

Directive for the funding of the purchase of cargo bicycles

§ 1.

General Provision

- (1) The City of Graz grants a non-refundable subsidy to businesses and institutions (schools, universities, cooperatives, etc.) for the purchase of cargo bicycles.
- (2) This subsidy serves to reduce motorised traffic by promoting the use of bicycles within economy and every day life.
- (3) The present subsidy is a De-minimis aid for companies according to the regulation 1998/2006 of the European Commission.

§ 2.

Cargo Bicycles

- (1) A transport bicycle (cargo bike) is designed to move bigger and heavier loads with pedal power. Apart from single-lane variations it also includes tricycles. Depending on task, purpose and field of application there exist different constructions that might include various cargo boxes. Therefore, it is strongly recommended to purchase these bicycles at specialist shops. The environmental agency will check the eligibility on the basis of a statement of the department of traffic planning.

§ 3.

Amount of subsidy and legal claim

- (1) 50% of the purchasing costs of cargo bicycles are subsidized, up to a maximal amount of €1000 per bicycle.
- (2) Per company or institution one cargo bicycle is eligible for subsidy.
- (3) The entire subsidy scheme is limited to €5000 (this will be increased should the measure prove successful).
- (4) There is no legal right for subsidy.

§ 4.

Subsidy applicants

- (1) The subsidy is intended for businesses and institutions (schools, universities, cooperatives, etc.) located in Graz.

§ 5.

Duration of subsidy scheme

- (1) The subsidy scheme was first limited to one year, but was prolonged after a positive evaluation.

§ 6.

Application

- (1) An application for the subsidy should be made at the Environmental Agency in Graz, Kaiserfeldgasse 1, 4th floor, during opening hours (Tuesday till Friday from 8:00 to 12:00).

§ 7.

Proof and payment arrangements

- (1) Purchasing costs for the cargo bicycle have to be verified with an invoice.
- (2) The original invoice needs to be attached to the written application
- (3) Businesses also need to provide an excerpt from the Commercial Register, a trading licence or similar.
- (4) Once the above documents have been provided the subsidy will be disbursed

§ 8.

Reclamation of subsidy

- (1) The subsidy may be reclaimed up to 5 years after receipt.
- (2) Applicants are obliged to pay back the subsidy, should they have claimed the subsidy deliberately and negligently by providing incorrect information or if the cargo bicycle should not belong to them anymore within the above mentioned period.

§ 9.

Place of Jurisdiction

- (1) The place of jurisdiction for all legal disputes regarding the above subsidy is Graz.