

26th February 2020

To: all CEVA Schools

School Condition Allocation 2020-21

The ESFA has recently announced that the LCVAP system will be replaced by School Condition Allocation (SCA) for the 2020-21 financial year. This system is already used to distribute capital funding to LAs and larger Multi-Academy Trusts. We await further detailed guidance but have decided that there is now enough information about the new system to invite bids from schools.

- Unlike LCVAP (co-ordinated by LAs and calculated by LA area), SCA will be awarded directly to Dioceses (assuming that they have at least 5 schools and 3,000 pupils)
- Because the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich has fewer than 3,000 VA pupils, it will be grouped with the Diocese of Norwich and the two dioceses will work together to allocate SCA grant appropriately.
- The SCA allocation will be based on the same formulae previously used for LCVAP, which includes an enhancement to the rate per pupil that non-VA schools enjoy, to reflect the fact that VAT is not recoverable on VA capital projects.
- Grant will continue to be paid at 90% rate, with the school legally required to make a 10% contribution
- Dioceses will now be able to carry forward SCA grant into a second year. This is a key improvement which will help to plan and deliver larger projects.

Schools should not notice a great deal of difference, and will continue to liaise with the Buildings Officer to bid for and spend grant allocations. The actual amount of SCA for our Diocese is not yet known and is unlikely to be announced until Easter 2020.

Stage 1 – School preparation of bids - 24th February 2020 to 20th March 2020

Schools should prepare bids for up to three preferred projects.

Stage 2 – Bid submission – by 20th March 2020

By no later than 20 th March 2020, schools should submit bids to me by email. The bids will be analysed and prioritised ahead of the ESFA capital funding allocation announcement.

Stage 3 – SCA Allocation

When the ESFA has made its announcement, the Dioceses of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich & Norwich will establish the apportionment of grant between them. The Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich will allocate SCA funding to the highest priority projects, in accordance with the criteria overleaf within Annexe A, and confirm the outcome to schools.

Best wishes,



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Annexe A – Allocation Criteria

Category	Priority Level
<p>Legislation Compliance and Health and Safety – where there is a risk of school closure, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emergency & managed asbestos removal to facilitate essential works • gas safety • electrical safety • water services - (hot and cold) and drainage • ventilation/air quality and thermal comfort • fire safety • security and safeguarding 	Highest
<p>Life Expired Condition Replacement – where there is a risk of school closure, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • building structure • mechanical systems • electrical systems • utility capacity and connections 	High
<p>Life Expired Condition Replacement, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • building fabric – internal or external • building structure • mechanical systems • electrical systems 	Medium
<p>Areas below current standards, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole block • Basic Teaching • Large spaces, studios, dining and social • Kitchen • Plant • Learning resources areas • Staff and admin • Storage • Changing • Toilets • Circulation 	Low
<p>Other works: Evidence must provide a clear condition and value for money case. This might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accessibility improvements (teaching and non-teaching) • building fabric (non-teaching, eg external sports equipment stores etc) • mechanical and electrical systems (non-teaching) 	Lowest
<p>Other works: all other works, where there is either weak or no evidence of significant compliance, health and safety concerns or condition/value for money. Examples include small teaching environment refurbishments or ICT projects.</p>	Will not be funded through SCA