

Application for grant funding – community transport

Date of meeting 26 April 2024

Date of report 9 April 2024

Report by Head of Bus Strategy & Delivery

1. Object of report

To request the Committee approve grant funding in support of projects provided by Community Transport operators across Strathclyde.

2. Background to report

Community Transport operators deliver much needed transport to local communities and voluntary groups, particularly the elderly, disabled and those on low incomes. These services are designed to promote and support the delivery of high quality, reliable and accessible transport to communities across the SPT area.

This report covers 18 Community Transport operators located across Strathclyde.

3. Outline of proposals

Applications for funding have been made by Community Transport (CT) operators for the workstreams detailed in Appendix 1.

The applications include support for general CT running costs, including driver costs, volunteer expenses, training costs, vehicle insurance, vehicle maintenance and fuel. Without such support the ability of the sector to deliver CT services to local communities would be limited.

Also included are specific applications in relation to scheduled Community Bus services, Demand Responsive / MyBus services and for workstreams that are fully funded by Glasgow City Council (GCC) (i.e. Glasgow Club and Playscheme Transport). All providing further links to otherwise isolated communities and groups.

In conclusion, Community Transport provides a key role in improving access to goods, services and facilities for communities in the West of Scotland and in particular for the elderly, disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. In addition to their core group transport activities, and in furtherance of SPT's aims and objectives. If approved and combined with GCC and other sources of funding, then this represents just under £1.24m investment in the Community Transport Sector in the West of Scotland, of which up to £929k is being funded directly by SPT, and the remainder funded by GCC.

4. Committee action

The Committee is recommended to:

- (i) approve the following items for financial year of 2024/2025:
- Grant funding of up to £84,760 to Coalfield Community Transport;
 - Grant funding of up to £446,654 to Community Transport Glasgow;
 - Grant funding of up to £61,090 to Larkhall & District Volunteer Group;
 - Grant funding of up to £142,789 to North Area Transport Association;
 - Grant funding of up to £109,480 to South Ayrshire Community Transport; and
 - Grant funding of up to £91,151 to South West Community Transport.
- (ii) In addition, the Committee is asked to note the following awards made under delegated powers:
- Grant funding of up to £30,900 to Ardgowan Hospice;
 - Grant funding of up to £28,000 to Blantyre Volunteer group;
 - Grant funding of up to £35,000 to Community Central Hall;
 - Grant funding of up to £25,000 to Community Transport East Renfrewshire;
 - Grant funding of up to £15,450 to East Kilbride Community Transport;
 - Grant funding of up to £40,000 to Getting Better Together;
 - Grant funding of up to £25,750 to Glenboig Development Trust;
 - Grant funding of up to £25,000 to Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Services;
 - Grant funding of up to £20,360 to Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport Group;
 - Grant funding of up to £9,000 to Renfrewshire Council SOOPiR Bus;
 - Grant funding of up to £12,360 to Renfrewshire Community Transport; and
 - Grant funding of up to £30,000 to West Dunbartonshire Council Community Transport.

All grants are subject to appropriate governance checks being carried out.

5. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>In line with the Regional Transport Strategy.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>All grants will be subject to SPT's terms and conditions for grant funding.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The funding requirements have been considered within the 2024/2025 Community Transport and MyBus budgets for these applications, totalling up to £928,744. Additionally, identified Glasgow Club and Playscheme transport of up to £304,000 will be recharged in full to Glasgow City Council.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>Seeks to reduce the incidences of social exclusion by supporting community transport projects which complement the activities of SPT and other transport providers.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None directly.</i>

Climate Change, Adaptation &
Carbon consequences

None directly.

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Appendix 1 – Community Transport – Grant Fund Application Summary

Organisation	Type of Service	Proposed Grant Award	Delegated / Committee Approval
Ardgowan Hospice	Core Funding	£30,900.00	Delegated
Blantyre Volunteer Group	Core Funding	£28,000.00	Delegated
Community Central Halls	Core Funding	£30,000.00	Delegated
Community Central Halls	GCC - Playscheme	£5,000.00	Delegated
Coalfield Community Transport	Core Funding	£51,500.00	Committee
Coalfield Community Transport	Cumnock Connector & Sort DRT	£33,260.00	Committee
Community Transport East Renfrewshire	Core Funding	£25,000.00	Delegated
Community Transport Glasgow	Core Funding	£123,600.00	Committee
Community Transport Glasgow	CB2 Service	£62,804.00	Committee
Community Transport Glasgow	East Dunbartonshire CT	£25,750.00	Committee
Community Transport Glasgow	GCC Playscheme	£17,500.00	Committee
Community Transport Glasgow	GCC Club Runs	£217,000.00	Committee
East Kilbride Community Transport	Core Funding	£15,450.00	Delegated
Getting Better Together	Core Funding	£40,000.00	Delegated
Glenboig Development Trust	Core Funding	£25,750.00	Delegated
Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Services	Core Funding	£25,000.00	Delegated
Larkhall & District Volunteer Group	Core Funding	£54,590.00	Committee
Larkhall & District Volunteer Group	MyBus	£6,500.00	Committee
North Area Transport Association	Core Funding	£24,000.00	Committee
North Area Transport Association	CB1 Funding	£32,144.50	Committee
North Area Transport Association	CB4 Funding	£32,144.50	Committee
North Area Transport Association	GCC Playscheme	£7,500.00	Committee
North Area Transport Association	GCC Club Runs	£47,000.00	Committee
Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport Group	Core Funding	£12,360.00	Delegated
Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport Group	MyBus	£8,000.00	Delegated
Renfrewshire Council SOOPIR	Core Funding	£9,000.00	Delegated
Renfrewshire Community Transport	Core Funding	£12,360.00	Delegated
South Ayrshire Community Transport	Core Funding	£36,000.00	Committee
South Ayrshire Community Transport	CB8 Service	£16,480.00	Committee
South Ayrshire Community Transport	DRT	£57,000.00	Committee
South West Community Transport	Core Funding	£35,151.00	Committee
South West Community Transport	Patient Transport	£25,000.00	Committee
South West Community Transport	GCC Playscheme	£10,000.00	Committee
South West Community Transport	MyBus	£21,000.00	Committee
West Dunbartonshire Council Community Transport	Core Funding	£30,000.00	Committee
		£1,232,744.00	

Budget	TOTALS
Enhanced DRT Budget	£802,984.00
Glasgow City Council Playscheme Budget	£40,000.00
Glasgow City Council Club Runs Budget	£264,000.00
Sorn/Cumnock, SACT MyBus Rural (Sub Bus)	£90,260.00
MyBus Budget	£35,500.00
	£1,232,744.00