



Capital Funding for Voluntary Aided Schools

The Archdiocese of Birmingham became the responsible body for Voluntary Aided School Condition Allocation (VASCA) funding in 2020/21 and received a central capital allocation for all Voluntary Aided (VA) schools. This funding was formerly known as LCVAP funding and was co-ordinated by local authorities.

In order to provide financial assurance to the Department for Education (DfE) that public money is spent appropriately we have worked collaboratively with all other dioceses in England, co-ordinated by the Catholic Education Service (CES) to procure a common cloud-based assurance system which is called Statlog. All schools that have a successfully funded VASCA project will have access to the Statlog IT system.

The total value of the SCA grant for 2023/24 was just over £5.5 million. This funding enables us to carry out on average around 50 projects across the VA school estate each year including boiler and heating system replacements, re-roofing, asbestos removal, window replacement, electrical rewires, fire alarm replacements and projects that addressed major safeguarding concerns. This has been a very welcome investment in the VA school estate.

For further information regarding the allocation of VASCA funding please contact a member of the DES team c.kirby@bdes.org.uk or t.guest@bdes.org.uk.

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