

FUNDING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

When creating a premises plan it is useful to include some idea of the cost of each potential project so that priorities can be set based on what can be afforded as well as what is needed. The funding streams available to schools are shown below:

Voluntary Aided Schools	Voluntary Controlled Schools	Academies
Devolved Formula Capital (usually managed by ODBE)	Devolved Formula Capital (held/managed by LA)	Devolved Formula Capital
School Condition allocation (SCA) - co-ordinated by ODBE	School Condition allocation (SCA) - co-ordinated by LA	For stand-alone or smaller MATs: Condition Improvement Fund (CIF)
Governors' Funds	Governors' Funds	Larger MATs (5 schools/3,000 pupils +) have access to Schools Capital allocation Fund (SCA)
PTA Funds	PTA Funds	
S106/CIL Developer Contributions	S106/CIL Developer Contributions	Governors' Funds
Costs to expand schools on the basis of need to create additional pupil places should be borne by the LA		PTA Funds
VAT must be paid on all projects		S106/CIL Developer Contributions
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Devolved Formula Capital

Schools are given an annual sum of money from DfE (via ESFA) for capital works. The current formula is £4,000 per school plus £11.25 per primary school pupil or £16.88 per secondary school pupil. A premium of 8% is added for VA schools.

DFC monies must be spent on capital projects with a minimum spend of £2,000 net of VAT. The monies can be used for IT upgrades/refurbishments as well as buildings works. DFC cannot be used

on revenue items. For VA Schools, the governors must fund 10% of the allocation. ODBE is happy to manage DFC accounts on behalf of VA schools.

DFC monies are subject to a 3 year spend rule to encourage schools to invest in their premises rather than build up large pots of money for which there are no plans.

Detailed information on DFC accounts can be found from either ODBE /Academy MAT or LA depending on who holds the funds.

Schools Condition Allocation (SCA) – VA Schools

Where a project is going to cost more money than the school can afford (typically at least more than two years' DFC or £10,000+) the school can apply for SCA funding.

This is an annual grant from the DfE (through the ESFA). For VA schools it is allocated as a lump sum to ODBE. Projects are prioritised by ODBE based on the school condition information held on file. Schools are also provided with an opportunity to bid for 'sufficiency' type projects or to supplement school expansion costs

SCA is a 90% grant with a 10% contribution required from the GB. A 2% ODBE admin fee is also applied. Once SCA has been allocated it must be spent in one financial year unless the project has been specifically approved to be managed over two years.

Schools Condition Allowance (SCA) – MATs

SCA is held by multi-academy trusts beyond a certain size (5 schools and at least 3,000 pupils) to invest in capital projects. Schools within ODST and ODBST should liaise with the Trust to establish priorities. ODST/ODBST will draw up a programme for the development of buildings based on priorities and condition information held on file. Schools should liaise with Tom Fry, Building Surveyor.

Condition Improvement Funding (CIF)

CIF is an annual bidding round to which academies and smaller MATs can apply for capital funding.

The core priority for CIF is to address significant condition need, keeping academy and sixth-form college buildings safe and in good working order. This includes funding projects to address health and safety issues, building compliance and poor building condition.

CIF also supports a small proportion of expansion projects for Ofsted-rated good or outstanding academies and sixth-form colleges that need to expand their existing facilities and/or floor space.

Full details on how to apply for CIF funding can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/condition-improvement-fund>