

Guidance

Trust Capacity Fund (TCaF)

A fund to help trusts develop their capacity and take on underperforming schools, particularly in education investment areas (EIAs).

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Documents

[Information for applicants](#)

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PDF, 299 KB, 19 pages

[Privacy notice: Trust Capacity Fund and Trust Establishment and Growth Fund](#)

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[Application form](#)

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MS Word Document, 126 KB

[Expenditure plan](#)

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Details

To apply for the Trust Capacity Fund (TCaF) 2023 to 2025, you must:

- read the guidance document to find out more about TCaF, who it is for and how to apply
- if applying in an [education investment area \(EIA\)](#) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-investment-areas>), read the relevant [trust development statement](#) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-investment-area-eia-trust-development-statements-tds>)
- use the application form and expenditure plan to apply

From 3 April 2023 we will accept applications for a new TCaF for 2023 to 2025. This fund will be for growth projects approved by a [regional director](#) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/regional-department-for-education-dfe-directors/about>) from 1 January 2023. We are particularly looking for projects which address our priorities for the [EIAs](#) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-investment-areas>).

Funding will be available over 2 financial years, where appropriate. Larger tariffs will be available for trust growth projects which involve underperforming schools in EIAs. We will also welcome applications for projects which involve groups of schools.

TCaF is part of a package that supports the growth of multi-academy trusts (MATs), particularly those in EIAs. [The Trust Establishment and Growth \(TEG\) fund](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-trust-establishment-and-growth-teg-funding>) is also part of this package and provides funding to support the initial development of growth projects.

There are also separate lists of [TCaF award recipients](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/trust-capacity-fund-tcaf-award-recipient) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/trust-capacity-fund-tcaf-award-recipient>) from 2019 to 2023. The use of any information sent to us is governed by the [privacy policy](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-to-the-trust-capacity-fund/trust-capacity-fund-privacy-notice) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-to-the-trust-capacity-fund/trust-capacity-fund-privacy-notice>).

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