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Innovative businesses with plans to transform UK transport have the opportunity to bid for life-changing funding.

Mobile ticketing via Bluetooth, measures to cut commuting time, and a pilot helping partially-sighted people navigate urban transport systems are just some of the proposals that have received money in the past from the [Transport Technology Research Innovation Grant \(T-TRIG\)](#).

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Today (18 December 2017) the grant opens for its fifth round of applications – giving businesses the chance to bid for up to £30,000 – a £5,000 increase from previous rounds.

For the first time in the targeted call, bidders have been asked to focus on 2 key themes for this round of T-TRIG funding:

- improving the UK's road network using big data and machine learning
- reducing shipping emissions

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling said:

Ground-breaking pilot projects are already benefiting passengers around the country, and this new round of innovation funding will give more businesses a chance to make their ideas a reality.

I look forward to hearing from pioneering companies about their plans.

Up to £1.14 million is available through this round of T-TRIG funding.

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The programme began in 2014 as a pilot, and has subsequently been followed by 4 further rounds of funding.