

Motorhome Facilities (Aires) Feasibility Grant Scheme 2024 Guidelines

Angus Tourism Cooperative & Angus Council are committed to the continuous development of a diverse, exciting, and high-quality tourism product and offering – one which supports Angus’s tourism and contributes positively to communities across Angus.

The Angus Rural Tourism Infrastructure Audit (2022) identified the increase in the number of visitors to the Angus countryside over the last number of years. This has led to increased pressures in certain popular stop off locations around Angus and pointed to the need for a more strategic approach to managing the development of the Motorhome sector in a way that is both sustainable and viable.

A recommendation focused on the need to provide additional overnight facilities for the sector. To facilitate the development of new overnight stopover facilities (Aires), Angus Tourism Cooperative & Angus Council are offering a grant through the **Motorhome Facilities (Aires) Feasibility Grant Scheme 2024** to businesses and voluntary organisations to support the launch of new overnight stopover (Aires) facilities for Motorhomes across Angus.

What is the Application Process?

- Businesses which meet all the eligibility criteria will be able to submit an application form from 12noon on Monday 4th March 2024 to 5pm on Friday 22nd March 2024 via the form [available on-line](#).

How much is available?

- The grant may pay up to 100% of the costs for up to a maximum of £7,500 per site.
- This is recoupable funding and funds can be drawn down once evidence of relevant documentation is received by Angus Tourism Cooperative.

Who can apply for funding?

The categories of eligible applicants are as follows:

- Voluntary Organisations: not-for-profit bodies, Social Enterprises, community groups including companies limited by guarantee.
- Private sector businesses.

Eligible costs:

- The grant is eligible to support the feasibility and/or design associated with the setup an Aires site.
- The grant can be used towards design works and preparation of relevant plans (e.g., site layout, landscaping, architectural, structural design) as well as any additional surveys or technical feasibility reports (e.g., drainage solutions) to support any planning application (if required), meet any existing planning conditions or to explore what additional facilities you may wish to provide as part of any Aire.
- The grant can also be used for fees associated with any planning application (if required).

Ineligible costs:

- Expenditure such as site markings, site improvements, ground works for new spaces, black and grey water disposal, charging points and lighting.
- The cost of overheads or the daily running of facilities.
- Any expenditure incurred and/or paid before the date of approval of the project.
- Any expenditure already grant-aided, sub-vented or assisted by this, or any other EU or Government scheme (e.g., LEADER).

Qualifying Conditions:

Applications will be in accordance with the following criteria:

- The applicant must provide increased provision of overnight accommodation options (at least three spaces) to the Motorhome sector in Angus.
- Sites are required to provide a motorhome specific offering with appropriate overnight fee charging.
- Revenue costs such as insurance, organisation membership and power are ineligible.
- Grant applications will be assessed on an individual basis and the development of new facilities.
- Once an application has been approved funding will be ring-fenced for up to a maximum of 6 months. If the project doesn't go ahead the funding will be released to another project.
- The maximum amount to be allocated to a single application is £7,500 based on a maximum 100% intervention rate.
- Spaces must be made available for **one-night stopovers**.
- Applicants will be required to charge a fee to users for the services provided and must outline the respective charges to be levied.
- Only one application per organisation/business is allowed.
- This grant is not for the increased provision of static caravan provision, camping or glamping facilities.
- Applications should be accompanied with all requested back up documentation.
- Funds will only be paid out where applicants have complied with all statutory and regulatory obligations including planning consent (if required), ensuring that they can operate in a manner that is safe for both visitors and local communities.

How do I apply?

- Full applications should be completed using the [on-line application form](#).
- Only completed applications with accompanying documentation, received via the approved application form, will be considered.

Evaluation & Allocation Process:

- Funding is limited and applications will therefore be assessed on a competitive basis with priority given to those that demonstrate an allocation of funding will improve the services on offer to the Motorhome sector in an underserved area of Angus.
- An assessment panel consisting of Angus Tourism Cooperative & Angus Council staff will consider all valid applications received and each application will be assessed considering all relevant statutory, regulatory and eligibility criteria and with consideration of the budget available.

How will I know if application was successful?

- If approved, a letter of offer will be issued to the successful applicant by 31 March 2024.

What will I need to draw down funding under this scheme?

- Once the letter of offer has been issued, and where applicants have complied with all statutory and regulatory obligations including planning consent (if required), works should begin as set out on the application form. Costs can then be recouped by submitting all relevant documentation to Angus Tourism Cooperative to draw down the approved funding.

The following is required to be submitted to drawdown funding.

- Supplier quotes or payment schedule or invoices or bank statements showing evidence of payment of invoices.

Applicants should also be aware that the documentation required for any grant awarded, including a tax clearance access number, bank statements and claim documentation, must be in the name of the Grantee.

