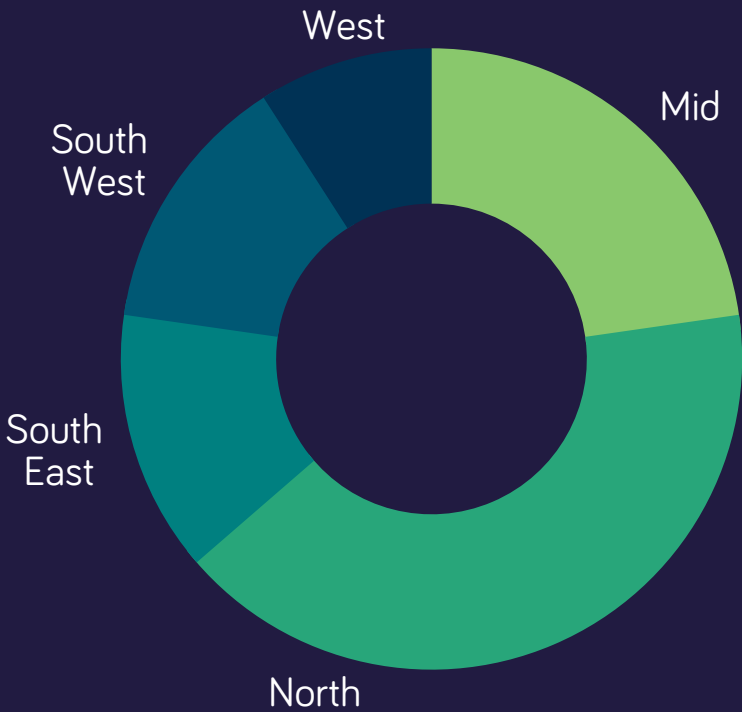


The Essex Cycle Grant aims to support cycling activities and initiatives across Essex to engage more people in cycling. It is a joint venture between ECC sustainable Travel Team and the Essex Local Delivery Pilot and earlier this year an application to the LDP panel was successful in gaining additional funding to be able to support more cycling initiatives over the next 2 years.

The geographical spread of organisations being funded:



The Active Essex LDP have help to improve existing grant application

This has created a more user-friendly experience.

The simpler agreement, has saved officer time and process for all.

Colchester Life in the UK

CLiUK Family Cycling Together project aims to support families from BAME communities who are mainly from underprivileged backgrounds, isolated and unable to engage/integrate well with the local community due to lack of finances or otherwise to get involved in cycling. Bikes are donated to families; lessons are offered and bi-monthly cycling and sports days are delivered.

On the 22nd Oct Colchester Life held a cycling and sports day at Old Heath Recreational Ground. In total they had 58 people take part in the day's activities.



£109,690

has been awarded so far to support 22 projects



The Essex Cycle grant prioritises supporting projects in areas of high deprivation, where there is widening inequalities and where there is currently limited provision available to assist people to engage in cycling.

Juliette Raison, Active Essex

Care 4 Calais

Care4Calais cycle donation programme encourages local residents to donate unwanted cycles, which are then upcycled and given to refugees and asylum seekers, helping them travel across Basildon and Brentwood. The donation point for this programme is CyCool, a Wickford based cycle mechanic. CyCool then service the bikes, ensuring any maintenance is undertaken, before delivering the bikes to individuals who have requested a bike through Care 4 Calais. Since September, 11 bikes have been donated to the scheme and now have proud new owners, who are using the bikes to get to work, college, friends and for leisure purposes. Local residents have also been donating high number of children bikes. Care 4 Calais have teamed up with Forward Motion to also find worthy new homes for these bikes to.



The groups supported by this fund, are vital to the local community.

Through the financial support, they're encouraging more cycling.

Engaging almost 500 Essex residents.

Contributing to the ambitions within the Essex Cycling Strategy

Organisations that have recently received funding include:

- Care4Calais
- Together we Grow CIC
- GO4 Café New Town Bike Kitchen
- SVP Springfield
- Sociability



61%

of applications received so far have been from organisations that the ECC sustainable travel team haven't worked with before.