

**Coast to Capital  
Learning Facilities Fund: Grant Request Form**

Colleges must return **one** electronic copy of the signed and completed Request Form and supplementary information Ron Crank, Chief Executive, Coast to Capital via the following email address: [skillscapitalfund@coast2capital.org.uk](mailto:skillscapitalfund@coast2capital.org.uk) and ensure that it is submitted by **1pm on 29 May 2015**.

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<b>Learning Facilities Fund Allocation:</b>	<b>£200,000</b>
<b>1. Use of Learning Facilities Fund Grant Allocation Details</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	College Road enhancement 2015
<b>Project location (including postcode)</b>	College Road Croydon CR9 1DX

**Summary of capital works proposed and estimate of costs**

The College has 53 toilet block facilities within the College Road site with 24 being in need of renovation in order to achieve a common standard throughout the building. It is proposed that 6 toilet blocks are refurbished as part of this programme. The College Road building was originally fitted with metal crittall windows that are now ill fitting, insecure and energy inefficient. During the past 5 years the College has upgraded over 190 of these windows but this still leaves 300 left to be replaced. As part of this programme it is proposed that a further 93 windows are replaced with standard aluminum framed windows to provide sustainable and energy efficient fittings

Envisaged Costs are as follows:

Replacement of Ground Floor Windows	51 x £1500 plus VAT	£91,800
Replacement of First Floor Windows	42 x £1,500 plus VAT	£75,600
Upgrade of 6 toilet facilities	5 x £20,000 plus VAT	<u>£120,000</u>
Total Cost of Works		<u>£287,400</u>

**Impact of Investment**

Complete the table below to show the area of estate in eMandate condition A, B, C and D before and after completion of the works:

**Table 1: Impact of proposed works on areas and condition**

GIA (m2) and percentage of estate in condition category A, B, C and D (before works [1])	%	GIA (m2) and percentage of estate in condition category A, B, C and D (after works) [2]	%	Change in condition of GIA (m2) and percentage of estate as a result of the works = [2-1]	%
A: 9,262	<b>22</b>	A 9,942	<b>24</b>	A: 680	<b>2</b>
B: 26,084	<b>61</b>	B: 26,084	<b>61</b>	B: 0	<b>0</b>
C: 6,974	<b>17</b>	C: 6,294	<b>15</b>	C:-680	<b>-2</b>
D: 0	<b>0</b>	D: 0	<b>0</b>	D:	<b>0</b>
Total: <b>42,320</b>		Total: <b>42,320</b>		Total: <b>42,320</b>	

**Rationale for Investment:**

Croydon College is the largest provider of further education in the borough and the largest college provider of higher education in the south east. The College not only serves the largest borough in London but also surrounding boroughs and parts of Surrey.

In May 2014, Ofsted inspectors judged the College good with outstanding features. Inspectors reported that “managers and staff have transformed the learning environment within the college very successfully, enhancing its reputation in the local community as a caring, safe and inclusive place in which to study.” Also, in May 2014 QAA confirmed that the College’s higher education provision meets UK standards and identified “the strategic approach that embeds employability across higher education provision” as good practice.

The College operates from one main campus in the centre of Croydon. The College has refurbished about half of the total space in this building, but the abrupt ending of the LSC/SFA capital funding in 2011 presented a challenge for delivery of the final phases to complete the project. There are just over 10,000 m2 still to refurbish with a potential cost of about £18m.

This site which the College owns freehold is situated in the centre of Croydon and is a purpose built 1950’s education building over five floors. Improvements to the accommodation and layout of this building have been undertaken in the last 8 years. In addition, a new extension has been added creating a rotunda space of 3,229 m2 incorporating student services and learning resource areas. However, this not only leaves 10,000 m2 still to be refurbished which includes 24 of the 53 toilet blocks but also 300 original metal crittall windows from the lower ground to the second floor to be replaced to improve energy efficiency and reduce running costs.


29 of the 53 toilet blocks have been upgraded over the last 5 years and it is proposed to refurbish a further 6 with the available funds from Coast to Capital LEP. In addition, it is proposed to replace 93 of the 300 remaining metal crittall windows with standard aluminium double glazed units on the ground and first floor.

The poor quality of some of the accommodation and energy inefficiency, if not addressed, will severely impact on the College’s ability to meet its strategic objectives and learner number forecasts, and the key strengths which can be built upon to improve the quality of resources offered by the College. The provision of capital support by Coast to Capital LEP will contribute to the College’s ability to meet its strategic imperatives, namely:

- Achieving value for money targets to ensure best use of resources;
- Embedding employability, entrepreneurship and an enterprise culture in curriculum provision and services;
- Implementing affordable investment strategies for learner growth and quality improvements;
- Raising the profile, engagement and influence of the College in the area with businesses and the community;
- Seeking solutions through the use of innovative technology to improve and provide flexible provision to learners.

<b>Total works cost:</b>	£287,400
<b>LEP grant:</b>	£200,000
<b>% of total works costs:</b>	70%
<b>College contribution:</b>	£87,400
<b>% of total works cost:</b>	30%

### 3. Declaration and Signature

<b>Declaration:</b>	<b>I certify that the information provided in this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I accept the criteria and conditions for the use of the LEP's Learning Facilities Fund grant.</b>
<b>Signature (College Principal)</b>	
<b>Print Name</b>	Frances Wadsworth
<b>Date</b>	5 June 2015