



Application for Federation Support Grant

To support existing federations or schools exploring federation

Grant Details

A one off grant of up to £2,000 is available to assist schools who are either already in federations or exploring formal partnership working or federation. The funding available to allocate as grants is limited, and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. This application round will close at the end of February 2020.

Existing Federations

The funding is intended to support existing federations to work more effectively and to drive improvements in pupil outcomes. The funding can be used to further embed partnership working across the federation, support developments in leadership and governance and provide the opportunity to research good practice and pilot new approaches.

The funding can be used to cover costs such as staff or governor training, good practice visits to other federations, joint projects that help embed federation ways of working, production of federation materials. The funding is not intended to cover “business as usual” costs that each school could be reasonably expected to meet.

Schools exploring formal partnerships or federation

The funding is intended to cover the costs incurred with exploring formal partnerships, federation or expanding a federation, such as: leadership time, visits to other federations or schools, the cost of meetings between schools to explore options, consultation costs, cost of staff/governor training that is specifically linked to the process, induction/training support for new staff and governors who are taking on new roles as a result of the process, logo changes etc. The funding is not intended to cover “business as usual” costs that each school could be reasonably expected to meet.

A wealth of information and resources on federation and partnership is available on czone:

<https://czone.eastsussex.gov.uk/school-effectiveness/school-partnerships/>

Criteria

Where grants are awarded, it is one sum per group of schools. The funding will not be allocated retrospectively.

Process

- Schools must complete the application form, filling in all details as required
- The form should be signed by the Chair of Governors and Headteacher of the federation/schools applying
- The application form should be sent to Jo Baxter, by email, to the address below. Any queries should also be directed to Jo Baxter:

Jo Baxter, Project Assistant: Partnerships and Governance

Email: jo.baxter@eastsussex.gov.uk Tel: 01323 466 891

A panel of Senior Managers from the Standards and Learning Effectiveness Service will meet to review applications. Applicants will be informed within a month if their application to the fund has been successful.