



CAPABILITY

# CONDITION IMPROVEMENT FUND

ENSURING WE KEEP YOUR STUDENTS SAFE, WARM AND DRY

RLB Rider  
Levett  
Bucknall

# INTRODUCTION

## The Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) can make a massive difference to schools and academies as they balance increasingly tight budgets against curriculum needs and the upkeep of their estate.

As government funding is becoming tighter, the threshold for applications becomes more and more rigorous and it is vital for schools and trusts to submit a bid that is forensic in how it looks at the criteria.

We work with education clients to meet the objectives of students, teaching staff and the wider community, in order to provide high quality learning spaces.

Our experts have secured Capital Funding for Academies amounting to £200m for undertaking long-standing condition related projects, refurbishments and alterations. **All at no cost to the Academies.**

We have been involved with a number of Academies since their inception and have an excellent understanding of the Capital Funding procedures and schemes likely to receive approval.

We have secured funding for many schemes through the Condition Improvement Fund, ranging from roof renewals, heating system upgrades, electrical rewires, fire alarm replacements, fire safety upgrades, kitchen refurbishments, safeguarding and asbestos removal works.

Our knowledge of CIF has developed with each round and we have consistently achieved a high bid success rate equal to or above the national average.

We have been retained by a number of our Academy Trusts to bid over multiple bidding rounds, and then assisting them with identifying and delivering projects across their estate once the Trust has moved away from CIF to the annual Formula Funding.

### UNDERSTANDING SCHOOLS

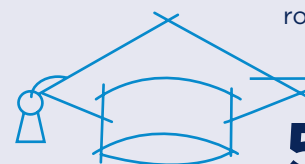


**£200m**

total funding secured by our experts since Academy Funding was first introduced

**£275k**

average funding per successful CIF bid over the previous 4 bidding rounds



**5,500**

schools surveyed through CDC1, totalling **20,600,000m<sup>2</sup>** space

# TESTIMONIALS



“We have been working with RLB since forming our MAT in 2016. The decision to move to RLB was on a recommendation from another MAT and **the no fee for bid writing was a huge consideration.** We have never looked back.

The CIF guidelines are very clear about the level of detail required and Chris Jefferies and his team have worked closely with our MAT throughout the application process to submit **comprehensive bids, which carefully targets the guidelines to ensure the best possible outcome for the bids.** In 2017/2018 we were successful with 7/10 applications and 2018/2019 5/8 applications, the total to the trust is over £4 million in CIF funding. This has made a **tremendous difference to our schools.** The variety of work carried out covers complete heating systems, new school roof, replacement emergency lighting renewal and replacement fire alarm systems.

The central team, along with our business managers, have built up a long-term relationship with Chris and his team and there is a shared understanding of our MAT requirements. **RLB delivers a professional and effective service and from my point of view, ease my workload** as Chris uploads the applications onto the CIF portal, completes the monitoring returns and issues a complete financial breakdown to our CFO.

The majority of our building work is carried out throughout the summer break and the RLB team organise the initial meetings with the contractors and schools and review meetings throughout the projects.

Without reservation I would endorse RLB and Chris Jefferies.”

**Deborah Temperton, Chief Projects Officer/DPO**  
**The Rose Learning Trust**



## Safe

**15,000** pupils safeguarded



## Warm

**10,000** pupils kept warm



## Dry

**20,000** pupils kept dry

“We would like to thank RLB for their **hard-work, commitment and speed in delivering** what has been an instrumental project for one of the schools in the Trust.

The RLB team could not have done more to support the Trust in our first CIF bid project. We look forward to working with you again on future projects.”

**Nicola Roys, Director of Operations**  
**Interaction and Communication Academy Trust**



“Working with RLB has been **an extremely positive and seamless process,** we’ve had **great success** in securing a large amount of funding which is invaluable to our schools.

I cannot explain how grateful I am to everybody at RLB, **the advice, attention to detail and customer service is second to none.**”

**Sarah Jones, Trust Business Manager**  
**Swift Academies**



# OUR EXPERIENCE

**Key:** Safe Warm Dry



## ROSE LEARNING TRUST ◀ DONCASTER

**FUNDING SECURED:** £4.6m over four bidding rounds

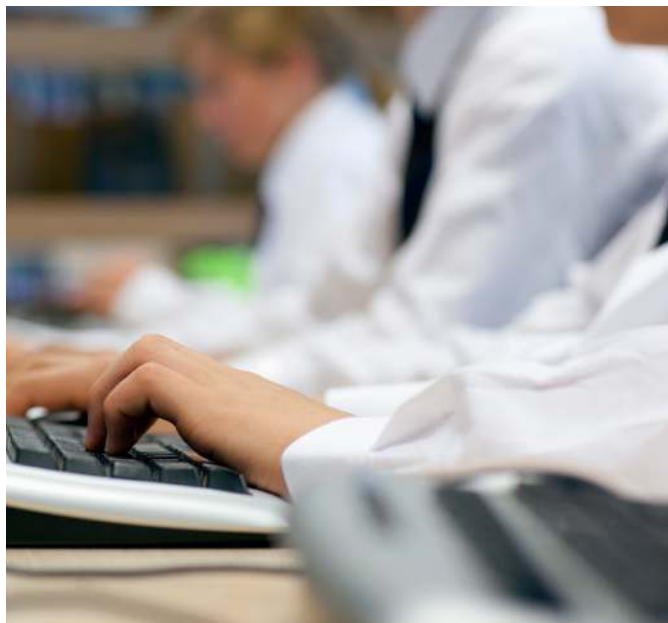
- Fire safety and precaution works safeguarding 1,800 pupils
- Re-roofing projects benefiting 1,800 pupils
- Boiler and heating upgrades/renewal ensuring continuity of curriculum for 850 pupils



## SWIFT ACADEMIES ◀ DARLINGTON

**FUNDING SECURED:** £1.3m in the last bidding round

- Fire safety and precaution works safeguarding 1,500 pupils
- Re-roofing projects benefiting 1,300 pupils
- Boiler and heating upgrade ensuring continuity of curriculum for 900 pupils



## SWANLAND EDUCATION TRUST ◀ EAST YORKSHIRE

**FUNDING SECURED:** £425k in the last bidding round

- Emergency lighting and fire alarm works safeguarding 450 pupils
- Re-roofing projects benefiting 200 pupils



## ASTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION TRUST ◀ ROTHERHAM

**FUNDING SECURED:** £2.7m in one bidding round

- Kitchen refurbishment and hot water/legionella remedial works safeguarding 1,800 pupils
- Re-roofing projects benefiting 4,500 pupils
- Boiler and heating upgrade ensuring continuity of curriculum for 350 pupils

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**ST MARY'S ACADEMY TRUST** ◀  
**BARNESLEY**  
**FUNDING SECURED:**  
£700k in the last bidding round

- Re-roofing projects safeguarding 500 pupils



**LEARNING UNLIMITED TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE** ◀  
**SHEFFIELD**  
**FUNDING SECURED:**  
£500k in the last two bidding rounds

- Fire precaution works safeguarding 600 pupils



**AXHOLME ACADEMY** ◀  
**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE**  
**FUNDING SECURED:**  
£600k in one bidding round

- Re-roofing benefiting 550 pupils
- Heating and distribution update ensuring continuity of curriculum for 550 pupils



**INSPIRE ACADEMY TRUST** ◀  
**ROTHERHAM**  
**FUNDING SECURED:**  
£400k over two bidding rounds

- Fencing and entrance works safeguarding 1,700 pupils
- Boiler and heating Replacement benefiting 1,700 pupils




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**GODALMING COLLEGE ◀**  
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

**FUNDING SECURED:** £500k over two bidding rounds

-  Renewed roof lights and removal of all Asbestos safeguarding 1,900 students
-  Replacement windows and new flat roof systems
-  Benefiting 1,900 students



**SHAW WOOD ACADEMY ◀**  
**DONCASTER**



**FUNDING SECURED:** £1m over three bidding rounds

-  Electrical re-wire and pupil toilet refurbishment safeguarding 500 pupils
-  Replacement of cladding
-  Benefiting 500 pupils



**ENGAGE, ENRICH, EXCEL ACADEMY TRUST ◀**  
**HAMPSHIRE**




**FUNDING SECURED:** £1.2m in the last bidding round

-  Replacement of flat roof systems and roof lights, and improved insulation
-  Benefiting 1,783 pupils



**THE HIGHCREST ACADEMY ◀**  
**HIGH WYCOMBE**

**FUNDING SECURED:** £220k in the last bidding round

-  Renewed roof lights and removal of asbestos safeguarding 1,000 pupils
-  Renewed flat roof system and improved insulation
-  Benefiting 1,000 pupils

# ABOUT US



## SERVICES

- Building surveying
- Project management
- Cost management
- Mechanical and electrical engineering
- Health and safety
- Sustainability consultancy



## KEY DIFFERENTIATORS

- **Significant CIF bidding experience**
- **No cost to the academy**
- Close working relationship with the **ESFA**
- Key partner in the **Condition Data Collection (CDC2) Framework**, following outstanding performance during **CDC1 Framework**
- One stop shop - **Turnkey Solution**
- Strong business focus on Education

## YOUR ONE STOP CIF SOLUTION

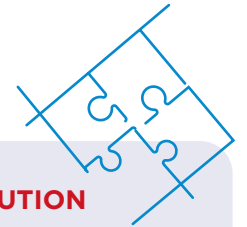
We offer a **free bid support service**, which covers

1. **Engaging our education experts**

2. **Determining the right bid**

3. **Producing the bid**

4. **Delivering your successful project**



## OUR TEAM



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