



Transport to Employment Fund – request for proposals

Overview

SPT has been awarded c. £4million from the Transport to Employment fund as part of the national Child Poverty Action Plan. The fund is to support services and projects that help low-income families with transport access to employment. This includes initiatives that reduce the cost of transport for individuals (e.g. discounted ticketing) or improve transport access to employment (e.g. new/enhanced transport service). Currently, funding is only available until end of March 2027.

SPT is inviting proposals from community groups in the SPT area* for services or projects that may meet the fund criteria. Proposals should support low income parents in accessing employment, training, education or other employability services, or provide wider support to low incomes families that help parents access employment or stay in work (e.g. transport services that help families with managing childcare or afterschool care). Proposals can be for new activities, or extensions/enhancements to existing activities.

**The SPT area covers N/E/S Ayrshire, N/S Lanarkshire, E/W Dunbartonshire, Renfrewshire/East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, Glasgow and Helensburgh & Lomond*

Submitting proposals

Proposals should include:

- Background information on the organisation(s)
- clarification of the lead organisation, if a partnership approach is taken
- proposed activity and how it may link with the Transport to Employment Fund
- total funding requested, and
- breakdown of costs.

Proposals should include costs to support monitoring and evaluation.

Proposals can be submitted as a word document by email to LucyMacDonald@spt.co.uk.

Timescales – proposals over £50K

- Proposals submitted to SPT: 14 August
- SPT committee decisions on proposals: 18 September
- Grant fund letter issue (for successful proposals): c. 30 September

Timescales – proposals under £50K

- Note intention to submit a proposal: no later than 14 August
- SPT will then follow up with individual organisations to agree timescales for a developed proposal.



Decisions on proposals

Proposals will be reviewed by SPT officers working within the Transport to Employment Fund with consideration to alignment with the Fund objectives, deliverability, and availability of funding. All proposals are subject to final approval by a SPT committee.

Payments

Please note that, for approved proposals, only costs incurred by 31 March 2027 can be paid.