



Department
for Transport

REACH FOR THE SKY CHALLENGE FUND GUIDANCE

1. Purpose

The purpose of this competition is to provide funding opportunities to a range of potential outreach partners to support the work that they do, whilst also contributing to the Department for Transport's Reach for the Sky programme¹. You will find details of the Reach for the Sky objectives, and how to apply, within the application form.

In order to achieve responsible success, and competition on a level playing field, this funding has been made available as part of a challenge. The scope and scale of applications will be left open in order to not dictate ambition, set budget limits, and to give opportunities to all levels of organisations. Applicants could consider submitting 'bronze', 'silver', and 'gold' options within their bid.

2. Dates and deadlines:

Competition opens	22 July 2021
Final deadline for applications	19 December 2022
Applications reviewed	Continuous review process from October 2022 - January 2023
Decisions to applicants	February 2023
Initial funding allocated	March 2023

¹ [General Aviation Roadmap - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

3. Funding:

There is up to £700k of funding available from the Reach for the Sky Challenge Fund for organisations that comply with the assessed criteria.

Projects can last between 3 and 12 months. Applications to deliver one-off events will also be considered provided they meet the evidence requirements set out in the application form. Total project costs should remain lower than the total amount of funding available (£700k).

An organisation is able to submit more than one application, provided they are for different programmes. Two or more organisations may submit a joint application but the lead organisation should be noted on the application form.

4. Competition process

- Submitted applications will be reviewed to make sure that they are in scope for the competition
- Only applications that meet the scope of the competition will be assessed
- Applications in scope will be assessed by a panel of up to four assessors
- Assessors will score applications in line with the Reach for the Sky objectives, financial and monitoring and evaluation criteria, as outlined in the application form
- Applicants will be notified of outcomes
- Official outreach partnership to begin, and successful organisations will be expected to provide regular updates and Key Performance Indicator assessment reports
- Each outreach partner will be treated independently and funded may be awarded as a one-off payment, or staggered across monthly/quarterly payments, depending on the organisation and ask.
- Funds can be spent at any time within the agreed time period for delivery. The time period is to be agreed with the organisations CAA contact.

5. Projects that we won't fund

We will not fund proposals that:

- Do not address the Reach for the Sky objectives
- Do not identify the size and reach of those impacted by the project
- Do not present evidence that their idea or concept has the potential to lead to significant positive change within the sector for young people
- Do not present evidence against the Specific Assessment Criteria, set out in Annex A of the application form