

Overview of Inclusion Funding: Spring 2019

The Harrow Inclusion Fund Rationale

The purpose of the Inclusion Fund is to support children with emerging SEND/additional needs so that they can be meaningfully included in the learning, experiences, social and cultural life of their school or setting.

Currently this funding is available to include children who are 3 or 4 years old and in receipt of universal funding.

This fund is an additional resource to provide services or resources outside of the school/settings expected remit, for children with additional needs/emerging SEND.

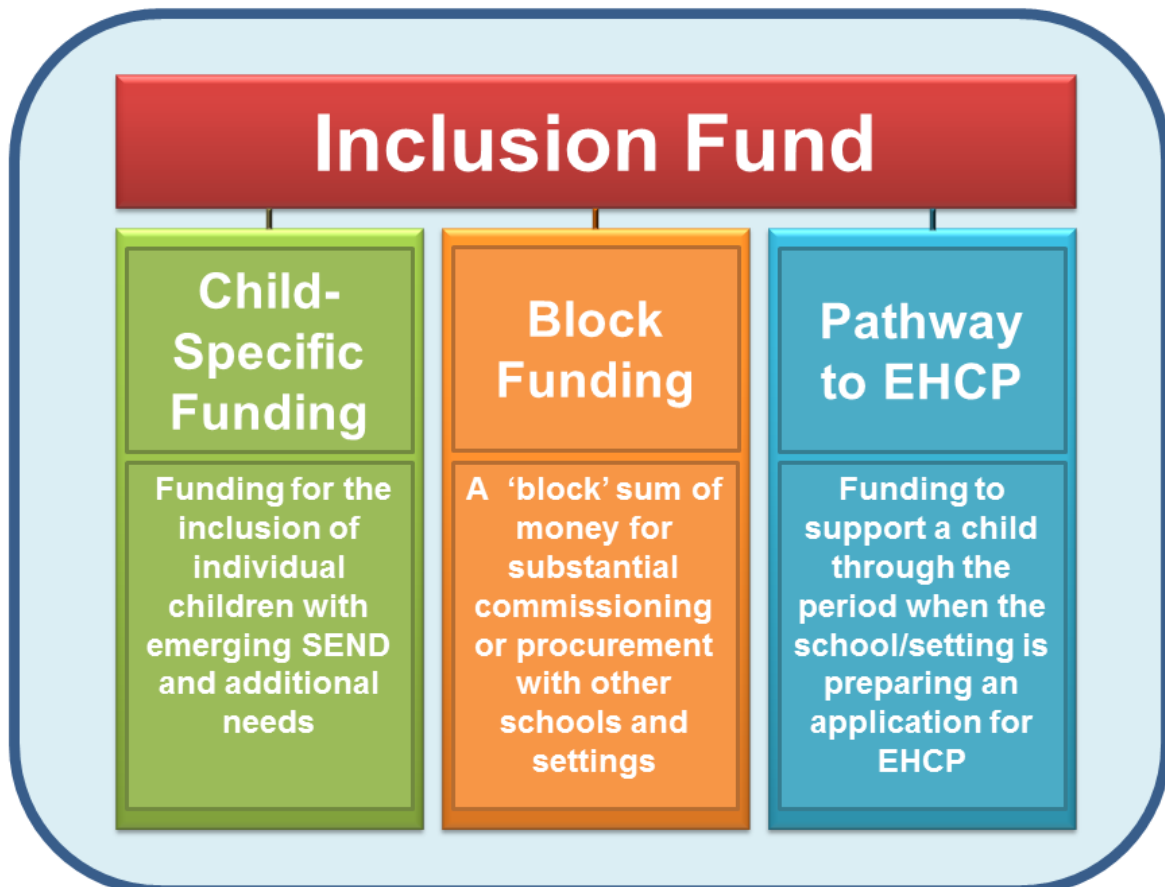
LB Harrow supports the overarching principles of the SEND Code of Practice (2015) through an integrated strategy: the Inclusion Fund is part of that strategy to deliver improved outcomes for children with emerging SEND.

There are three strands of funding – described below - that can be claimed from the Inclusion Fund. You will be required to submit evidence of progress and initial impact -when prompted – approximately 3 months after you receive the funding.

Schools, childminders and private, voluntary and independent nurseries can apply for one or more of the funding types each term as needs arise.

All decisions about whether to support an application or ask for it to be resubmitted will be made by a panel of specialists and senior leaders from across the Local Authority.

For any advice please contact Geri Gowans geri.gowans@harrow.gov.uk or Denise Deighton denise.deighton@harrow.gov.uk



Child-Specific Funding

The child-specific funding will support a child who has additional and emerging need. S/he is unable to access learning, the social life of the setting or the broader curriculum. You will probably not understand the nature of the child's need but you will be aware of some difficulties s/he has in key areas of development.

You will not be planning to apply for an EHCP or perhaps the parents/carers do not want an EHCP, but the child will need a period of extra support which is outside the school's current resources.

You already provide a stimulus-rich and inclusive learning environment but this is insufficient to enable this child to learn and develop.

You may need specialist training; specialist intervention; or to resource adaptations in curriculum, pedagogy or environment.

Please apply for Child-Specific Funding for this child.

The funding for Spring term 2019 is £700.

You can apply termly for this fund.

The 'Child Specific Funding' Panel meets weekly in Term time the final panel date being the 1st March 2019, applications close for processing on 27th February 2019.

Pathway to EHCP Funding

This fund enables you to include and support a child with significant, emerging SEND while you are applying for an Education and Health Care Plan.

We will fund a term while you gather understanding and evidence to apply for an EHCP on behalf of the child. If there are unforeseeable delays due to co-production of the application an additional term will be approved. If you applied in Autumn term 2018 you may apply in Spring 2019 if this has occurred.

The outcome of this funding should be the submission of an EHCP application to Harrow SENARS. If that application is successful the child will then be funded by the High Needs Block of funding and not this fund. If the child does not meet the threshold for an EHCP you may apply in the next term for Child Specific Funding.

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Pathway Block Funding to EHCP Funding

Schools and settings can apply for funding for a partnership project to support children with commonalities of SEND in different schools and settings. One early years provider must lead, coordinating and driving the plan forward.

This money will build capacity in a more significant way and will be a sustainable improvement in provision, which many children with SEND can access.

You may want to commission specialist training or resources across settings; pilot innovative evidence-based practice or modify /enhance your learning environment.

In 2018-19 PVI/childminder/parents and carer partnerships can bid for up to £10,000; bids which include a school in the partnership can apply for up to £40,000.

The 'Block Funding' Panel dates for Spring 2019 are:

- 14th January 2019
- 4th February 2019
- 4th March 2019

Child-Specific Funding

Application Process

1. Download the application form from harrow.gov.uk/earlyyears.
2. Complete a separate application for each child. .
3. Email your completed application(s) and your SEND register through Egress (secure and encrypted email) to inclusionfunding@harrow.gov.uk. **Note: files sent as ordinary emails will not be accepted.**
4. The funds for successful applications will be released by the Inclusion Funding team after advice from the Harrow Inclusion Panel.
5. Unsuccessful applicants will be supported to re-submit by the Early Years Team.
6. You will be required to submit evidence of your monitoring of the child's progress 3 months after receiving the funding.

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4. The funds for successful applications will be released by the Inclusion Funding team after advice from the Harrow Inclusion Panel.
5. Unsuccessful applicants will be supported to re-submit by the Early Years Team.
6. You will be required to submit evidence that you have submitted an application for EHCP 3 months after receiving the funding.

Block Funding

Application Process

1. Download the application form from harrow.gov.uk/earlyyears.
2. Meet with prospective Early Years providers to agree a partnership bid.
3. The lead school or setting completes the application(s).
4. Email your completed application(s) through Egress (secure and encrypted email) to inclusionfunding@harrow.gov.uk. **Note: files sent as ordinary emails will not be accepted.** Applications will be considered along with the SEND Register (please attach this if it has not already been submitted).
5. The application will be reviewed by panel, who will accept or reject applications based on fair and transparent criteria that are available in the guidance.
6. You will be advised of the panel decision in writing no more than 10 days after the panel meetings. Unsuccessful applicants will be given feedback.
7. The funding from successful applications will be released by the Inclusion Funding team in line with release of funds date provided.
8. You will be required to submit an impact statement within 3 months of receiving the funding to show impact/ initial impact of the intervention/resource.