



Fitness to Drive – scoping our future funding

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 - 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.

Since 2019, each round of funding available from the Road Safety Trust has had its own theme. There are two rounds of grants per year and over the next year these are:

- **Main theme** grant round open for applications in September 2022 with a deadline of November 2022, for grant requests costing up to an indicative upper limit of £200k (currently under review)
- **Smaller grants**, not necessarily linked to the main theme, are open for applications next year in Spring 2022

Further information about our strategy is set out in our Strategy Map.

Main theme grants

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

- Generate new knowledge about what works
- Translate ideas into new measures
- Influence road safety policy and practice
- Support partnership working or collaboration



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Eligible projects might include evidence reviews, trials, pilot studies, rollouts, evaluations and support for road safety related or other professions through guidance or other resources.

Since 2019 we have run two main theme programmes:

2019 – Innovative traffic calming and provision for vulnerable road users

2021 – How can technology be used to reduce road offending and improve road safety?

Our main theme for 2022 is on the subject of **‘Fitness to Drive’**

The task

The Trust wishes to commission a study to provide information to improve its open invitation to apply for grant funding. The purpose of the study is to recommend suitable topics for the Road Safety Trust to focus on within the theme of **‘Fitness to Drive’**. Suitable topics are those where there is either a gap in the evidence or a gap between evidence and practice in the UK. Topics should be those where there is some evidence that they are likely to garner interest and support.

At this stage the Road Safety Trust is open to considering both professional and non-professional drivers, health including mental health, ageing, impairments, emotional states, fatigue, the effect of medication, drug and alcohol dependency and other suitable topics. The purpose of this task is to help the Road Safety Trust identify within this broad subject which particular areas to focus on in its call for proposals.

The task includes:

- **A broad overview** of current research and practice in the UK and Internationally, highlighting gaps
- **a recommendation** of areas where there is potential to influence policy and practice in the UK whilst avoiding duplicating other research and initiatives

Depending on budget and scope the task might also include:

- a brief analysis of available UK data on the factors affecting fitness to drive. (This could include analysis of: RRCGB contributory factors relating to impairment; license revocations; prosecutions for driving while impaired including drug and alcohol driving offences and information from forensic investigations)
- where data for the UK is lacking, consideration of relevant international data

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 lead to, or have the potential to lead to, practical tools.



The analysis should be broad in scope rather than focused on a particular issue.

Output

A report for the Road Safety Trust with recommendations on areas of research and practice on which applications can focus within the theme of Fitness to Drive.

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 Fitness to Drive and developing useful tools and interventions.

Timeframe

Report to be completed by 28 February 2022. Approximate days' work estimated at up to 20 days

Contractual framework

The study will be commissioned as a consultancy project rather than a grant and will be subject to our standard terms of contract for supply of goods and services.

To apply:

If you are interested and available to carry out this work please send a CV or CVs, an outline plan for how you would address the task and number of days and daily rate in GB pounds sterling by 12 January 2022. This should be no more than four sides of A4. Please indicate the contracting entity which you propose to carry out the work (self-employed individual, service company, consulting company or charitable entity). Please indicate if other costs would be proposed and whether VAT would be payable.

Please email the information to info@roadsafetytrust.org.uk. If you would like more information please contact Louise Palomino, Grants Director louise.palomino@roadsafetytrust.org.uk 07736 466061



Strategy Map 2021-2024

