Clean Air LGV and Minibus Grant Programme

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The Clean Air LGV/Minibus Grant Programme has over £10m in funding to help local companies (SMEs) and organisations to upgrade their vehicles to meet the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) standards.

Charities, Educational Establishments, Community Transport Organisations and small/ medium sized businesses based within the Bradford Metropolitan District are eligible to apply.

There will be a daily charge for non-compliant LGVs and minibuses operating in the CAZ 2,300 grants are available, each up to £4,500 per vehicle

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Grants cover the upgrade of noncompliant LGVs and minibuses to Clean Air Zone standards, or purchase of a replacement CAZ compliant vehicle.





The grant programme also aims to encourage businesses to upgrade to ultra-low and zero emission vehicles through running cost support. This can include costs for electricity, vehicle leasing, maintenance, and insurance. In addition to home charging and private sector electric charging facilities, there are 22 rapid charging facilities across the District. These public charging points form part of the West Yorkshire Rapid Charging Network at 88 locations. See last page of this brochure

Grants are available for the ongoing running costs of a fully electric vehicle (where owned or leased for a minimum of 2 years).

All information will be provided on Breathe Better Bradford www.bradford.gov.uk/ breathe-better-bradford



Eligibility Criteria for the Clean Air LGV & Minibus Programme



About you

Your business/organisation must, at time of application, be based within the Bradford Metropolitan District and have been so on or before 18th October 2021.

Your business/organisation must be one of the following:

- A Small/Medium sized Enterprise. This includes sole traders, self-employed and small and medium sized enterprises as defined by Sections 465 and 466 of the Company's Act 2006.
- A Charity. This means a charity as defined in section 1(1) of the Charities Act 2011.
- An Educational Establishment. This includes educational establishments such as children's centres, schools, colleges, and further education and higher education institutions. For the purposes of this grant, the establishment must be registered as such on the government website: <u>Get Information about Schools - GOV.UK (get-information-</u>

<u>schools.service.qov.uk)</u>

• A Community Transport Organisation. This means a charitable or other not-for-profit organisation which delivers road passenger transport services, typically where there is no viable commercial market.



About the vehicle

- Your non-compliant vehicle has to have been owned by the business/organisation on and prior to 18th October 2021.
- The replacement, or retrofitted vehicle, must meet the minimum standard for the Clean Air Zone.
- Vehicle upgrades shall be made on a like for like basis (i.e. an N1 vehicle class LGV must be replaced with the same N1 class vehicle, M2 vehicle class minibuses must be replaced by an M2 vehicle class minibus).
- Unless the non-compliant vehicle has been retrofitted, the non-compliant vehicle must no longer be registered to your business/organisation.



After the grant is awarded

- Your business/organisation must retain ownership of the compliant vehicle for a minimum of 2 years. In the case of electric vehicle running cost grants, you must have a minimum lease period of 2 years.
- Your business/organisation must remain registered to an address within the Bradford Metropolitan District for a minimum of 2 years.
- You must agree to provide supporting evidence of continued compliance on request during the 2 years after the award.



Application Process

To apply, you need to have:

- The V5c document for the noncompliant vehicle
- Valid MOT certificate
- Valid insurance document
- Business/Organisation latest certified accounts or bank accounts statements from the most recent 3 months.
- Proof of your Identity (valid passport or driving licence of the person making the application on behalf of the business/organisation)

Once your application has been approved, you will also be asked to provide:

- Proof of purchase of your replacement compliant vehicle or retrofit upgrade
- A signed acceptance of the grant award terms and conditions
- The V5c document for the replacement vehicle or retrofitted vehicle
- Evidence that you are no longer the owner of the non-compliant vehicle. This could be evidence of a trade-in from the purchase of a replacement vehicle, confirmation of cease of ownership from DVLA, sales invoice confirming the new owner details, letter to confirm scrappage of vehicle.

The Council will process an application as follows:

- The application form completed by the applicant on-line.
- If the application is approved, an agreement in principle will be sent to advise you of the maximum grant that is available to you.
- You must then provide proof of purchase of a compliant vehicle or approved retrofit upgrade within 2 months* of the date on the agreement in principle
- If your replacement or retrofitted vehicle meets the Clean Air Zone standard, the final grant offer will be sent with the terms and conditions of the grant award.
- The terms and conditions must be signed and returned within 1 month* along with the V5c document and evidence of disposal of non-compliant vehicle if not already provided.

Extended lead in times

Where a compliant replacement vehicle or retrofit is being purchased but the completion of the sale will be after the launch date of the Clean Air Zone, on receipt of a purchase order, we will consider allowing a temporary 'sunset period' exemption for the non-compliant vehicle up to the date the sale is completed.

Limited Grant Funds

Please be aware that there are limited funds available which will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Once we have received sufficient grant applications (based on the number of available grants), we will close the application process. If funds remain, the application process will be reopened. The grant will be paid to the applicant's business/ organisation bank account through a BACS payment.

- All grants are paid in full at the time the application is fully processed
- Grants for ongoing running costs for fully electric vehicles which will be paid in 2 instalments. The first instalment is paid when the application is processed, and the second instalment is paid 12 months later.
- Please see <u>LGV Minibus grant offer</u> and terms and conditions of grant (bradford.gov.uk) to see all terms and conditions.
- The 2 month deadline can be changed where the applicant contacts the grants team to request a new timescale because of a delay in providing the required information.
- <u>https://onlineforms.bradford.gov.uk/</u> <u>ufs/CAP_LGV_MINIBUS.eb</u>

Clean Air LGV & Minibus Programme Funding

Up to £4,500

- For the purchase of a replacement, CAZ compliant vehicle.
- For the purchase of an LPG conversion, for which there are two options:
 - i. Cost of converting an existing petrol LGV or minibus to LPG
 - ii. Cost of purchase of a compliant petrol LPG vehicle. LPG conversions must be in accordance with UKLPG Approved Installers Scheme¹
- For the purchase of other retrofit conversions. All other retrofit solutions must be technologies that are approved under the Clean Vehicle Retrofit Accreditation Scheme (CVRAS²).
- Towards the running costs of a fully electric vehicle with first payment of £2,250 on completion of application and second payment one year later, subject to continued compliance with the terms and conditions of the award.
- The fully electric must be either owned by your business/ organisation or on a long term lease (minimum of 2 years in length).

2 <u>Clean Vehicle Retrofit Accreditation Scheme</u>



¹ UK LPG Association (PDF 209KB) (LPG Autogas - the greener, cleaner and cheaper fuel alternative (drivelpg.co.uk)



For a detailed map of the Bradford CAZ please see - <u>https://www.google.com/maps/d/</u> viewer?mid=1wh86zM0ecBjFC2AKW90CMZ_uIPRoogCQ&ll=53.822014240260486%2C-1.7620522841397102&z=13

Support for Electric Vehicles in Bradford





- For more information on electric vehicles and the local charging network, visit Bradford Council information <u>www.bradford.gov.uk/environment/climate-change/electric-vehicle-charging-points</u>
- Information on the locations of electric charging points in Bradford District and beyond can be found at https://www.zap-map.com/live/

Since 2019, Bradford Council has been working in partnership with West Yorkshire Combined Authority and energy and services specialists ENGIE, to provide a network of electric vehicle charging points across West Yorkshire.

The ENGIE network currently has 88 rapid charging points across West Yorkshire, including 22 in the Bradford District. All charging points are situated in convenient locations, such as local authority car parks, leisure centres and retail car parks.

Each charging point has two bays, one of which is for public use, the other reserved exclusively for taxis and private hire taxis.

All ENGIE network charging points are powered by 100% renewable energy and have both a fast 22kW AC port and a more powerful rapid 50kW DC connector, which provides an 80% charge typically in under an hour, depending on your vehicle.

Accessing the ENGIE network is simple. In order to get started, you will need to register for an account by registering your details within the ENGIE web app. Once registered, you can use the web app to locate your nearest charge point, start and stop a charge and view billing



information. Or if you'd prefer, you can also register an RFID card to your account which can be used to stop and start a charging session.

To find out more information about this scheme, or to register to join the ENGIE network, visit <u>https://ev.engie.co.uk/wyca.html</u>

There are government initiatives which promote the purchase of Electric Vehicles, <u>Grants for plug-in vehicles</u> <u>- GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u> and grants towards installation of workplace and home charging points <u>Grant schemes for electric vehicle charging infrastructure</u> <u>- GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>



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