



Merseytravel Community Project – application criteria

Introduction

Merseytravel wish to work in partnership with community groups/ non-profit organisations/ social enterprises, to support local communities and promote access to opportunity through sustainable transport solutions. In particular, we would like to hear from organisations/ groups looking to provide assistance for their centre users/ clients to access pre-employment and training activities, with a view to increasing employment, training and opportunity by reducing social isolation.

By provision of a range of travel tickets and journey planning advice, our Communities and Employment Engagement Team can offer support to your organisation to help break down financial and access barriers to enable support to:

- *increase pre-employment activities*
- *increase training/ employment/ volunteering opportunities*
- *reduce social isolation*

The support package is open to relevant organisations to apply for from 10th May 2019. The closing date for this initial round of funding is 31st May 2019.

Further rounds of funding will be subject to budget availability. Successful applicants will be notified within 4 weeks of the closing date.

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Application Criteria

1. Successful applicants will be required to enter into a legal/partnership agreement with Merseytravel.

The agreement will outline specific criteria in relation to any tickets issued to the organisation. That organisation will be required to comply with all monitoring and data in relation to:-

- (a) ticket usage/journey purpose as requested by Merseytravel. Failure to comply will result in support being withdrawn.
 - (b) be able to provide at least two case studies to demonstrate the impact and value of the scheme to both your clients and the organisation.
2. Participating groups will automatically be signed up to FREE membership of Liverpool City Region Community News email group and will receive periodic email notifications and newsletters.
 3. You will be required to submit monitoring data/ case study forms at the end of the quarterly period that you have received support in. If receiving support throughout the full year you will be required to submit this data at quarterly intervals throughout the 2019/20 financial year. The reporting dates are:-
 - Month end September 2019
 - Month end December 2019
 - Month end February 2020
 4. Your organisation must have no other financial assistance for transport, including discretionary funds.
 5. Preference will be given to local community groups/ non-profit organisations/ social enterprises who support disadvantaged communities and socially excluded individuals. Public sector organisations/ housing associations, delivering specific projects aimed at this cohort will also be considered.
 6. Preference will be given to organisations who offer volunteering, training or pre-employment opportunities aimed at increasing skills, qualifications and job prospects.

Please submit your completed form to - Community@Merseytravel.gov.uk