

# P4P FACTSHEET

## PUPIL EQUITY FUND



### What is the Pupil Equity Fund (PEF)?

PEF was first introduced in 2017/18 to support the Scottish Attainment Challenge. This aims to achieve equity in educational outcomes for young people, ensuring that every child has the same opportunity to succeed. Over £120m has been allocated to every local authority for 2020/21.

### How does it work?

The amount of PEF allocated to each school is based on the number of P1 -S3 pupils registered for free school meals under national eligibility criteria. The funding should be focused on activities and interventions that will lead to improvements in literacy, numeracy, and health and wellbeing. Flexibility has been built in, however, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

### Why is this relevant for social enterprises?

One way that headteachers can use PEF funding is to purchase specific products or services that will lead to improvements in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. These services or products could be delivered by local third sector organisations, including social enterprises.

### How do I apply to deliver through PEF?

Any purchase of products or services from social enterprises through PEF must comply with existing local authority procurement procedures. Some local authorities have established frameworks to support purchase of PEF services.

### Further information and support

[Pupil Equity Funding - National Operational Guidance 2020 Scottish Attainment Challenge and partnerships with the third sector](#)

[Education Scotland National Improvement Hub](#)

If you hoping to develop a new partnership to deliver services through PEF get in touch with P4P using [info@p4p.org.uk](mailto:info@p4p.org.uk).

Alternatively you can get support to tender with [Just Enterprise](#) or with funding from your local [Third Sector Interface](#).



Download P4P's guide, [How to Create Your Supplier Finder Profile](#), which provides an introduction to procurement with a focus on Quick Quote Opportunities and the Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) website.