up 195% since September 2022

## **(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?**

☒ Disability

☐ Marriage  
or civil  
partnership

☐ Pregnancy  
and  
maternity

☐ Race

☐ Sex

☒ Age

☐ Sexual  
orientation

☐ Religion or  
belief

☐ Gender  
reassignment

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**(6) Where will the project be delivered?** Leith and the North of the city

**(7) Project start date:** April 2023  
**Project end date:** April 2024

**(8) How many people do you hope will benefit from your project?** 150  
local older people will benefit each week

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If yes, please tell us about this:**

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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:**

Vehicle insurance

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<b>(11) Please outline a breakdown of the cost of delivering this project (including VAT).</b>		<b>(12) Do you have additional funding or income from charges which will contribute to this project? If yes, please detail below</b>	
Goods/Equipment/Time etc	£	Source	£
Purchase of used electric vehicle for meals on wheels	25,000	Sale of existing vehicle	2,500
		The Robertson Trust Community Vehicle (Awaiting decision)	7,500
		Own fundraising	5,000
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>Total income</b>	<b>15,000</b>

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