



Ministry of Housing,  
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# Funding to support Local Plan Implementation

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# Local Plan Implementation Funding

## What funding have we announced?

- The Government has announced a minimum of £14 million of funding to support local authorities with local plan-making.
- This money is in addition to the £29 million provided in January and March 2025 for plans at regulation 18, regulation 19 and for authorities undertaking Green Belt Reviews.
- This new funding will be available to eligible authorities producing plans in both the **legacy** and **new plan making system**.
- Authorities are only eligible for **either** the **Legacy System Plan Funding** or the **New System Plan Funding**
- Authorities are required to meet **all** of the eligibility criteria for the fund they are applying for to be eligible.
- Authorities will be notified if they have been successful around 6 March. Payments will be made around 13 March. Eligibility criteria and information on how to submit an expression of interest are set out [here on .gov.uk](#)



# Why is this funding being provided?

Ministers' ambition is to get universal coverage of up-to-date plans as soon as possible – committed to supporting authorities to get local plans in place.

## £14 million of Local Plan Implementation Funding

### Legacy System Plan Funding

To support authorities to continue plan preparation to meet the legacy system submission deadline of 31 December 2026 at the latest.

### New System Plan Funding

- To ensure authorities who commence their plan early in new system plan-making system are supported financially.

EOI forms **must** be submitted by 28 January 2026



# Legacy System Plan Funding

Eligibility Criteria

## Legacy System Plan Funding eligibility criteria:

Local authorities will be eligible for this funding if they:

- are preparing a local plan in the legacy plan-making system which includes the identification of land for development.
- have already commenced or completed final regulation 18 consultation or will commence final regulation 18 consultation by the end of February 2026 based on their up-to-date Local Development Scheme.
- have not completed final regulation 19 consultation or submitted their plan to examination by the expression of interest deadline of 28 January; and
- submitted an up-to-date Local Development Scheme to MHCLG by 7 January 2026 which indicates the local authority will submit the plan for examination by no later than 31 December 2026.

You must meet **all** of the eligibility criteria to be eligible.



# New System Plan Funding

## Eligibility Criteria

### Who is new system plan funding for?

Funding for local authorities committed to bringing a plan forward early in the new plan-making system.

### New System Plan Funding eligibility criteria:

Local authorities will be eligible for this funding if they:

- will be preparing a plan in the new plan-making system
- commit to publishing their notice of intention to commence local plan preparation by 30 June 2026
- commit to publishing their Gateway 1 self-assessment by 31 October 2026

You must meet **all** of the eligibility criteria to be eligible.



## Legacy System Plan Funding:

- MHCLG have emailed the Chief Executives of all authorities we consider are eligible.
- If you have not been contacted and consider your local authority may be eligible, you can also complete the expression of interest form.
- You must submit an expression of interest form by 5pm on 28 January 2026.

## New System Plan Funding:

- MHCLG have emailed the Chief Executives of all authorities who will be required by regulations to publish a notice of intention to commence plan-making by 30 June 2026.
- If you are a local authority not required by regulations to publish a notice of intention to commence by 30 June 2026 but commit to doing so, we also invite you to submit an expression of interest form.
- You must submit an expression of interest form by 5pm on 28 January 2026.

**EOI forms must be submitted by 28 January 2026**



# How to Apply

Links to relevant web pages.

For information on the overall **Local Plan Implementation Funding** package and links to the prospectus for both fund visit:

[Funding to support Local Plan implementation - GOV.UK](#)

For the full details of **Legacy System Plan Funding**, including eligibility criteria and link to the application form visit:

[Legacy System Plan Funding - GOV.UK](#)

For the full details of **New System Plan Funding**, including eligibility criteria and link to the application form visit:

[New System Plan Funding - GOV.UK](#)

**EOI forms must be submitted by 17:00pm on 28 January 2026**

# Q&A

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