

## SEND inclusion fund panel - making a successful application

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There are three key points to remember when applying to make sure the application is successful:

- Every section of the SENIF application form must be fully completed. Making sure the application is fully completed means it will pass through quality assurance and will not be sent back to you for you to make amendments. More information about completing the form can be found in [SENIF Application Form Guidance](#).
- Applications for an additional cost due to a reduced ratio must also include a [LBWE Educational Psychologist](#) (EP) report to support the application. An EP report can also be applied for at the SENIF Panel however there must be evidence in the SEND Support Plan to show the setting have used the [graduated approach](#) and other services such as [children and family centres](#) and [All Talk](#). An application without a EP report will only be considered in exceptional circumstances where there is a range of evidence from health care professionals indicating the intervention needed to support the child at the setting.
- The individuals SEND Support Plan must include outcomes, interventions, ratios, duration and costs. The panel will approve funding based on the SEND Support Plan. For example, if the invention duration totals to 2 hours per week for the individual; 2 hours of funding per week will be approved. The setting cannot apply for more or less hours than is outlined in the SEND Support Plan.

If you have any questions regarding the SENIF Panel, please email [EYSEND.Panel@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:EYSEND.Panel@walthamforest.gov.uk)

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