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Annwyl Gydweithiwr

Grant Gwella Addysg 2015-16 (GGA)

Ymhellach i fy llythyr blaenorol ar 25 Mawrth 2015, ysgrifennaf i gadarnhau'r sefyllfa derfynol o ran y grant newydd hwn.

Fel yr eglurais yn y fy llythyr blaenorol, mae Telerau ac Amodau y GGA (atodir er gwybodaeth) yn gofyn bod o leiaf 80% yn cael ei ddatganoli i ysgolion. Mae'r ffigyrau ar gyfer rhanbarth GwE bellach yn derfynol ac mae'n bleser gen i ddweud y caiff ysgolion o leiaf 83.65% o'r GGA. Trosglwyddir hwn yn syth i gyllidebau ysgolion drwy dimau cyllid eich awdurdod lleol. Ar ben hynny, mae 9.82% arall o'r gyllideb wedi'i neilltuo ar gyfer darpariaeth uniongyrchol mewn ysgolion targed (e.e. cefnogaeth i ddisgyblion SIY a Phlant Sipsiwn a Phlant Teithwyr), i'w reoli gan yr awdurdodau lleol. Cedwir 3.47% arall am y tro gan yr awdurdodau lleol er mwyn parhau i dalu costau staffio sy'n gysylltiedig â ffrydiau gwaith nad ydynt eto yn dod o dan y Model Cenedlaethol ar gyfer Gweithio'n Rhanbarthol (e.e. Swyddogion Hyfforddiant y Cyfnod Sylfaen). Dyrennir 2.06% arall i gyflwyno Cynllun CALU a chefnogi trefniadau Sefydlu Statudol ANG, a pharheir i gyllido'r Partneriaid Cynorthwyol sy'n targedu cynhaliaeth mewn Llythrennedd a Rhifedd – darperir y cyfan gan GwE. Mae hynny'n gadael 1% sef y dyraniad sy'n cael ei ganiatáu i GwE a'r awdurdodau lleol weinyddu'r grant.

Mae cyfarwyddiadau Llywodraeth Cymru i gonsortia rhanbarthol ac Awdurdodau Lleol yn nodi

Dear Colleague

Education Improvement Grant 2015-16 (EIG)

Further to my previous letter of 25th March 2015, I now write to confirm for you the final situation with regard to this new grant.

As explained in my previous letter, the Terms and Conditions of the EIG (attached for your information) require a minimum delegation to schools of 80%. We have now finalised the figures for the GwE region and I am pleased to inform you that schools will receive a minimum of 83.65% of the EIG. This will be transferred directly into your school budgets via your local authority finance teams. In addition to this, a further 9.82% of the budget is committed to direct provision in targeted schools (e.g. support for EAL and Gypsy / Traveller pupils) and is being managed by the local authorities. A further 3.47% is currently being retained by local authorities in order to continue to meet staffing costs associated with work streams that have not yet been aligned with the National Model for Regional Working (e.g. Foundation Phase Training Officers) whilst a final 2.06% is allocated to the delivery of the HLTA Scheme and support of the statutory Induction of NQTs, along with the continuation of funding for the Associate Partners who provide targeted support for Literacy and Numeracy - all being delivered by GwE. That leaves a final 1% which is the allocation allowed for administration of the grant by GwE and the local authorities.

Welsh Government guidance for regional consortia and Local Authorities clarifies that individual

na fydd angen cynlluniau gwariant grant ar lefel ysgol unigol, ac y bydd Ymgynghorwyr Her y Consortia (gan gynnwys Ymgynghorwyr Her Ysgolion Cymru) yn cefnogi a herio ysgolion i sicrhau bod eu cynlluniau datblygu ysgol yn adlewyrchu, yn briodol, eu taith tuag at welliant a'u deilliannau disgwylidig yn unol â thelerau ac amodau'r grant a'r cynlluniau busnes cymeradwy. Mae disgwyliad clir i ysgolion ddarparu dadansoddiad o gyfanswm y GGA a ddyrannwyd yn eu cynllun datblygu ysgol.

Er mwyn ceisio helpu ysgolion i gydymffurfio â'r disgwyliad hwn, rydym wedi llunio'r tabl atodol sy'n rhestru ystod o bwrpasau'r grant ac, felly, categorïau gwariant cymwys. Gofynnir i chi gwblhau'r tabl fel rhan o'ch trefn gynllunio ar gyfer gwella'r ysgol a'i rannu efo'ch ymgynghorydd her, gan hefyd anfon copi at dîm cyllid eich awdurdod lleol. I'r ysgolion hynny sy'n cyflwyno'r Cyfnod Sylfaen, cewch ffigwr ar wahân i'r pwrpas hwnnw, fel y dangosir yn yr enghraifft isod. Am bob cyllid grant ar wahân i'r Cyfnod Sylfaen, mae gennych hyblygrwydd i'w ddyrannu yn ôl yr angen rydych wedi'i adnabod drwy eich hunan arfarniad, ac er mwyn hybu unrhyw weithgareddau perthnasol yn eich Cynllun Gwella Ysgol.

Cofiwch gysylltu â'r sawl a nodir isod yn y lle cyntaf, efo unrhyw ymholiadau am y GGA:

- Am unrhyw ymholiadau am ddyrannu'r

school-level grant spending plans will no longer be required and that “..Consortia Challenge Advisers (including Schools Challenge Cymru Advisers) will provide support and challenge to schools to ensure their school development plans appropriately reflect their improvement journey and expected outcomes in line with the grant terms and conditions and approved business plans.” There is a clear expectation for schools to “provide a breakdown of their total Education Improvement Grant for Schools allocation in their school development plan.”

In order to support schools in complying with this expectation, we have put together the attached table which lists the range of “grant purposes” and, therefore, the categories of eligible expenditure. You are requested to complete the attached table as part of your school improvement planning process and to share it with your challenge adviser, with a copy to be sent to your local authority finance team. For those schools who deliver Foundation Phase, you will receive a separate figure for that purpose, as per the example below. For all grant funding apart from the Foundation Phase, you have flexibility to allocate it in accordance with the need you have identified via your self-evaluation and in order to progress any relevant activities you have identified in your School Improvement Plan.

If you have any queries about the EIG, please contact the following in the first instance:

- For any queries regarding the allocation of

cyllid a sut y dylech gael mynediad ato,
cysylltwch â'r tîm cyllid yn eich awdurdod
lleol;

- Am unrhyw ymholiadau am weithgareddau gwario cymwys, monitro ac arfarnu effeithiolrwydd eich gweithgareddau a gyllidir gan yr GGA i wella deilliannau dysgwyr, cysylltwch ag Ymgynghorydd Her eich ysgol.

funding and how you should access it,
please contact the finance team in your
local authority;

- For any queries relating to eligible spend activities, monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of your EIG funded activities in terms of improved learner outcomes, please contact your school's allocated Challenge Adviser.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely



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