

SIB Funding Applications Summary

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	Tansy Centre Mini Bus
Lead Organisation	Tansy Centre

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£28,197	£0	£28,197
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
One Year	October 2014	October 2015

The Project:

The Tansy Centre is a well-used and vibrant community venue offering services for local residents and the wider community. The centre delivers services throughout the day and evening 7 days per week offering activities for young people, training and education, activities that support the reduction in social isolation for older and vulnerable people in the community. The centre wish to purchase a minibus for use by the centre and other local community organisations to enable services to be delivered to and accessed by a wider range of the community. The employees and volunteers within the centre will be midas trained in order to drive the minibus. The minibus will be used by the Tansy Centre to improve access to education, employment and training by transporting residents to job fairs across the North East and to training and education services at the centre and other locations, to improve their employment prospects.

The minibus will be used transport children and young people to the centre to take part in positive activities as well as transport them to activities in other locations and to support the elderly and vulnerable by transporting them to activities within the centre and other locations in the city which will help reduce social isolation as well as assist people to access services in and around the local area to improve their general health and wellbeing. The transport will also be used to visit the elderly and housebound and deliver hot meals to those who cannot get out of their own homes.

The centre will also work closely with more people in the community and other community groups, including local schools, Pennywell CA, St Thomas's youth group to improve access to services and encourage increased volunteering opportunities in the community.

The Tansy Centre will also investigate how they can support local community transport after 6pm in the South Hylton area given the limited public transport available to local residents. The transport will also be marketed for use by other groups within the centre including Gentoo residents and sheltered accommodation, Care and Support for their service users and small group homes as well as Guides, Brownies etc.

The Need for the Project:

Consultation has been undertaken with local residents and community groups all of whom have highlighted the need for improved transport to assist in the accessibility of services in the area due to limited public transport being available after 6pm. In addition a number of the groups using local venues have confirmed they would use and benefit from the minibus in terms of increasing access to the services they provide as well as expanding the services into a wider location.

Consultation identified a lack of services to help elderly and vulnerable people to access local delivery and the minibus could be used to transport these people safely to local services.

The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
P3	Number of people volunteering	8
A1	Number of improved facilities /equipment	1
A2	Number of people using improved facilities/equipment	800

Milestones and Key Events	Forecast Dates
Purchase the minibus	November 2014
Midas Training for volunteers	1 st January 2015
Use of minibus by centre and other community organisations	1 st April 2015
Evaluation of improvements achieved since purchase	1 st October 2015

Recommendation:

The application supports the local area priorities of Activities for Young People, Health & Wellbeing and Job Prospects for Young People.