



Scoping Review for 2024 Funding Round on Inequalities in Road Safety

Background

The Road Safety Trust is an independent grant-giving trust supporting projects and research that contribute to making UK roads safer for all road users and all ages - pedestrians, cyclists, mobility scooter users, car drivers, lorry and van drivers, motorcyclists and horse riders.

We support a variety of road safety initiatives through grants, with funding available towards projects that meet our grant criteria.

There are two rounds of grants per year and over the next year these are:

- Grants round open for applications in October 2023 – applications can be on any topic and any amount from £20k - £500k (small and large grants)
- Small Grants Spring 2024
- **Main themed round open for application October 2024 – Inequalities in Road Safety**

Information about our strategy is set out in our Strategy Map shown in Appendix 1

We are committed to funding projects which meet the objectives of our grant programmes:

- Generating new knowledge about what works
- Translating ideas into new measures
- Influencing Road Safety Policy and Practice
- Supporting partnership working or collaboration

Eligible projects might include evidence reviews, trials, rollouts, evaluations and support for the profession through guidance or other resources.

The task

To recommend suitable topics for the Road Safety Trust to focus on within the theme of Inequalities in Road Safety. **Road Safety is relevant to everyone, but there are known inequalities in health, sex and gender, age, society and economic circumstances which**

mean that use of the roads is not equally safe for everyone. The aim of this grant programme is to bring to light areas of inequality and investigate ways they can be addressed to save lives and prevent injury on UK Roads¹

Suitable topics are those where there is either a gap in the evidence or a gap between evidence and practice in the UK and where there is the most potential to save lives and prevent injury on UK Roads

The task includes:

1. Identifying current research and practice in the UK and Internationally on:
 - Factors that result in inequalities between people and communities in respect of safe use of the road system.
 - Processes, products or initiatives to which people have unequal access in order to keep themselves safe in their use of the road system.
2. Where there is research in these areas, a summary of the evidence around safety outcomes for different demographics and communities.
3. Highlighting gaps in research and practice in the above areas.
4. A recommendation of areas where there is potential to influence policy and practice in the UK whilst avoiding duplicating other research and initiatives.

The following are examples of where inequalities in Road Safety might manifest. It is not an exhaustive list and is provided by way of an illustration of the type of topics that our funding might focus on:

- Children with disabilities or additional needs
- Coastal and rural communities
- The take up and impact of vehicle technology
- Access to road safety information and training.

This piece of work is not intended to be a detailed analysis but rather an overview. Recommendations should take into account the objectives of the grant programme and the need for funded projects to lead to or have the potential to lead to practical Road Safety tools and interventions.

Output

A report for the Road Safety Trust with recommendations on areas of research, policy and practice which applications can focus on within the 2024 theme of 'Inequalities in Road Safety'.

¹ We fund projects that cover the whole of the UK (England, Scotland, Wales and NI) or projects may be regional or local.

Outcomes

The Road Safety Trust will be better informed.

The grant call will be evidence based.

Grants will be impactful through adding to knowledge about Inequalities in Road Safety and developing useful tools and interventions to improve policy and practice.

Timeframe

Report to be completed by Wednesday 31 January 2024

Approximate days' work estimated at up to 25 days.

To apply:

If you are interested and available to carry out this work please send a CV, an outline plan for how you would address the task and the number of days and daily rate in GB pounds sterling. Please email the information to info@roadsafetytrust.org.uk by **5pm Wednesday 8th November 2023**. If you would like more information, please contact Louise Palomino louise.palomino@roadsafetytrust.org.uk 07736 466061.

As an example of an approach to take, you may find it useful to refer to the report produced for The RST last year which helped shape the 2022 grant funding theme: "Recommendations of Suitable Topics for the Road Safety Trust to focus on within the theme of 'Fitness to Drive': A Rapid Scoping Review" written by Dr Carol Hawley and Helen Wesson.

Strategy Map 2021-2024

