



MEETING: 09/07/2015

Ref: 12539

ASSESSMENT CATEGORY - Making London More Inclusive

Transport for All

Adv: Joan Millbank

Amount requested: £90,000

Base: Lambeth

Benefit: London-wide

Amount recommended: £90,000

The Charity

Transport for All (TFA) champions the rights of disabled and older people to travel with freedom and independence within London. TFA is constituted as a charitable company and has over 2,000 individual members who live throughout the capital. It also works with a network of 150 groups of disabled and older people located across all London boroughs, to promote and develop accessible travel with travel and transport service providers. TFA's services are provided by and for disabled people, who are involved as its trustees, employees and volunteers.

The Application

This application will give additional capacity to TFA to deliver its 'Let's Get Moving' initiative, which provides online, telephone and written information and advice in regard to accessible journey-planning and travel information. A new full-time post of Project Manager will be established to manage two part-time workers and a small team of volunteers. The role will also include facilitating direct engagement between disabled transport users and service providers to resolve travel complaints and to inform service planning.

The Recommendation

Set up in 1990 (under a different name) TFA is recognised as the lead organisation promoting disability travel needs and accessible transport by disabled Londoners, transport policy makers and service providers alike. Let's Get Moving is a core activity within TFA and this request is in effect core funding. Support for this application would allow you to assist a very wide range of disabled young and adult Londoners, including those with newly diagnosed disabilities; those with decreased mobility caused by chronic illness, life-limiting conditions or age infirmity; and with their carers.

£90,000 over three years (3 x £30,000) towards the costs of a full-time Let's Get Moving Project Manager and related running costs.

Funding History

Meeting Date	Decision
14/07/2005	£65,000 over two years (£33,500; £31,500) towards the salary of a part-time Training Officer and running costs for a project to strengthen disabled people's contribution to the development of accessible transport in London.

Background and detail of proposal

Disability Review (2009) found that 58% of disabled respondents cited a lack of suitable information as a major barrier to use of public transport, while the Leonard Cheshire Foundation found that 23% of disabled people had to refuse a job interview

and 23% declined a job offer, because of lack of accessible transport. This proposal therefore supports the Trust in its 20th Anniversary theme to support young disabled people into workTFA works to assist all disabled Londoners who aspire to live independently, to work, volunteer or study, and to enjoy London's cultural offer.

TFA has developed expertise in supporting Londoners of all ages with different impairments; it works across all disability groups including those with physical, learning and/or mental health issues, people with age-related mobility difficulties and those with life-limiting and progressive conditions and illness. Its specialist telephone helpline assists some 2,000 Londoners each year. Its award-winning website, which provides travel news, links, maps and travel tips, has over 13,000 'hits' each month. The borough-based Transport Action Groups and Pan London Mobility Forum advise London's transport commissioners and providers. Past achievements include persuading London Underground to provide manual boarding ramps throughout its network, while successful lobbying will ensure that Crossrail will be fully accessible from its inception.

Financial Information

Forecast income in the current year 2015/16 is £162,950 of which £149,950 (92%) was confirmed at end of April 2015.

The cost of generating funds is not disclosed in the 2013/14 independently examined accounts. An estimate for the current year 2015/16 has been provided which appears low. The charity has advised that it does not have a dedicated fundraising resource and the estimate of £5k is based on 10% of the Executive Director's time spent on raising funds. The charity has agreed to disclose this figure in future accounts.

Year end at 31 March	2013/14 Audited Accounts	2014/15 End of Year Unaudited	2015/16 Current Year Forecast
Income and Expenditure	£	£	£
Income	168,144	161,200	162,950
Expenditure	159,255	148,548	148,600
Unrestricted Funds Surplus / (Deficit)	2,690	12,652	6,000
Restricted Funds Surplus / (Deficit)	6,199	0	8,350
Total Surplus / (Deficit)	8,889	12,652	14,350
Surplus / (Deficit) as a % of turnover	5.3%	7.8%	8.8%
Cost of Generating funds (% of income)	0	0	5,000 (3.1%)
Free unrestricted reserves			
Free unrestricted reserves held at Year End	36,384	49,036	55,036
How many months' worth of expenditure	2.7	4	4.4
Reserves Policy target	39,816 – 79,638	37,137 – 74,274	37,089 – 74,298
How many months' worth of expenditure	3.0 – 6.0	3.0 – 6.0	3.0 – 6.0
Free reserves over/(under) target	(3,432) – (43,254)	11,899 – (25,238)	17,947 – (19,262)