

Coast to Capital Learning Facilities Fund: Grant Request Form

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

Please do not embed supplementary information within the electronic version of the request form. This information should be supplied as separate annexes in both the electronic and hard copy version of the request form.

Please submit your hard copy and electronic applications as early as possible before the deadline.

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Learning Facilities Fund Allocation:	£100,000

1. Use of Learn	ing Facilities Fund Grant Allocation Details			
Project Title	 Upgrade of college lifts to improve disabled access Renewal of flat roofing Upgrade of college sports pitch 			
Project location (including postcode)	WORTHING COLLEGE 1 SANDITON WAY WORTHING WEST SUSSEX BN14 9FD			
Summary of capital works proposed and estimate of costs	 The main college building is served by three electric passenger lifts. All three lifts are in need of refurbishment. The lifts break down on a regular basis but one lift in the East wing is used most regularly and is now in need of urgent upgrade. This upgrade will ensure the college can modernise the lift and guarantee disabled access to all areas of the college's estate and provision. The estimated costs for the upgrade of this lift is £40-50k plus VAT. 			
	 The main college building was built in the 1960s and the vast majority of the roofing is flat roofs. Over the last 2 years there have been a number of areas which have water ingress. In particular the roofs which join the East and West wings of the building to the main building are in need of renewal. The college would renew as much of this area as the allocated funding would allow. Estimated cost £25k inclusive of VAT. 			
	 The college sports pitch needs further ground work to create a safe and secure environment for Rugby, Football and training. The nature of the soil in the local area means the pitch has a large amount of flints in the ground. This has led to a number of accidents and is a health and safety issue. The college has had to suspend fixtures and training until a satisfactory solution is found. This has meant using external sports facilities adding additional hire costs, transport costs and inconvenience to students. Estimated costs £30k plus VAT. 			
	 All costs above are estimates at this stage and detailed surveys are taking place to arrive at firm costings. 			

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		GIA (m2) and		Change in condition of		
percentage of estate		percentage of estate		GIA (m2) and		
in condition category		in condition category		percentage of estate		
A, B, C and D		A, B, C and D (after		as a result of the		
(before works [1]	%	works) [2]	%	works = [2-1]	%	
A:		A:		A:		
В:		В:		B:		
C:		C:		C:		
D:		D:		D:		
Total:		Total:		Total:		

Given the nature of the works described the above template does not apply. The works would completely refurbish one passenger lift, renew flat roofing to an area of 100sq metres and create a playable sports pitch of dimension $64m \times 123m$.

Rationale for Investment:

Worthing College moved to a new site in Sanditon Way in July 2013. The project entailed the acquisition and refurbishment of office accommodation on a new campus. The building dates from the 1960s and the funding available allowed the college to refurbish to a light 'must have' level. The strategy was based on developing the estate and buildings to an enhanced level when further funding became available.

Since occupation the college has completed a 25 year condition and works survey which indicates a requirement for significant estate, maintenance and modernisation of up to £250,000 in 2015/16. Given the college's current financial situation we cannot invest these sums at this time but the Learning Facilities Fund grant would enable some of the more urgent projects to be completed.

Upgrade of College Lifts

The three college lifts in the main building were not upgraded during the initial 'light level' refurbishment. The lifts break down on a regular basis and the East Wing lift nearest reception is the most problematic. The upgrade and modernisation of this lift would enable the college to improve facilities for learners with disabilities. Without this work the college could not guarantee access to the whole college estate, facilities and provision to disabled learners and may be in breach of the Disability Discrimination Act.

Renewal of Flat Roofing

The initial 'light level' refurbishment of the college estate did not include flat roof renewal. There is now water ingress in the roofs which join the East and West wings to the main building. This work would enable the college to improve estate condition in these areas and modernise them. This would allow running cost efficiencies as it would remove the need to complete inefficient 'patching' of areas which are leaking.

Upgrade of College Sports Pitch

The college sports pitch has a large number of flints in the ground. This has become a serious health and safety issue due to the risk of serious injury. The college has had to suspend use of the pitch this year and cannot use it for matches or training.

The college has 306 students who study sports related courses, 35 sport apprentices and 156 students who participate in college sports teams.

The lack of a usable on site playing field presents a major risk to the attractiveness of the college to students and apprentices who wish to study sport and then seek employment in the sport and leisure sector. This is an area of provision that is expanding but this expansion is placed at risk by the condition of the pitch

Further, the college is spending resources on pitch hire and travel for students and sport teams to access the required facilities offsite.

The renewal and modernisation of the pitch would support growth in learner numbers and apprenticeships in sport, improve the learner experience for a large number of learners and achieve running cost efficiencies.

Given the college's current financial situation the college cannot match these funds with a 50% contribution. The college's financial position is explained in **Appendix A** and this is supported by the latest set of management accounts and a recent Financial Plan submitted to the SFA.

Total works cost:

[Costs incurred from 1 April 2015] £ Estimated costs are approximately £115,000 inclusive of VAT.

LEP grant:

£100,000

% of total works costs:

87%

College contribution:

£15,000

% of total works cost:

13%

3. Declaration and Signature				
Declaration:	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.			
Signature (College Principal)	Peter Conigan			
Print Name	PETER CORRIGAN			
Date	29 MAY 2015			