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Dear Parish Clerk

Hampshire County Council has been allocated funding through the Department for Transport's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) 2025/26 Bus Grant. A portion of this funding has been designated **to support parish councils to enhance local transport provision**. These funding opportunities remain open until the end of February 2026, and allocations are still available. If your parish is considering improvements to local transport, this is an ideal time to submit an application and secure support while funding remains.

There are three available grant streams;

### **Parish Council Bus Shelter Grant Scheme**

Available to help towards the costs of replacing or refurbishing existing bus shelter(s) for eligible Parish Councils. [Parish Council Bus Shelter Grant Scheme | Hampshire County Council](#)

### **Community-Led Transport Grant Stream A: Publicity Funding for Existing Services**

Available to support communities to publicise existing transport services that are currently underused or not well known to increase their usage. Offered as a fixed-sum award (£500), to support targeted marketing and publicity campaigns to improve local engagement with existing services, which will increase the visibility of transport options leading to reduced social isolation. [Community-Led Transport Grant | Hampshire County Council](#)

### **Community-Led Transport Grant Stream B: Develop or Expand a Community-Led Transport Service**

Available to support the creation of new community-led transport services or the enhancement of existing ones, by enabling communities to develop flexible and innovative transport solutions that reflect local priorities. By supporting locally tailored responses to specific transport challenges, the funding aims to improve access to essential services - such as education, healthcare, employment, and shopping and promote greater social inclusion. [Community-Led Transport Grant | Hampshire County Council](#)

**If you wish to submit an application, but the current timescales are too short** for your parish to complete the application, we are currently considering whether to continue these grant schemes in the 2026/27 financial year. If this is the case - please could you let us know of your interest (and for which grant stream) by emailing: [community.transport@hants.gov.uk](mailto:community.transport@hants.gov.uk)

We would also appreciate your **feedback on whether there are any barriers** within the current grant streams that, if removed, would enable you to submit an application, if these were to be continued with amended criteria/ application process in 2026/27.

Kind regards

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