

Briefing note

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Learning Difficulties Development Fund – 2026-2027

Each year the Learning Difficulties Partnership Board (LDPB) invites individuals, groups and organisations to apply for funding to take forward projects and initiatives to make Valuing People Now happen in South Gloucestershire.

[Valuing People Now.doc \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/Valuing-People-Now.doc)

The main aims of Valuing People Now are that people with learning difficulties:

- Are able to plan and get the life they want (Personalisation)
- Have a life including:
 - better health and wellbeing
 - greater access housing and support
 - improved education, employment accessibility
 - greater employment opportunities and greater access to paid work
 - relationships and having a family
- Are treated as equal citizens and:
 - have access to good advocacy
 - are able to use public transport easily
 - lead their lives safely
 - have access to leisure activities

For this year's Development Fund, South Gloucestershire LDPB are particularly keen to receive bids which support the priorities of the South Gloucestershire Council, All Age Learning Disability Strategy, which are:

- Priority 1 - Effective planning for smooth transitions for young people preparing for adulthood. This links closely to the SEND strategy priority.
- Priority 2 - Increase employment and vocational education and training opportunities for people with a learning disability.
- Priority 3 - Provide a range of good quality housing and support options for people with a learning disability with a clear pathway on how to access them.
- Priority 4 - Promote independence ensuring people are safe and connected to their community.
- Priority 5 - Promote support networks for family, friends, parents, and carers who support people with a learning disability.
- Priority 6 - Improve and develop working pathway with health to deliver better health and wellbeing outcomes for people with a learning disability and their parent and carers.

[All-age Learning Disability Strategy 2022-2027 | South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](https://southglos.gov.uk/all-age-learning-disability-strategy-2022-2027)

We would be interested to hear from your project if it links with both Valuing People Now or the All-Age LD Strategy. If you are not sure, please speak to us about your project/application.

Funding Information:

For this year's application to the LDDF the funding for the specific projects will run from - **01 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.**

Funding received from the LDDF is usually provided to organisations supporting young people or adults (16+) in their lives as this is the focus of the Learning Difficulties Partnership Board. We would expect the projects that are being submitted for the LDDF grant to have already made some connections in South Gloucestershire and have plans in place to start the project from the funding start date or as soon as after.

Information on current and previously funded projects by the LDPB can be found here – [LDDF Website](#)

This year the Council has a total of £100,000 to spend on LDDF projects in 2026-2027 and each project could receive a maximum of £20,000.00.

How to apply?

If you are interested in applying to this year's LDDF Fund please search for the opportunity on the Supplying South West site <https://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk/> using tender reference **DN801190** or by searching '**The Learning Difficulties Development Fund – 2026/2027**' and more information can be found here.

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