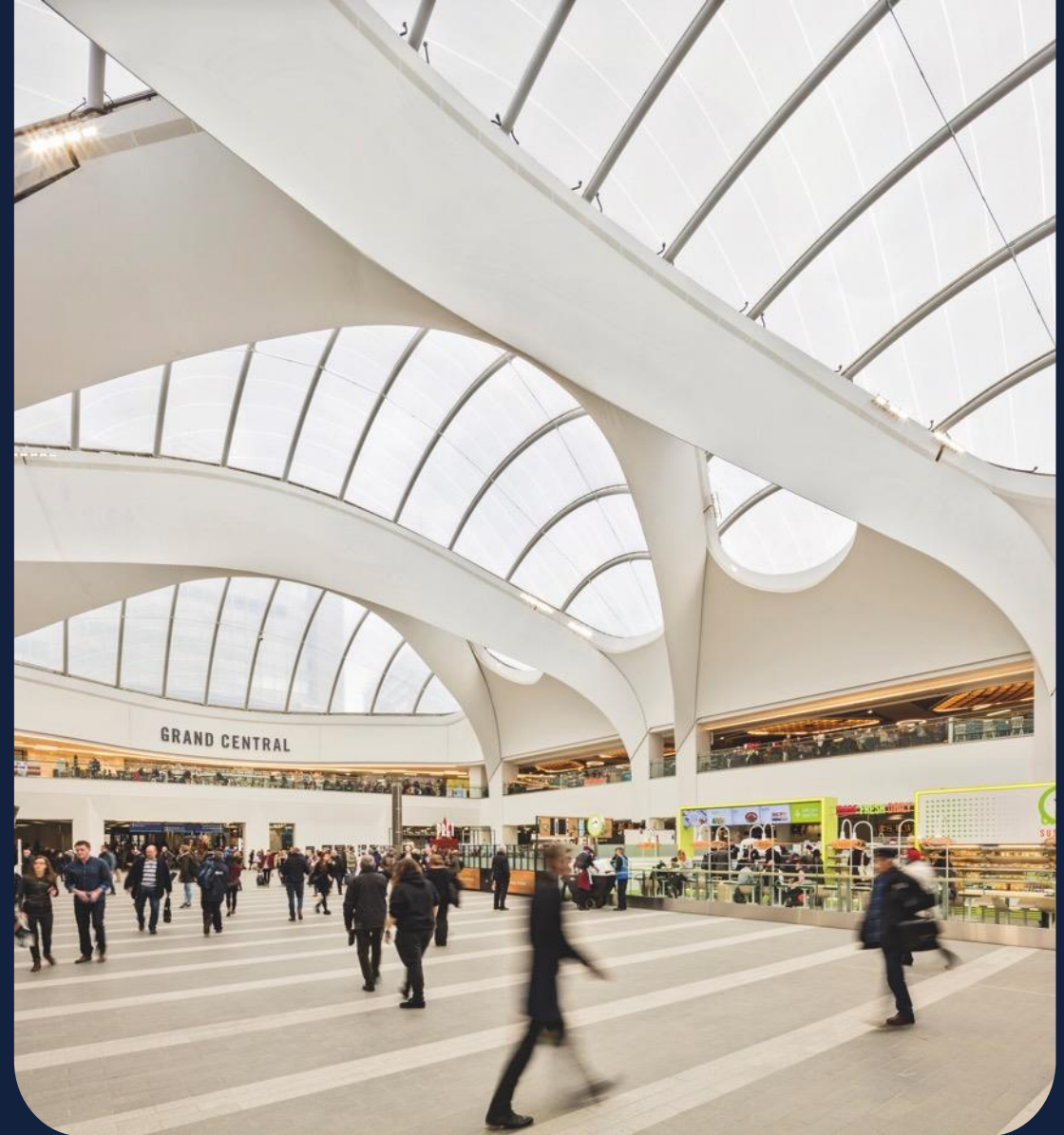


PSV(AI)R Grant Scheme Briefing

PSV Sector

Rail Delivery Group



June 2026

Agenda



1. Introductions
2. Compliance Recap
3. Outline of the grant scheme
4. Questions and Answers

Please use the Q&A tool to ask questions you have.



PSV(AI)R Recap

The regulations require bus and coach operators, where the route is in scope, to provide:

- Visual information, visible by 51% of occupants and from the wheelchair space
- Audio information, at set db levels above a threshold
- Audio via induction loop

The information requirements are to provide:

- The destination
- The next stop
- Any diversions on the route

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Confident about compliance

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The rail industry is clear that customers expect an inclusive journey. This relates to both PSV AR and (AI)R.

We **highly recommend** that PSV Operators integrate into their walk-round checks:

- Wheelchair lift operational status, where fitted
- Wheelchair restraints available
- AV systems are working and loaded with the relevant routes
- Exterior destination displays are correct



Outline of the Grant Scheme

- Overall cap of £1.85 million
- Open for six months (or until funding is fully utilised)
- Reimburses the cost of purchased equipment (not paid in advance)

In scope of the grant

- Coach operators, with differentiated terms for operators recently providing RR
- Transferrable equipment that enables AIR compliance
- Peripheral equipment (e.g. screens and induction loops) sold alongside or to support transferrable equipment that enables AIR compliance
- Available through the 'Find a Grant' Gov website from 6 July 2026 for six months.

What's not included

- Buses
- Permanent refits, or equipment requiring wiring in
- Peripheral equipment (e.g. screens and induction loops) sold on it's own that is not to support equipment that enables AIR compliance, or that are permanently fixed

Those purchasing systems should note

- Leasing: Hardware/software purchased must be owned outright by the operator.
- Subscriptions/Subscription models: Monthly subscription costs are out of scope unless bundled into the overall initial product.

Qualification for the grant scheme

For operators that can demonstrate they have provided RR services in the last 12 months, limits will be set based on the highest number of vehicles they supplied on any given day:

- 75% of the cost to equip peak vehicles provided, or 5, whichever is greater
- Additional equipment at the same rate as operators not providing RR

For operators that cannot demonstrate providing RR services in the previous 12 months:

- 75% of the cost to equip 5 vehicles
- 50% of the cost to equip up to an additional 5 vehicles
- 25% of the cost to equip up to an additional 5 vehicles

The marketplace

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Hardware providers include:

- Application Systems – Route Robin
- PSVAIR.co.uk
- StarPal – StarPal.AI
- Tixiom Technology

Software providers include:

- You Smart Thing – Smart Coach
- Maverick ML – SAIS
- LWM Digital – Fleet Management



Next steps and timelines

- Purchases from this date are able to take advantage of the grant scheme**

- Grant scheme announced
- TOC/Aggregators briefed
- PSV Operator briefing email via Aggregators

- PSV Operator briefing webinars (Planned)

- Grant scheme open on Gov website

9 June

15 June

22 June

29 June

6 July

13 July

20 July

27 July

31 July

Ongoing work includes:

- Fleet data gathering to ensure that compliance uplift is recorded
- Rail Replacement procurement, booking compliant vehicles
- Compliance audits

Questions and Answers

Question	Answer
Can systems already installed (e.g. wired AutoSound) be claimed?	Not if permanently wired-in. Systems can only be claimed for only if demonstrably transferable.
What proof is required to demonstrate eligibility?	Evidence such as invoices showing peak vehicle provision on a single day.
If a system is wired but transferable, is it eligible?	The hardware being claimed for must be able to be transferred to another vehicle quickly and without requiring vehicle panels or fittings to be removed.
Do operators with only 5 vehicles need to provide evidence?	No, evidence is not required at that threshold.
When will the GOV.UK grant link be available?	Opens on 6 July.
How long does reimbursement take?	Approximately 4 weeks from submission (target by DfT at this stage).
If systems require wiring, are they still transferable?	No, permanent wiring means not transferable; eligible systems must be easily movable.
What qualifies as ‘transferable technology’?	Equipment purchased under the grant scheme must be movable between vehicles without requiring removal of vehicle panels or wiring. Any connection to built in systems should be “plug and play”.
Are PA systems eligible?	Not where they are hardwired/permanently installed.
Are dual-purpose vehicles eligible?	Under review by DfT; there is no confirmed position.
Are wired systems generally in scope?	No; transferability is the key eligibility test.