

## 2024 Spokes household grant towards cost of a cargobike - step 1

Thanks to our map sales, and kind donations, we are offering 4 grants to Spokes member households, towards the cost of a cargobike. Each grant is up to £1500, or 50% of the cost, whichever is least.

An important aim of the grants is to add to the number of cargobikes seen operating in the city, to get people talking about them, and thus encourage others. Please only apply if you will use your cargobike regularly, e.g. for regular shopping, school run, etc - not if it will only be used for a monthly run to the Council recycling centre.

### Essential criteria – you will have to confirm these points later, when you submit the step 2 form

- It is a condition of the grant that you will discuss your needs and choice of model with either the coordinator at [CargoBikeMovement](#) or with David Gardiner ([Laidback Bikes](#)) or both. Both are based in Tollcross area. CargoBikeMovement has a lot of experience in transporting goods, and David in machines for transporting children, but you will probably learn most by speaking to both.
- You will need to send us, within 3 months of purchase, two or more photos showing the bike in use, plus a short report on how it has been used and any problems encountered. We may use your report and pictures to publicise the scheme and the value of cargobikes for households.
- You must use a *local Edinburgh/Lothians business*, not mail order or a chain such as Evans or Halfords.
- Second hand purchases are allowed, but only if through a local bike shop, not between individuals.
- Your cargobike must be stationed in and used in Edinburgh or the Lothians.
- You must have been a Spokes member for at least 3 months.

There are no income-based criteria for the grants, and we do not ask for income details, but we trust you will only apply if a grant would make a real difference to whether or when you could get a suitable cargobike. However, getting (and storing) a cargobike is certainly a major undertaking, and so applications have been quite slow in past Spokes offers, and nearly all have been granted. In summary, *please do apply* if you feel you have a good case.

To apply, please complete and return this form to: [spokes@spokes.org.uk](mailto:spokes@spokes.org.uk).

Decisions are taken by our Resources Group. **If you are successful, we will let you know, probably within a week or two. Then, once you are at or near the point of purchase, you will need to send us the completed step 2 form.**

More info and background: see our cargobike web page.. [spokes.org.uk/documents/advice/cargo-bikes](http://spokes.org.uk/documents/advice/cargo-bikes)

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0. Date when you send us this Step 1 form...

1. Your name...

2. Address...

3. Postcode...

4. Your email address...

5. Tell us why you need the cargobike, how it will be used, and roughly how often you expect to use it. We would appreciate a fairly full answer to this question.

6. How will the cargobike be securely stored to reduce the risk of theft?