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Capital Grant Funding in VA Schools 2022-23

As you will be aware the Locally Co-ordinated VA Programme (LCVAP) funding has now been replaced by School Condition Allocations (SCA). This capital funding helps many of our VA schools fund the costs of condition work/ building improvement / development projects which are beyond the resources of accumulated Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) funding.

Projects will be assessed using 8 criterion that prioritise projects that first meet condition needs that have the potential to close a school (leaking roofs, boiler and pipework replacement, asbestos ceiling tile replacement etc), then suitability/health and safety issues (secure entrance areas, disability access, new toilet facilities etc) and finally school improvement projects (classroom refurbishment, new small group support rooms, redecoration, ICT upgrades). In exceptional circumstances SCA funding may be used to support basic need expansion or school extension costs where a school is changing age range.

A reminder that SCA funding is to be used for capital works only and not for ongoing maintenance programmes, which should be funded through your revenue budget. For more information about this please see the following paper on our website [BUIL 1/20-21 \(anglican.org\)](http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/BUIL_1/20-21).

SCA funding works in the same way as your DFC grant in that governors have to fund 10% of the work. Please bear this in mind when considering affordability. VAT and professional fees also need to be included.

As part of your bid please indicate how the project fits within your schools' asset management plan, specifically highlighting why the work is a priority for the school.

If your bid is successful please be aware that governors will need to supply evidence of at least 3 competitive and comparative quotes / tenders to meet the best value criteria before works can commence. I would urge all headteachers and governors considering submitting a bid for capital grant to employ the services of a professional consultant / architect to help you. They will also be able to project manage the work once underway.

If you have a project which you wish to be considered for inclusion in any potential 2022/23 capital programme, would you please complete the form attached and return to myself at the email address below **by Friday 17th December 2021**. If you have any queries about potential projects or on completing the form you can contact me on 01727 818168 or rgarman@stalbans.anglican.org.

Yours sincerely

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