

Pothole Fund Application Form



Department
for Transport

Guidance is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pothole-fund-2014-to-2015-application>

Only one application form should be completed per local highway authority.

Applicant Information

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Please specify the weblink where this bid will be published:

http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/557/roads-maintenance/1088/extra_department_for_transport_funding

SECTION A – Your Highway

The Department would like to understand more about the highway assets that fall under your statutory duties.

We already collect data from your authority in regards to road lengths but we would like to understand more about the other assets you are responsible for. Please answer the following in your application:

A1: What is the number of bridges owned by your authority with span over 1.5 metres?
306

A2: What is the total number of street lighting columns under your authority's responsibility?
30,662

A3: What is the total number of street lighting columns under your authority's responsibility over 40 years old? 1,868

A4: What is the total length of footways under the responsibility of your authority (in miles)? 979.6 miles

A5: What is the total length of off road cycleways under the responsibility of your authority (in miles)? 40.5 miles

A6: Please provide a weblink to your authority's statement of how the flood recovery funding, awarded in March 2014, has/will be spent:
http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/557/roads-maintenance/1088/extra_department_for_transport_funding

SECTION B – Potholes

B1: Which of the recommendations arising from the Pothole Review Report has your authority adopted?

The report can be viewed here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/3995/pothole-review.pdf?

Please answer the following, including providing supporting information, where applicable:

Question	Yes/No	All 'yes' answers must be supported evidence. Please append supporting information, clearly marking the question number to which the information refers.
A. Has your authority aligned its maintenance programme to the Government's highways maintenance funding years (i.e. 2011-2015 and 2015-2021)?	✓ Yes	See Page 1 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'
B. Has your authority adopted the principle that 'prevention is better than cure' in determining the balance between structural, preventative and reactive maintenance activities in order to improve the resilience of the highway network and to minimise the occurrence of potholes in the future?	✓ Yes	See Page 2 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'
C. Has your authority ensured that appropriate competencies have been made available to make the right choices when designing and specifying techniques and materials for the maintenance and repair of highways? Note - these competencies can be secured through training, collaboration with neighbouring authorities or external advice.	✓ Yes	See Page 3 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'

<p>D. Does your authority co-ordinate with other parties working on the highway short and long term programmes of work activities for up to four years in advance?</p>	<p>✓ Yes</p>	<p>See Pages 3 & 4 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'</p>
<p>E. Has your authority considered the guidance provided in the ADEPT report Potholes and Repair Techniques for Local Highways and adopted as appropriate to your local circumstances?</p>	<p>✓ Yes</p>	<p>See Pages 4 & 5 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'</p>
<p>F. Has your authority developed a detailed highway inspection manual and have put appropriate training in place for your Highway Inspectors?</p>	<p>✓ Yes</p>	<p>See Page 5 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'</p>
<p>G. Does your authority use technology and systems for the effective identification and management of potholes?</p>	<p>✓ Yes</p>	<p>See Page 5 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'</p>
<p>H. Does your authority have a public communications process in place that provides clarity and transparency in the policy and approach to repairing potholes? This should include a published policy and details of its implementation, including the prevention, identification, reporting, tracking and repair of potholes.</p>	<p>✓ Yes</p>	<p>See Page 6 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'</p>
<p>I. Does your authority monitor public satisfaction with road, footway and cycleway condition and report annually through the National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction Survey or their own surveys?</p>	<p>✓ Yes</p>	<p>See Page 6 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'</p>
<p>J. Does your authority adopt permanent repairs as the first choice when repairing potholes?</p>	<p>✓ Yes</p>	<p>See Page 6 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'</p>

K. Has your authority adopted dimensional definitions for potholes based on best practice as part of its maintenance policy?	✓ Yes	See Page 7 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'

B2: Does your authority adopt any innovative methods to help repair potholes? This could include, for example, specialist pothole maintenance crews.

Yes
If yes, please provide details as an annex as part of your bid.
See Page 7 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'

B3: Does your authority use reporting tools to identify potholes in your local area including:

CTC Fill that Hole	✓ Yes
Council's Own Web Reporting	✓ Yes
Other	✓ Yes

Please specify: See Page 7 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'

B4: Does your authority regularly consult and seek feedback on its highways maintenance regime, including potholes, with key stakeholders?

Local Member(s) of Parliament	✓ Yes
District, Borough and Parish Councils	✓ Yes
Local Residents (Including neighbourhood Forums)	✓ Yes
Business Community	✓ Yes
Emergency Services	✓ Yes

If yes, please provide details as an annex as part of your bid.

See Page 8 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'

B5: Does your authority have an up-to-date vision and action plan to improve the walking environment and encourage walking?

✓ Yes
If yes, please provide a weblink:
http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/10096/healthy_living/1876/coventry_on_the_move

B6: Please explain how you deliver your duty under NRSWA to 'co-ordinate the execution of works of all kinds', including for example permit schemes, noticing, co-ordination meetings?

See Pages 8,9 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'

B7: What actions does your authority take to ensure road repairs undertaken by other parties (such as utilities companies) meet the standards in the specification?

- ✓ Inspections regime
- × Coring programme
- × Performance bench-marking
- ✓ Meetings
- × Other (please specify)

See Pages 9 & 10 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'

SECTION C – Asset Management

C1: Has your authority adopted the recommendations arising from the Asset Management Strategy Guidance published in May 2013 –

<http://www.ukroadsliasongroup.org/en/utilities/document-summary.cfm?docid=5C49F48E-1CE0-477F-933ACBFA169AF8CB> ?

Yes

Please answer the following, including providing supporting information, where applicable.

Question	Yes/N o	All 'yes' answers must be supported evidence. Please append supporting information, clearly marking the question number to which the information refers.
Has your authority got an up to date asset management policy and strategy?	✓ Yes	If yes, please provide a weblink. See Page 11 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'
Does your authority communicate relevant information associated with asset management through engagement with your relevant stakeholders when you set requirements, make decisions and report performance?	✓ Yes	See Page 11 of appended information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'
Does your authority have an asset management register?	✓ Yes	See Page 11 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'
Does your authority follow lifecycle planning principles which are used to review the level of funding and which will help support investment decisions including long term investment in your assets?.	✓ Yes	See Page 11 of appended supporting information document 'Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15'

C2: As part of your last L-Pack return for Whole Government Accounting requirements for the accounting period 2012/13, can you confirm you submitted the following return:

Carriageway and Footways	✓ Yes
Lighting	✓ Yes
Structures	✓ Yes
Street Furniture	✓ Yes

SECTION D – Efficiencies

D1: Is your authority actively engaged with securing efficiencies for highways maintenance?

✓ Yes

If yes, please provide additional information on what your authority has done since 2011 including what % efficiency savings (where efficiency savings are defined as delivering a similar or a better outcome at a lower cost) your authority has achieved year on year and what savings you hope to achieve by end of 2014/15.

See Page 12 of appended supporting information document ‘Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15’

D2: Is your authority exploring or has it already joined with neighbouring local highway authorities or a Highways Maintenance Alliance to achieve economies of scale?

✓ Yes

If yes, please provide additional information. For example the names of other authorities or the Alliance.

See Page 12 of appended supporting information document ‘Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15’

D3: Is your authority sharing its efficiency experience and/or case studies with other local highway authorities via the Highways Maintenance Efficiency Programme or other good practice networks?

✓ Yes

If yes, please provide state where.

See Page 12 of appended supporting information document ‘Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15’

SECTION E – Other

E1: Please provide details on which of the following good practice activities your authority is undertaking for its highways management activities.

Invest to save ✓ Yes

See Page 13 of appended supporting information document ‘Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15’

Cross boundary collaboration ✓ Yes

See Pages 13 of appended supporting information document ‘Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15’

Other (please specify):

E2: Do you consider your authority to be an exemplar authority in tackling potholes and undertaking highway maintenance?

✓ Yes

If yes, please explain why. See Page 14 of appended supporting information document ‘Coventry CC Pothole Bid Supporting Information 2014_15’

If yes, would your authority be willing to share its experiences more widely with other authorities / organisations?

✓ Yes

SECTION F: Declarations

F1. Senior Responsible Owner Declaration

As Senior Responsible Owner for the Pothole fund Application I hereby submit this request for approval to DfT on behalf of Coventry City Council and confirm that I have the necessary authority to do so.

I confirm that Coventry City Council will have all the necessary statutory powers in place to ensure the planned timescales in the application can be realised.

Name: Neil Cowper

Signed:
Neil Cowper

Position: Acting Head of Highways