

## School Condition Allocation (SCA) - Process for Schools wishing to apply.

School Condition Allocation (SCA) is awarded to your responsible body (Diocese/LA/MAT) for larger capital projects, beyond the scope of DFC. Traditionally the funding allocation is made to make sure schools stay Safe, Warm and Dry. This form is concerned solely with the process of VOLUNTARY AIDED schools.

SCA proposal forms are sent out in July, for return by 31<sup>st</sup> October, for the funding year commencing the following April. The link to making bids can also be found below. We do accept applications all year around, but bids made within the prescribed application window of July-October, will be advantaged.

Common projects include re-roofing projects, boiler replacements, boundary and access improvements. Proposals to extend, adapt and improve existing buildings may also be considered on a discretionary basis, as well as proposals that support schools move towards Net Carbon Zero. Please refer to the "Prioritisation of SCA Proposals" for more guidance. The Diocese School Estates and Capital Funding (SECF) Committee review all new proposals considering a range of factors that include eligibility, priority factor, school size, SCA allocation history, and value for money.

For more complex projects schools will be required to ringfence DFC to fund any upfront design costs such as surveys, architectural/consultant fees, and statutory fees. This is necessary to get the project to a committee ready stage, with a budget cost. If your project is successful in attracting funding, these costs can be absorbed by the project and refunded to you.

Before embarking on a SCA project, we recommend VA schools to budget and fundraise their 10%, so they are always prepared for rising costs, which are not uncommon. If you have an essential project, yet concerns about the 10% affordability, please get in touch with the Diocese to discuss the options that are available to you.

Please use the form below to make applications for SCA funding, for VA SCHOOLS only.

<https://forms.office.com/r/FK59Kbv9qx>