



SFC Announcement

Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan – call for proposals

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Summary: The Scottish Government has made £400,000 available to the college sector in financial year 2020-21 for Tackling Child Poverty. We are inviting colleges to submit proposals by 6 January 2020 for funding.

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Introduction

1. The Scottish Funding Council (SFC) is pleased to confirm that the Scottish Government has made up to £400,000 available to the college sector in Financial Year (FY) 2020-21, for Tackling Child Poverty. Colleges are therefore invited to submit proposals for funding by 6 January 2020. The Scottish Government is looking to support two to three bids (dependent on budget and the costs outlined in this bidding process).

Background

2. In March 2018, the Scottish Government published its first Child Poverty Delivery Plan¹ due under the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017, which outlines actions for the period 2018-22. The Delivery Plan contains many actions on child poverty that the Scottish Government will take between 2018 and 2022, across the following areas:
 - Working and earnings.
 - Costs of living.
 - Social security.
 - Helping families in other ways.
 - Partnership working.
3. Support is being provided to the further education sector to develop initiatives with colleges in local areas. These initiatives should support or scale up preventative approaches, helping ensure that young people who have grown up in poverty have, through further education, a sustainable route to positive destinations and a route out of poverty.
4. Consideration should also be given to the needs of young mothers and fathers in further education, acknowledging the particular support they need and enabling them to build a future for themselves and their families.

Call for proposals

5. Colleges are invited to submit proposals using the template provided. The template should be used to capture how proposed activity could contribute to reducing current levels of child poverty - particularly for those most at risk, with a focus on lone, single and young parents, and BME groups. Proposals that demonstrate collaborative/partnership working, for example with a local

¹ <https://www.gov.scot/publications/child-chance-tackling-child-poverty-delivery-plan-2018-22/pages/1/>

authority, which would result in more impactful and sustainable outcomes for the funding provided, are encouraged.

6. Bids can also be submitted that build on existing projects and all proposals must demonstrate clear outcomes that help achieve the 2030 targets² as set out in the Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan (TCPDP). Bids must clearly demonstrate how their impact will be evidenced.
7. It is likely that the number of successful bids will be limited to two or three. Those colleges that received funding for Tackling Child Poverty in 2019-20 are welcome to rebid for the same project; however, rebids should demonstrate an enhanced impact to that achieved in the first year of funding.
8. Proposals should be submitted to Alison Meldrum, copied to your [Outcome Agreement Manager](#) by 6 January 2020, using the pro-forma provided. Once submitted, all proposals will be passed to the Scottish Government for assessment.

Further information

9. Please contact Alison Meldrum, Outcome Agreement Manager, Access, Learning and Outcomes Directorate for further information, tel: 0131 313 6625, email: ameldrum@sfc.ac.uk.

² The 2030 targets aim to deliver fewer than 10% of children living in families in relative poverty; fewer than 5% of children living in families in absolute poverty; fewer than 5% of children living in families in combined low income and material deprivation; and fewer than 5% of children living in families in persistent poverty.