Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF)

Overview

The £140 million government fund is available to support the delivery of school improvement, which includes early language provision.

The third round of bidding is now open and will close at midday on Friday 20 April 2018.

What is the Strategic School Improvement Fund?

The Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF) is intended to help further build a school-led system, aiming to target resources at schools most in need to improve school performance and pupil attainment.

The fund will support a broad range of school improvement activities including issues associated with Early Oracy. It will support medium to long-term sustainable activities across groups of schools with a preference towards school-led provision.

How to apply

Before applying for funding you will need to liaise with your sub-regional improvement board (SRIB). Once priorities have been agreed, we can work with you to implement an Early Language Intervention Programme.

Read the full overview from the DfE for more details

Key information

Who can apply?

There is a range of eligibility criteria that the DfE has set out, focussing on need and attainment. The following bodies can apply:

- Multi-academy trusts
- Teaching school alliances
- Local authorities

What is the focus?

Applications are encouraged that focus on:

- Improving literacy at EYFS
- Widening vocabulary and a love of reading at Key Stage 2
- Increasing progress and attainment for disadvantaged pupils