

Funding Criteria – Stage 1: Initial Eligibility

- 1) You are a registered funded provider of early learning and childcare (ELC) in Scotland or are currently working with the local authority to become a funded provider.
- 2) You have a bank account that is used for your ELC setting.
- 3) You can confirm you currently have or in the next 2 terms/6 months will have at least one child in your care with additional support needs.
- 4) Your application will be for funding of between £500 and £1500, will be spent within 6 months of receiving the funds and will be for either:
 - a) training for staff on relevant courses/professional learning costs
 - b) purchase of specialist equipment/resources
 - c) specific one-off adaptation to the physical environment
- 5) You can confirm that you have already discussed the funded purchase with the local authority and costs cannot be met by them.
- 6) You can confirm that you cannot source the funded purchase from elsewhere (e.g. from a Local Authority equipment bank/CALL Scotland/from your existing training budget).
- 7) You can confirm that funding requested does not include recurring cost elements i.e. the purchase is of a one-off nature (training course, piece of equipment/resource, adaptation to physical environment).

Funding Criteria – Stage 2

- 1) You can explain how the funding will help to reduce any barriers to the child/children with additional support needs accessing their funded early learning and childcare entitlement.
- 2) You can explain how the benefit of the funded purchase will be sustained.
- 3) You can confirm the funding requested will be used to purchase goods or services from a reputable source and value for money can be demonstrated. For example, you have made efforts to identify a provider that will offer best value for money.
- 4) If you have made another funding application to this fund within this funding cycle (October – December 2018) you can demonstrate that these are for different needs that cannot be met within a single application.
- 5) If you were awarded funding in the previous funding cycle (May – August 2018) you can describe how this current application is addressing a different need for the given child or additional children.