

Applicant 3: Churchy Motion / Church House Bridgeton - Responses to questions:

Can you provide more information about the reason for needing a new van, and more detail about the proposed costing?

- Our current bus is over 10 years old with regular usage, wear and tear is visible
- Spent £1761 on repairs in the last 2 years, not including servicing or MOT
- The bus only seats 13 people, our groups have 16 people attending
- We have to hire an additional bus just for a few more people,
- Currently able to hire from another youth project and get discounted rates, otherwise we would not be able to afford additional hire for trips and residential meaning that some of the young people would miss out.
- It would allow us to take the luggage in the bus without relying on staff/volunteers to use their own car for transporting luggage or taking less children to accommodate all the luggage.
- The current bus has a few large repairs required that we cannot afford to get fixed.
- The bus is full of condensation on the inside of the roof dripping onto passengers.
- Hard to get parts for the bus e.g. part for the door at the step
- The cost is for a new 17 seater minibus, with reversing cameras and other safety features, sat nav, accessible for people with mobility issues (ramps or lift). Used minibus online for various prices, this will depend on the type of bus we pick. Looked at various models online, and based our price on a recent minibus purchase by a local homeless organisation and emails to minibus online:

<https://www.minibus-online.co.uk/WheelchairAccessibleMinibus/2519/Peugeot-Approved-Minibus---CanDrive-EasyOn-17-Seat-2-Wheelchair-Boxer> plus VAT

Church House already cover the cost of insurance, diesel, servicing, MOT and would continue to do so from their core budget.

What % of usage of the van would be by children and families?

99% of usage will be for the groups at Churchy, the other 1% is used to pick up materials for groups, and joinery workshops in particular as the materials do not normally fit in staff's cars. Only Church House will use the minibus, we do not hire it out.

