

## MOD Education Support Fund 2021

### Additional Guidance for Scottish applicants

*prepared by the ADES National Transitions Officer in partnership with MOD DCYP*

DCYP has published [new guidance](#) to clarify the application requirements, that acknowledges the impact Covid-19 has had on society and schools, with many health and wellbeing challenges. It suggests that with the suspension of military personnel moves, rebasing activities, and the limited moves of Armed Forces children and young people - schools and local authorities will find it more difficult to provide the same level of evidence as previously.

The 2021 ESF application is for £3 million of funding available across the UK. Applications are to be targeted towards creative and realistic projects with the greatest possible collective impact across the school / local authority community. It is critical that the funded development work be sustained beyond this year, providing a legacy of good/interesting practice. Focused work is leading to the development of a wealth of knowledge, experience, and practice in support of Armed Forces families. Please refer to the [DCYP application pack](#) for further information.

Resources and case studies will be welcomed for inclusion on the NTO Forces Children's Education website [www.forceschildrenseducation.scot](http://www.forceschildrenseducation.scot)

**ESF process:** All bids will be reviewed and scored by a Regional Panel, Scotland with recommendations made to the Directorate Children and Young People (DCYP) Funding Panel who has the final decision.



DCYP will inform all applicants of the outcome of their application by early January 2021, at the latest. Payment will be made by March/April 2021 but will be available to incur during the academic year 2021-22.

To simplify the application process, a single 'point of contact' has been identified to discuss any concerns/questions prior to applying:

For **Scotland** this is **Carolyn MacLeod, National Transitions Officer, ADES**  
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Projects and development work that engage in a more joined-up, Scotland-wide, approach across education and the Armed Forces community for both those delivering and those receiving support are being encouraged. As well as those that,

- **build on existing school or local authority improvement plans** (as aligned with Scotland's National Improvement Framework) to take specific account of and improve outcomes, for Armed Forces pupils, given that such applications are likely to be particularly sustainable and good value.
- **through collaboration**, will have a wide impact for high numbers of Armed Forces children and their peers across schools / clusters / local authorities and Regional Improvement Collaboratives experiencing **exceptional levels of transitions (mobility or deployment)**. This will promote shared practice and exchange of knowledge.
- **show how the benefits will be measured** and that the project / development work will clearly continue to provide: long term, value for money, and benefit after the fund has been spent.
- **demonstrate the longer-term impact** of the activity on children's learner journeys.

Remember to contact your Military Sponsor as soon as possible, to discuss engagement and support.

The grant application pack can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-support-fund-for-schools-with-service-children-grant-application-pack>

The **closing date** for ESF applications is **7<sup>th</sup> October 2020** before 1200 hours (midday - noon)

Submit to: [DCYP-MOD-ESF-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk](mailto:DCYP-MOD-ESF-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk)

*Note: late applications will not be accepted.*