

## **Community Transport Fleet Investment Grant 2025/26**

### **Scheme Details**

#### **What the grant can be used for and who can apply**

- Leicestershire County Council is making available capital grant funding for expenditure during the 2025/26 financial year only. This grant can be used for fleet investment for the purpose of improving, enhancing or increasing an organisations vehicle fleet.
- Any Leicestershire based voluntary and/or charitable organisations that currently receives an annual grant to provide transport services to the elderly, vulnerable and rurally isolated residents of Leicestershire may apply.

#### **How much grant is available**

- For 2025/26, there may be up to £10,000 available per organisation, however this will be dependent on the number of total applications received and the value of those requests.
- Applicants must provide detailed information of proposed works and associated costs as part of their application. This information will then be used to assess their application for grant funding.
- If a grant is awarded, then this information will also be used to assess the use of the grant against the initial proposals.

#### **What the grant can be spent on**

- All capital expenditure related to the organisation's vehicle fleet will be considered, this may include improvements to vehicle seating and interiors, or external bodywork / paintwork / livery, or even the purchase of vehicles. This list is not exhaustive, and other proposals will be considered.
- The grant may be used to cover capital costs that have already been spent by the organisation during 2025/26 to date, however this will need to be evidenced and approved by Leicestershire County Council to ensure the expenditure meets the terms of the grant award
- The grant cannot be used to cover regular operational costs that would already be in place as part of normal business such as vehicle repair costs /annual service costs / Insurance / driver wages etc.

- The grant cannot be used to subsidise any other part of the organisation's operation or business.
- If the grant is later found to be used on other expenditure, other than those agreed by Leicestershire County Council, this will invalidate the use of the grants, and those allocated funds will be returned to Leicestershire County Council as soon as possible.

### **How and when the grant will be paid**

- It will be paid by bank transfer to the organisations nominated bank account.
- Once the grant award has been confirmed, it will be paid to the organisation within one month of grant approval.
- Any grant funding awarded must be used by the organisation by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 and provide Leicestershire County Council with the evidence of grant utilisation.

### **Evidencing use of the grant**

- The organisation will be required to document and evidence their use of the awarded grant, they may do this by taking before and after photographs if they use the grant for improvements to existing vehicles, or by providing images of the new vehicle if the grant is used to purchase new fleet.
- Leicestershire County Council will be the lead partner with regards to all communications and press releases relating to the grant funded improvements. The organisation will be required to acknowledge Leicestershire County Council and the "Funded by DfT" logo in any notices, marketing or publicity of the purchases and/or improvements made using the grant.
- If the organisation is unable to use all of the funds awarded during 2025/26, or if the expenditure does not match their proposal, or the expenditure does not meet the terms of the grant, then those funds will need to be returned to Leicestershire County Council

### **Further information and Application**

If you require further information please email: [choosehowyoumove@leics.gov.uk](mailto:choosehowyoumove@leics.gov.uk)

The form to complete and submit applications can be found on the ChooseHowYouMove webpage, by clicking on the link below:

[www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk/community-transport-fleet-investment-grant-2025-26](http://www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk/community-transport-fleet-investment-grant-2025-26)

The operation of the Community Transport Fleet Investment Grant will be subject to the scheme Terms and conditions, this is available to view by clicking on the link below:

[Grant terms and conditions](#)