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Applications now open

£5.6M DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT FUNDING, MANAGED BY RTIG

Accessible Information Grant

For small bus operators: help with the cost of providing onboard audible and visible information under the Public Service Vehicles (Accessible Information) Regulations 2023.

Who can apply

On 1 October 2026 you must run a local service vehicle in England, Scotland or Wales, and:

- have 20 or fewer vehicles: not hold operating licences for more than 20 vehicles, and not be a subsidiary or sister company of an operator with 21 or more public service vehicles
- apply directly as the operator seeking the funding
- not have an active application to, or funding from, the DfT transferable equipment grant

Eligible vehicles

You can apply for up to 20 vehicles. On 1 October 2026 each vehicle must:

- be category M2 or M3
- be used for a local service, either on local bus services or on rail replacement under an agreement with the railway operator
- be designed to carry 17 or more seated passengers
- not already provide both audible and visible onboard information for any of: next stop, route or direction

What the grant pays for

Buying and/or installing equipment that gives audible and visible information on board, such as speakers, hearing loops, display screens and supporting infrastructure, plus maintenance for one year from installation.

Partly equipped vehicles can be made compliant, for example by adding a hearing loop.

Only the minimum specification needed to meet the regulations is funded (for example LED rather than TFT displays). You pay any extra, and your supplier quote should show both costs.

If you receive a grant, you must

- keep the equipment in good working order, with prompt repairs and any needed data updates
- keep using it for at least five years, moving it between vehicles if necessary
- provide information that meets the regulations on every scheduled journey, except where temporary unforeseeable failures make this impossible

Priority areas

Applications from operators in these areas are prioritised for approval until 31 December 2026. Other operators are approved from January 2027, so apply early: priority follows the date your application passes due-diligence checks.

Wales: Anglesey, Conwy, Powys, Bridgend, Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Vale of Glamorgan

Scotland: Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, Ayrshire, Midlothian, Highland, Moray

England: Lancashire, Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire, Cumbria

How to apply

Apply online through the GOV.UK Find a Grant service. You will need a GOV.UK One Login.

Before you start, have ready a supplier quote, the grant claim form, the subsidy self-certification form and the contract terms, all available at **rtig.org.uk/aig/apply**

Applications opened on 22 October 2026 and stay open until the funding is fully committed.

Find out more

Grant details and forms: **rtig.org.uk/aig/apply**

Regulations summary, FAQ and suppliers: **rtig.org.uk/aig**

Questions: **aig@rtig.org.uk**