

Department for Education Trust Capacity Fund - Deadline Extended

The [Trust Capacity Fund \(TCaF\)](#) will award up to £24 million to support trust growth and development across England.

TCaF has two strands:

- A: For projects in which trusts will take on at least one additional inadequate or requires improvement school from one of the areas listed in the guidance
- B: For all other trust capacity building projects.

Academy trusts or local authority maintained schools in England are eligible to apply.

There are two strands of funding:

- Strand A: £50,000 to £310,000
- Strand B: £50,000 to £100,000.

Eligible activities must be focused on strengthening trusts' central capacity and not improving individual schools. Examples of activities for which they can seek TCaF funding include:

- Establishing new central systems and processes such as IT, finance and HR
- Training and continuing professional development for staff
- New staffing within the central trust team
- Relocation costs for moving staff to new regions
- Specialist advice – such as IT, finance or HR advice – to build permanent capacity for growth.

Applications for the 2021-22 financial year have been extended to the 17 December 2021.