

MTB Secure Storage Scheme Application & Guidance Notes



An essential ingredient to a fantastic cycling holiday is the standard of accommodation, service and welcome which is offered to leisure and mountain bike visitors.

Mountain biking and leisure cycling have grown significantly in popularity, and the Highlands provide an iconic destination for visiting cyclists to explore. This presents an opportunity for businesses and communities who are looking to attract new customers. Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland (DMBinS) is working in the Highlands to help plan and develop sustainable mountain biking – from masterplanning destinations, working closely with the mountain bike community and land managers to improve riding experiences, and with businesses to help build the benefits that can be gained from cycle tourism.

This scheme has been offered through 2021 and 2022, focused on accommodation providers. For 2023, this scheme will be opened to a wider range of applicants, for example cafes and community groups to attract cycling guests.

Funding assistance of 50% up to a maximum of £500 is available to enhance the provision of secure storage facilities for bikes, which has been highlighted as a key requirement for mountain bike and leisure cycling visitors alike. Successful applicants will be required to purchase equipment, complete installation works and submit claim paperwork by 10th September 2023 at the latest. The funding assistance will then be reimbursed.

Application form – Google form:

DMBinS Highland Application

The MTB Secure Storage Scheme is supported by:



Privacy Statement

By submitting this application, you are providing DMBinS with personal data in connection with the application for assistance which includes the information in the application form and such other information as you may provide in support of your application. DMBinS will be the data controller in respect of any personal data you provide in relation to your MTB Secure Storage Scheme Application. By submitting the application, you confirm that you are authorized by the relevant data subjects to provide their personal data to DMBinS.

DMBinS will only process your personal data for the purpose of determining your eligibility for financial assistance under the terms of this application. We will retain your personal data for the minimum time necessary to fulfil our audit and monitoring requirements. For more information about how DMBinS processes personal data and your rights as a data subject, please see the Scottish Cycling Privacy Statement that is available with this form on the DMBinS website.

As part of this project, DMBinS requests that you post about the new storage provision on your social media accounts and submit evidence of the installed bike storage in a format which can be shared on our social media platforms. We will then be able to promote your accommodation and offering to the mountain bike community, to our audience.

Application and Declaration

I/We the Applicant:

- hereby apply to Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland (DMBinS) for assistance towards the costs described in this Application;
- confirm that at the date of this application that work on the project or activity has not started;
- understand that this Application does not constitute an offer of assistance and that this Application for Assistance is subject to approval by DMBinS
- confirm that I/We have read the Privacy Statement annexed to this application and accept its terms;
- understand that any expenditure incurred prior to formal approval is entirely at my/our own risk.
- I/we further acknowledge that, if approved, funding claims will be submitted in accordance with DMBinS requirements supported by detailed invoices
- In accepting this grant support my organisation will not exceed its Minimal Financial Assistance limit of £315,000 for this and the previous two years, as specified in Section 36(1) of the Subsidy Control Act (2022), and will confirm this in writing prior to acceptance of this grant.
- I/we confirm that the undersigned are authorised to sign this Application on behalf of the applicant organisation.

Declaration – Please tick checkboxes on google form to confirm you accept these conditions.

Guidance Notes and eligibility criteria

Key Dates:

Open for applications	15 th May 2023.
Successful applicants notified:	We aim to respond within 2 weeks of application.
Project complete & claim submitted:	10 th September 2023. However, please submit your claim as soon as your project is complete. We aim to process payment within 2 weeks of submission.

Eligibility Criteria

The funding assistance is available to any accommodation provider, including hotels, B&B's, self-catering, campsites, hostels, cafes and restaurants, community groups or any other establishment that provides for visitors in the Highland Council area.

Successful applicants will be awarded based on how their application scores across the following criteria:

1. Overall plan to attract and cater for cycling visitors.
2. Understanding the needs of cycling visitors.
3. Potential impact on the business.

Eligible Costs

1. Bike Storage Solution.
2. Bike Maintenance Kit.
3. Cost of installing your bike storage solution.
4. Costs of improved service to visiting cyclists and mountain bikers.

MTB Secure Storage Scheme - Suggested Packages

Below are some suggestions of how the grant might be used. We encourage applicants to make sure their applications are appropriate and allow them to best meet the needs of their cycling guests. If you already have equipment or facilities, then please use this grant to compliment that to help offer better facilities.

Please get in touch if you would like to discuss how this grant could be used most effectively for your business and your guests - Phone Ruari on 07508040068 or email Ruari.watt@scottishcycling.org.uk.

Suggestion 1 - Upright bike storage – hooks with full set of locks & bike maintenance kit



This option is ideal for existing secure spaces but with limited ground space. The hooks will need to be installed (installation can be priced in application if required) on the wall about 1.85-2m off the ground and will require at least 1.5m of horizontal space into the room. The hooks are ideal for fitting to a wood frame shed or similar. The products should be available from a local bike shop. Costs given are as a guide only and will vary depending upon suppliers. If you have any difficulty sourcing any of these items, please contact us.

Full package suggestion:

Cycle Wall Hook x5	£55
Chain Lock & Mini Shackle 1.4m x 10	£150
Ground anchor kit x5	£115
Workshop Stand x1 £100	£100
Allen Key Set 1.5-10mm x2	£30
Tyre Levers, set of 3 x2	£10
Triple Spoke Key x2	£20
Chain Rivet Extractor x2	£30
Bike Wash spray 1 litre (e.g. Muc Off) x3	£25
Chain Lube x3	£25
Spray lube x3	£15
Floor pump with gauge x1	£40
Bike Clean brushes x2	£45

APPROX TOTAL £660

Suggestion 2 - Rail mount – bikes on ground with full set of locks & bike maintenance kit



This option is ideal for existing secure spaces with an internal location with plenty of ground space. The rack will need to be installed (installation can be priced in application if required) on a solid floor with least 2m of horizontal space into the room. These bike racks are available online through various suppliers like Screwfix, Halfords and ESE Direct, as well as local bike shops. The other products should be available from a local bike shop. Costs given are as a guide only and will vary depending upon suppliers. If you have any difficulty sourcing any of these items, please contact us. This will provide a rail mount for 5 bikes, secure locks, and a good selection of bike maintenance kit.

Full Package suggestion:

5 Bike rack (Halfords, Screwfix, ESE Direct)	£55
Chain Lock & Mini Shackle 1.4m x 10	£150
Ground anchor kit x5	£115
Workshop Stand x1	£100
Allen Key Set 1.5-10mm x2	£30
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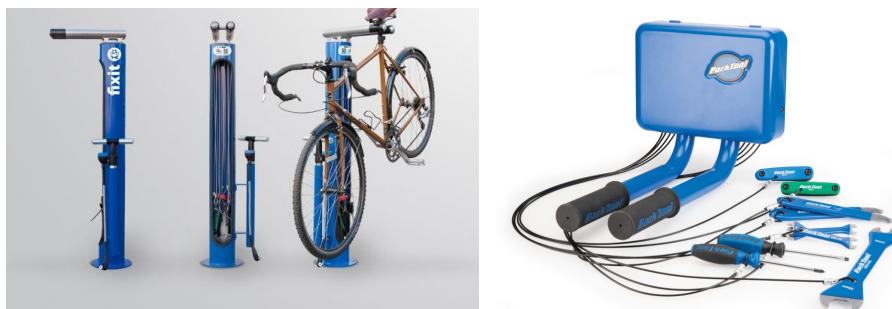
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Suggestion 3 – Purpose made bike storage



This suggestion is ideal for accommodation providers with outdoor space which could be levelled, and the storage unit fitted. These units are purpose-made solutions but can be limited in their use as they can be quite small, just fitting bikes and no more. Various designs and sizes are available from different suppliers to suit a range of ground spaces and needs. Asguard and Grease monkey are well known suppliers of these products.

Suggestion 4 – Tool stations



Tool stations could be an ideal upgrade for cafes or communities that want to improve facilities for cyclists. They are expensive but are a purpose-built solution that provides pump and basic tools. Grease monkey cycles and park tools are known suppliers of these products.

Suggestion 5 – Your own bespoke custom package

Most applicants choose a solution that works for their specific situation and needs. This could be a new or upgraded shed or garage, or to complement existing facilities with more specific equipment for cycling visitors – for example bike wash, tool kits, drying facilities – please be creative in making your application work for your specific business needs! A local bike shop is a great place to find out more about products that can improve your facilities for cyclists.

As with all suggestions, we can offer 50% support up to a maximum of £500 excluding VAT towards the cost of your custom facilities upgrade. Please remember to detail your bespoke option fully in the costs section. Some ideas from previous applications:

- New built sheds for bike stores
- Upgrades to existing garages
- Bike wash and associated cleaning equipment
- Tool stations
- Drying or washing facilities for clothes
- Information on local bike routes and experiences

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