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| **TITLE** | **Local Transport Grant Allocations to Local Authorities 2018-19** |
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When I published the Economic Action Plan in December I made clear our commitment to delivering modern and connected infrastructure across Wales that could support our wider priorities as a government. That meant having a transport system that was safe, multi-modal and which improved the quality of the communities which they served.

Today I am allocating £25.9 million in transport grants to local authorities across Wales for schemes to help support that ambition – to improve safety, to create inclusive economic growth and to promote active travel. All local authorities were invited to submit applications for their priority schemes. A total of 190 applications were received for all the grants.

The Local Transport Fund of £6.15 million will allow 18 schemes across 13 local authorities to continue work on multi year projects. A further £5 million has been provided to fund local authorities to progress active travel scheme development.

The Local Transport Network Fund of £4million will allow 4 existing schemes to continue with 9 new schemes to start across 13 Local Authorities.

Nearly £4 million in Road Safety Capital Grant will fund 18 schemes contributing to road casualty reduction in 11 local authorities.

The £5 million Safe Routes in Communities Grant is focused on 26 schemes that improve walking and cycling routes to schools in 18 local authorities.

In addition, funding of £1.75 million will be made available to all local authorities for road safety education and training programmes for, in particular, high risk and vulnerable groups, such as children, young people, older drivers and motorcyclists.

The grants are a substantial investment to support sustainable local economic growth, improve road safety, enhance public transport facilities and provide more and better routes that will enable a larger number of people in Wales to walk and cycle safely.

A full list of successful schemes by local authority will be published on the Welsh Government website.