

**Kildare Local Transport Link, Level 7, Aras Chill Dara, Naas, Co Kildare**

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**Community Transport Needs.**

**Social Inclusion Initiative of**

**TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin.**

**Briefing Note.**

**1.0 Background**

Following on from a recent decision of the Board of Directors under the Company’s Charitable Objectives, **a limited amount of funding** is now available for use in the region Kildare South Dublin, for the provision of Community Transport. This funding is limited to one application in 2022. **The 2022 Application Period will close on July 15th 2022.**

**1.1 Target Groups**

This round of funding will be made available through an application process to the following target groups:

* Older Persons
* Disadvantaged Children and Families
* Disadvantaged Young People (aged 15 – 24)
* Emerging Needs Group
* Lone Parents
* Low Income Workers/ Households
* New Communities
* People living in Disadvantaged Communities
* People with Disabilities
* Roma
* Travellers
* The Disengaged from the Labour Market (Economically Inactive)
* The Unemployed

All of the above Groupings will need to satisfy certain criteria as associated to the application and **no application will be funded beyond a maximum of 75% of the total cost of the transport trip(s).**

**1.2 Examples of Trip Types**

Examples of trip types (but not limited to) that will be considered through this call for applications are as follows:

* **Individuals** – Outpatient Access that ***cannot be facilitated through ordinary public transport provision***. This could be because of lack of availability of public transport in a person’s area or the need for specialized transport such as wheelchair accessibility.
* **Older Peoples Groups** – Social Outings such as day trips, or transport to Christmas Social Event.
* **Disadvantaged Young People (15 -24) –** Providing transport to allow participation in cultural or social events, ensuring participation in outdoor activities etc.
* **People with Disabilities –** Providing transport on a Group or Individual basis allowing access to inclusive activities.
* **Those Disengaged from the Labour Market -** Applications will be considered from Groups or Individuals, or on behalf of both, where a lack of availability of access to public transport is hindering the participation prescribed and planned courses. These courses may run over a number of days / weeks and still be considered through this call for applications.

**2.0 Once Off Social Transport Policy.**

Attached to all Application Forms will be the TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin Once Off Social Transport Policy Document, to which all applications must comply.

**2.1 Once Off Social Transport Grant Application 2022.**

Applications must be submitted using the TCU approved application form. Applications will only be considered for trips planned to be undertaken during the period **July 25th to** **December 31st 2022.** Grants will only be provided to a maximum of **75%** of overall transport cost. The minimum grant that will be provided through a successful application will be **25%** of overall transport cost. Transport Applications will only be considered for transport provided by TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin pre-approved operators, and the trip must be coordinated, and costed, through the TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin TCU.

Request for application forms should be directed to

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For initial enquiries or for further information please call 045 980383.