

neaco 2020/21 School Grants review process

In the 2020/21 grant year neaco will review submitted applications via the below process.

We expect to run five grant phases from July to October 2020. Grant applications will be reviewed approximately every 5 weeks, though decisions made over the Summer will be shared in September.

neaco will keep applicants informed as much as possible of their progress along the way.

After submission, grant applications will progress through;

Screening:

The application will be screened to make sure all required responses are present and the application is eligible for funding.

We will only contact applicants at this stage if there is an issue or omission in your application, or it is incompatible with neaco's mission and/or funding criteria.

Review Stage 1:

After screening, the application will be assigned to two reviewers in neaco to be independently scored against our grant criteria, via our online portal.

If the application does not achieve the necessary cumulative score from both reviewers, we will decline the application at this stage, and provide feedback as quickly as possible.

If the application achieves the necessary score from both reviewers we will inform the applicant, and progress the application to Review Stage 2, for discussion in that phase's Grant Decision Meeting.

Review Stage 2:

Each application and its Stage 1 scoring will be discussed by our panel in that phase's Grant Decision Meeting, and the applications given an overall ranking. Funds are then awarded based on the panel's overall decisions and the funding available in that phase.

If the application does not rank highly enough to be awarded sufficient funding, we will decline the application at this stage, and inform and provide feedback to the applicant the following week.

If the application ranks highly amongst the panel, neaco will allocate funds from the amount available. We will inform the applicant and their HEC of the successful outcome the following week, and arrange a call to discuss any feedback or requirements identified by the panel ahead of the grant's delivery.

Below are the dates of each Submission Phase and Decision sharing*.

Submission by	Decision shared
22 June	w/c 13 July
31 July	w/c 1 September
28 August	w/c 21 September
28 September	w/c 19 October
30 October	w/c 23 November

*Please note, dates are organised alongside other neaco priorities, and may be subject to change.