

Slough Local School Improvement Fund

Process diagram for application for and allocation of school to school support funding

School A has identified a development need based on school data or a perceived gap in provision. (see section 1). **Please note school A could comprise a group of schools.**

School A may approach a school or schools who they think will be able to offer this support; this is not necessary as the panel can source support.

School A completes Part One of the application for support and funding and submits this to STSA (see section 2). If appropriate, School A should name the supporting school in the application.

The panel, comprising members of staff from the local authority and STSA, will meet to consider the application.

The panel may ask for further clarification on bids or make suggestions to School A before making a decision on whether or not to accept or fund the bid as it stands. This will usually be in the form of an email sent to School A.

On receipt of further information from School A, a decision will be made by the panel regarding the funding and School A will be notified, usually by an email to the named person on the application.

A 'Development and Review Plan' will be agreed and drawn up by School A and the support school/s. These will be shared with and monitored by the panel for quality assurance purposes

Once the project is agreed funding will be arranged with and released to the school or schools providing support to School A.

Evaluations will be sought from School A and the support school/s midway through and at the end of the improvement project.

Section 1

Criteria 2017 - 2019

Funding for projects is broadly based on a fair share of between £2,000 - £4,000 per school. Therefore schools are encouraged to work together in clusters to maximize funding.

Our criteria, although not absolute and not all applicable per bid, for access to funds from the LSIF are that the project/bid:

- ✓ must be seen to be developing and supporting the needs of a range of staff and pupils across Slough
- ✓ must encourage and support professional development with a future focus on retention and succession planning
- ✓ may identify that a range of providers have been explored and the reasons why any particular provider of support has been identified¹ (not all bids have to identify the preferred support school)
- ✓ should not replicate or be based around a similar approach that is already recognized, e.g. accredited training which should be met from the school's own CPD budget
- ✓ can be part of a larger or the whole of a smaller project
- ✓ has measurable benefits which are anticipated to impact over a substantial period of time, i.e. not just a quick fix
- ✓ may, for example, focus on coaching and mentoring support across schools when implementing a whole school change of practice due to an identified need based on data or circumstance
- ✓ on the whole schools are encouraged to put **one bid** forward but where this may be for a smaller amount of funding, further bids may be considered from the same school

The funds will not support:

- ✗ additional staffing in schools
- ✗ in house support from within a Multi-Academy Trust
- ✗ such things as schemes of work or equipment

¹ The provider suggested by the school applying for funding may not be deemed to be the best provider for support if good reason is not given. The board will make a decision about support based on local knowledge of excellence in any given area (where this is available).

Section 2

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Timelines for bids

In the first instance bids for funding may be submitted by:

Thursday 6th July 2017

Monday 23rd October 2017

Monday 8th January 2018

Monday 12th March 2018

Monday 7th May 2018

Monday 2nd July 2018

- 'The board' will meet during the week of submission to consider the bids.
- Applicants can expect a provisional or complete response within one working week.
- If the board asks for further clarification (provisional response) this must be returned within one working week of the date the email is sent.
- If the board agrees fully or in part to the bid, notice will be sent via email within one working week.

Section 3

**Slough Local School Improvement Fund
Development and Review Plan**

Name of School:	
School to School partnership school/s:	
Title of project:	
Dates of project (from and to):	
Funding allocated:	

What will happen?	Who will lead it?	When will it happen?	Success criteria	Review & Impact

First copy, completion of aspects 1 – 4, must be sent to rachel.cross@slough.gov.uk within 4 weeks of the agreement of funding.

The final copy will be requested within 2 weeks from completion of the project.