



Applications for grant funding: Community Transport

Committee Operations

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Report by Senior Director

1. Object of report

To recommend the Operations Committee approves grant funding in support of projects provided by Community Transport (CT) operators across Strathclyde.

2. Background

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

The operators covered by this report include Community Transport Glasgow (CTG), North Area Transport Association (NATA), South West Community Transport (SWCT), Community Central Halls (CCH), Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLA), South Ayrshire Community Transport (SACT), Getting Better Together (GBT), Port Glasgow Volunteer Trans-Port Group (PGVTG), Ardgowan Hospice, Community Transport East Renfrewshire (CTER), Renfrewshire Council, Blantyre Volunteer Group (BVG) and Royal Voluntary Service Rural Clydesdale (RVSRC).

This report follows a number of earlier applications previously approved by the Committee on 4 May 2018¹.

3. Outline of proposals

Applications for funding have been made by community transport operators for the workstreams detailed below. A summary of the funding applications is provided in Appendix 1.

3.1 Community Transport Glasgow

Funding applications have been received from CTG in respect of support for their East Dunbartonshire Community Transport (EDCT) project, children's Playscheme Transport and Assisted Special Need (ASN) transport. Playscheme and ASN transport is delivered by CTG, and arranged by SPT on behalf of Glasgow City Council (GCC).

¹ http://www.spt.co.uk/documents/latest/op04052018_minute.pdf

In respect of CTG's EDCT project, £25,000 is sought towards their 2018/19 running costs (including driver & training costs, vehicle running costs, maintenance fuel). Such activities include providing training to volunteers, voluntary groups and staff in relation to transport solutions for this projects group transport, 'Shoppa Hoppa' and day trip activities.

In respect of Playscheme Transport, full funding is provided by GCC to SPT. Up to £2,000 is sought by CTG for this workstream. This remains within GCC's budget for this activity.

In respect of ASN school transport, full funding is provided by GCC to SPT. Up to £52,000 is sought for the provision of ASN schools transport which SPT arrange on behalf of GCC who fund this in full.

Total amount sought: £79,000.

3.2 North Area Transport Association

Funding applications have been received from NATA in respect of support for school holiday Playscheme for children, and for ASN school transport.

In respect of Playscheme Transport, full funding is provided by GCC to SPT. Up to £1,500 is sought by NATA for this workstream. This remains within GCC's budget for this activity.

In respect of ASN school transport, up to £42,000 is sought for the provision of Assisted Support Needs (ASN) schools transport which SPT arrange on behalf of GCC who fund this in full.

Total amount sought: £43,500.

3.3 South West Community Transport

Funding applications have been received from SWCT in respect of support for their core transport activities, and for school holiday Playscheme transport.

An application has been made from SWCT for core funding of £30,560 for their Community Transport Activities. This will allow them to support the running costs (vehicle and staff costs) of the organisation's group transport and volunteer escort/car scheme for health appointments.

In respect of Playscheme Transport, full funding is provided by GCC to SPT. An additional sum of up to £1,000 is sought by SWCT for this workstream. This remains within GCC's budget for this activity.

Total amount awarded under delegated powers: £31,560.

3.4 Community Central Halls

A funding application has been made by CCH in respect of school holiday Playscheme transport for children, for up to £2,500. Full funding for this workstream is provided by Glasgow City Council to SPT. This remains within GCC's budget for this activity.

Total amount awarded under delegated powers: £2,500.

3.5 Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire

A funding application for £2,500 has been received from VASLAN in respect of support for the organisation's 'Cam-glen' volunteer car-sharing scheme in South Lanarkshire. This principally provides a car-share scheme to provide transport to the elderly/infirm to attend medical appointments in the Glasgow area. The funding will be used to support volunteer's mileage allowances.

Total amount awarded under delegated powers: £2,500.

3.6 South Ayrshire Community Transport

A funding application for £30,000 has been received from SACT in respect of core funding support for the organisation's Community Transport Activities. SACT provides accessible, affordable transport for socially or economically disadvantaged groups, voluntary groups and third sector organisations in South Ayrshire.

Total amount awarded under delegated powers: £30,000.

3.7 Getting Better Together

A funding application for £32,000 has been received from GBT in respect of core funding support for the organisation's Community Transport Activities. GBT provides accessible, affordable transport for socially or economically disadvantaged groups, voluntary groups and third sector organisations in North Lanarkshire.

Total amount awarded under delegated powers: £32,000.

3.8 Port Glasgow Volunteer Trans-Port Group

A funding application for £10,000 has been received from PGVTG in respect of support for the organisation's Community Transport Activities. PGVTG provide accessible, affordable transport for socially or economically disadvantaged groups, voluntary groups and third sector organisations in the Inverclyde area. The funding will be used to support vehicle running costs (fuel, insurance, maintenance etc.) and staff-related costs.

Total amount awarded under delegated powers: £10,000.

3.9 Ardgowan Hospice

A funding application for £20,000 has been received from Ardgowan Hospice in respect of support for the organisation's volunteer car scheme, which provides transport to hospitals in the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde area for cancer treatment and out-patient hospice attendances, for residents in the Inverclyde area. The funding will be used to support vehicle running costs (fuel, insurance, maintenance etc.) and staff-related costs.

Total amount awarded under delegated powers: £20,000.

3.10 Community Transport East Renfrewshire

A funding application for £20,000 has been received from CTER's Primary Care Project, which operates a volunteer car scheme which provides socially desirable transport services, including the transportation of patients to GP, clinic and hospital appointments, principally in the East Renfrewshire Council area as well as a group

transport service to local voluntary and community groups. The funding will be used to support vehicle running costs (fuel, insurance, maintenance etc.) and staff-related costs.

Total amount awarded under delegated powers: £20,000.

3.11 Renfrewshire Council Community Transport

A funding application for up to £25,000 has been received from Renfrewshire Council in order to support a new Community Transport project, named 'SOOPIR' (Strengthening Opportunities for Older People In Renfrewshire). This project will provide transport for older people and community groups who are unable to access public transport due to their mobility, reducing isolation and contributing to their wellbeing. The funding will be used to support vehicle and staffing costs to support the project.

Total amount awarded under delegated powers: up to £25,000.

3.12 Blantyre Volunteer Group

A funding application for £20,000 has been received from BVG, in order to support the organisation's provision of safe, accessible community transport services for groups and individuals.

The funding will assist with the running costs of their vehicles and volunteers so that they can continue to provide group transport to the local community of Blantyre and the surrounding area.

Total amount awarded under delegated powers: £20,000.

3.13 Royal Voluntary Service Rural Clydesdale Community Transport

A funding application for £12,000 has been received from RVS rural Clydesdale, in order to support the organisation's provision of a volunteer car scheme for residents of rural villages in Clydesdale.

The funding will assist with the volunteer costs for provision of this service and assist with the running costs of the volunteers' vehicles.

Total amount awarded under delegated powers: £12,000

4. Conclusions

Community Transport provides a key role in improving access to goods, services and facilities for communities in the west of Scotland, in particular for elderly, disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. In addition to supporting their core groups transport activities, and in furtherance of SPT's aims and objectives, CT providers also provide specific community services filling gaps in mainstream transport network provision.

5. Committee action

The Operations Committee is recommended to approve the following items for the current financial year of 2018/19:

- Grant funding of up to £79,000 to Community Transport Glasgow; and

- Grant funding of up to £43,500 to North Area Transport Association.

In addition, the Operations Committee is asked to note the following awards under delegated powers:

- Grant funding of up to £31,560 to South West Community Transport;
- Grant funding of up to £2,500 to Community Central Halls;
- Grant funding of £2,500 to Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire;
- Grant funding of £30,000 to South Ayrshire Community Transport;
- Grant funding of £32,000 to Getting Better Together;
- Grant funding of £10,000 to Port Glasgow Volunteer Trans-Port Group;
- Grant funding of £20,000 to Ardgowan Hospice;
- Grant funding of £20,000 to Community Transport East Renfrewshire;
- Grant funding of up to £25,000 to Renfrewshire Council; and
- Grant funding of £20,000 to Blantyre Volunteer Group.
- Grant funding of £12,000 to Royal Voluntary Service Rural Clydesdale

6. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>In line with Regional Transport Strategy.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>Any funding approved will be awarded subject to SPT's Grant Funding terms and conditions.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>The funding requirements have been considered within the 2018/19 Enhanced DRT/Community Transport budget for these applications. Additionally, identified ASN School and Glasgow Playscheme transport of up to £101,000 is recharged in full to Glasgow City Council.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None</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</i>

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Appendix 1 – Community Transport funding applications summary table

Organisation	Workstream	SPT Enhanced DRT Funding	GCC (Club Runs, Playscheme or ASN Schools)	Total Funding Sought (SPT + GCC)	Funding Granted at Operations Committee 4 May 2018
CTG	East Dunbartonshire Community Transport	£25,000			
CTG	Playscheme Transport		£2,000		
CTG	ASN School Transport (Cardinal Winning)		£52,000		
Totals - CTG		£25,000	£54,000	£79,000	£385,114
NATA	Playscheme Transport		£1,500		
NATA	ASN School Transport (Cardinal Winning)		£42,000		
Totals - NATA			£43,500	£43,500	£129,443
SACT	Core Funding	£30,000			
Totals - SACT		£30,000		£30,000	£8,000
SWCT	Core Funding	£30,560			
SWCT	Playscheme Transport		£1,000		
Totals - SWCT		£30,560	£1,000	£31,560	£6,000
CCH	Playscheme Transport		£2,500		
Totals - CCH			£2,500	£2,500	£5,000
VASLAN	Volunteer Car Scheme	£2,500			
Totals - VASLAN		£2,500		£2,500	N/A
PGVTG	Core Funding	£10,000			
Totals - PGVTG		£10,000		£10,000	N/A
Ardgowan Hospice	Core Funding	£20,000			
Totals - Ardgowan Hospice		£20,000		£20,000	N/A
CTER	Core Funding	£20,000			
Totals - CTER		£20,000		£20,000	N/A
Renfrewshire Council	Core Funding	£25,000			
Totals - Renfrewshire Council		£25,000		£25,000	N/A
Blantyre Volunteer Group	Core Funding	£20,000			
Totals - Blantyre Volunteer Group		£20,000		£20,000	N/A
RVS Rural Clydesdale	Core Funding	£12,000			
Totals - RVS Rural Clydesdale		£12,000		£12,000	N/A
Grand Totals		£195,060 (SPT)	£101,000 (GCC)	£296,060 (Combined)	