

TRANSPORT CASE STUDY:

Essential food deliveries to our communities with Food Train

Allocated funds: £452,413



Gaynor Grant, Food Train

"The project has made a significant difference to our organisation, the communities we operate within and, importantly, to the lives of hundreds of vulnerable individuals and their families – particularly during one of the most difficult times our country has seen."

"Our GEF project has been a magnificent opportunity to start our 'going electric' journey while extending our reach to many more older people."

THE ASK

Food Train applied for funding to replace their fleet of diesel-fuelled delivery vehicles with electric vehicles. They also wanted to expand their support for older people in Stirling and Renfrewshire to cover neighbouring Clackmannanshire and East Renfrewshire.

WHY IT WAS SELECTED

Food Train supports older people and informal carers through its grocery delivery service and signposting to other support. This support for community, combined with their aim to reduce the carbon emissions associated with these activities, made it a good fit for the fund.

THE PROJECT

Our grants enabled the replacement of nine ageing diesel vans with 100% electric alternatives and seven vehicle charging points. These vehicles now deliver grocery shopping to more than 600 older people every week.

How this project serves the GEF aims

We're already making an impact and will continue to do so

Replacing older diesel vehicles has saved more than 4 tonnes of carbon to date, while improving the reach and impact of the service.



Support where it's needed most

Over 600 older people are benefiting from improved access to food, with 60% reporting feeling more independent and 17% feeling less alone.



Putting the planet and people first

The savings of over £2,000 Food Train has made so far on fuel has been reinvested in the community.



We must keep evolving

More than 3,000 older people have been directed to other services to support with home energy and affordable warmth advice.



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