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Chief Executive Officers
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Dear Colleagues

COVID Local Support Grant

I am writing to let you know that we have extended COVID grant support for vulnerable families to continue until 20 June 2021, with a further £40 million of support.

The CLSG has the same eligibility criteria, and uses the same reporting template (incorporating the Statement of Grant Usage Management Information (MI) Return), as the previous Covid Winter Grant Scheme.

Due to the current period of national mourning following the death of His Royal Highness, the Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Local Authorities should give due regard to the mourning period and subsequent pre-election period guidance when considering how and when to communicate about the scheme with potential beneficiaries.

COVID Winter Grant final Management Information return

Local Authorities (LAs) are still required to provide a final CWGS MI return (outlining their spend and the volume of awards for the period 1 December 2020 to 16 April 2021) by 5 May 2021. Final CWGS payments will be made after the receipt of a completed and verified final return. The final payment will equate to the amount of eligible grant spend on the final MI return, less payments already made.

A separate MI return will be required for the CLSG, capturing total spend and the volume of awards in respect of the new £40m grant funding for the period 17 April 2021 to 20 June 2021. The deadline for this CLSG MI return is Friday 9 July 2021.

The £40m CLSG will be allocated to LAs on the same basis as the previous CWGS, using the population of each authority weighted by a function of the English Index of Multiple Deprivation. LAs are reminded that all funding is subject to the timely completion and submission of MI demonstrating spend is within the parameters of the grant.

CLSG funding reflects the easing of lockdown restrictions as we move through the roadmap outlined by the Government in February. Indicative allocations for all Authorities are shown in **Annex A**. The outline eligibility framework is shown in **Annex B**.

LAs are able to add their own funding or partner contributions from local organisations to the Grant, including seeking match funding from local community foundations.

Authorities will receive payment of their CLSG allocations in July 2021 following the completion of the final MI report. The payment will be adjusted to align with the actual amount of reported eligible grant spend.

Authorities are asked to provide DWP with a summary of how you are planning to spend the additional funding. Attached with this letter is a one-page questionnaire. Please complete and return this questionnaire to the following inbox by 14 May 2021:

LAWELFARE.PDT@DWP.GOV.UK.

We are also planning to provide LAs with information relating to Universal Credit claims with limited capability for work, or, earnings below the free school meals and free prescription thresholds in your area in May. We will confirm this nearer the time as you may find this information useful in identifying vulnerable families impacted by the pandemic.

Urgent next steps for LAs

County Councils and Unitary Authorities need to be ready to deliver additional support to vulnerable households during the period from 17 April to 20 June 2021 and are asked to start making immediate preparations to administer the Grant. You or your nominated Single Point of Contact should dial into a County Councils and Unitary Authorities all-LA conference call on Wednesday 14 April 2021. The purpose of this call is to discuss the Grant arrangements and give Authority representatives the opportunity to ask any questions or raise any points of clarification. Dial-in details are attached in **Annex C**.

The same eligibility criteria apply to the new Grant as the previous CWGS and LAs are required to report on their spend across the eligibility criteria.

The Authority must, as appropriate and practical, reference that the grant is funded by the Department in any publicity material, including online channels and media releases.

If you have any additional questions these can be directed to
LA-PED.LAGRANTSPROJECTTEAM@dw.gov.uk

Yours faithfully



Head of LA-PED

CLSG Indicative Funding Allocations per County Councils/Unitary Authorities for the period 17 April to 20 June 2021

	Allocation (£40m)
Barking and Dagenham	£204,724
Barnet	£232,226
Barnsley	£222,614
Bath and North East Somerset	£90,988
Bedford	£113,484
Bexley	£145,817
Birmingham	£1,220,926
Blackburn with Darwen	£151,992
Blackpool	£165,814
Bolton	£261,384
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council	£251,371
Bracknell Forest	£52,050
Bradford	£536,558
Brent	£268,804
Brighton and Hove	£203,627
Bristol City of	£385,991
Bromley	£177,379
Buckinghamshire	£227,648
Bury	£145,746
Calderdale	£172,708
Cambridgeshire	£343,409
Camden	£184,293
Central Bedfordshire	£138,130
Cheshire East	£207,170
Cheshire West and Chester	£217,752
City of London	£4,745
Cornwall	£430,957
Coventry	£304,144
Croydon	£283,954
Cumbria	£352,098
Darlington	£85,839
Derby	£211,645
Derbyshire	£513,182
Devon	£480,648
Doncaster	£283,179
Dorset	£216,977
Dudley	£248,966
Durham	£440,591
Ealing	£251,525
East Riding of Yorkshire	£194,140

East Sussex	£375,278
Enfield	£270,481
Essex	£903,071
Gateshead	£174,200
Gloucestershire	£354,747
Greenwich	£227,689
Hackney	£271,059
Halton	£122,344
Hammersmith and Fulham	£137,677
Hampshire	£682,047
Haringey	£232,078
Harrow	£138,578
Hartlepool	£93,400
Havering	£156,404
Herefordshire	£126,584
Hertfordshire	£586,713
Hillingdon	£195,604
Hounslow	£193,736
Isle of Wight	£107,493
Isles Of Scilly	£976
Islington	£206,417
Kensington and Chelsea	£111,027
Kent	£1,059,788
Kingston upon Hull City of	£289,204
Kingston upon Thames	£80,842
Kirklees	£350,064
Knowsley	£174,290
Lambeth	£263,163
Lancashire	£922,543
Leeds	£667,660
Leicester	£329,820
Leicestershire	£344,038
Lewisham	£254,708
Lincolnshire	£523,165
Liverpool	£573,830
Luton	£172,403
Manchester	£607,392
Medway	£213,787
Merton	£112,045
Middlesbrough	£155,208
Milton Keynes	£169,927
Newcastle upon Tyne	£270,016
Newham	£318,628
Norfolk	£644,845
North East Lincolnshire	£147,874
North Lincolnshire	£125,310
North Somerset	£124,332
North Tyneside	£151,762
North Yorkshire	£337,741

North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire	£489,580
Northumberland	£233,533
Nottingham	£332,771
Nottinghamshire	£544,943
Oldham	£229,339
Oxfordshire	£321,860
Peterborough	£174,979
Plymouth	£217,892
Portsmouth	£180,150
Reading	£109,294
Redbridge	£185,624
Redcar and Cleveland	£123,007
Richmond upon Thames	£79,261
Rochdale	£220,451
Rotherham	£237,034
Rutland	£14,829
Salford	£256,319
Sandwell	£330,496
Sefton	£230,699
Sheffield	£491,841
Shropshire	£198,032
Slough	£111,794
Solihull	£133,138
Somerset	£363,573
South Gloucestershire	£133,920
South Tyneside	£140,466
Southampton	£211,969
Southend-on-Sea	£134,986
Southwark	£261,567
St. Helens	£168,546
Staffordshire	£522,688
Stockport	£204,178
Stockton-on-Tees	£159,880
Stoke-on-Trent	£254,959
Suffolk	£488,924
Sunderland	£252,203
Surrey	£500,327
Sutton	£108,705
Swindon	£144,691
Tameside	£210,498
Telford and Wrekin	£143,379
Thurrock	£123,060
Torbay	£117,756
Tower Hamlets	£283,066
Trafford	£138,410
Wakefield	£296,275
Walsall	£266,999
Waltham Forest	£222,482
Wandsworth	£196,755

Warrington	£136,857
Warwickshire	£330,497
West Berkshire	£65,621
West Sussex	£468,139
Westminster	£180,325
Wigan	£264,597
Wiltshire	£260,690
Windsor and Maidenhead	£55,613
Wirral	£288,145
Wokingham	£49,107
Wolverhampton	£249,864
Worcestershire	£378,179
York	£98,054
TOTAL	£40,000,000

COVID Local Support Grant outline eligibility framework

County Councils and Unitary Authorities will determine eligibility in their area and target their support within the scope of the conditions set out below:

- at least 80% of the total funding will be ring-fenced to support families with children, with up to 20% of the total funding to other types of households, including individuals.
- at least 80% of the total funding will be ring-fenced to provide support with food, energy and water bills (including sewerage), with up to 20% on other items.

Discussions will take place with County Councils and Unitary Authorities on how to deliver this support. It is clear that this support will need to cover children at risk of going hungry. Furthermore, the conditions will allow councils to support other vulnerable groups. County Councils and Unitary Authorities have flexibility in administering the funding within the confines of the scheme – which may include cash, the provision of food, vouchers, or funding through third party organisations.

Categories of spend

The eligibility criteria above sets out separate categories of spend. One relates to household composition and one relates to the type of support being provided, in other words, food, energy, water and other.

LAs will be asked to report and manage spend in relation to both these areas. For example, if a £100 award is made to a family with children for food, you would allocate £100 to the 'family and children' pot and £100 to the 'food' pot.

Each award needs to be allocated twice – one allocation to each of the eligibility categories so that when you report on the total spent on family composition and the total spend on the type of support both eligibility criteria categories will total the amount you have paid.

County Councils and Unitary Authorities all LA call

Title	County Councils and Unitary Authorities - COVID Local support Grant Scheme
Key speaker	Adrian Shooter
Event call time	Wednesday 14 April 2021 13.00 for 60 minutes (Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London) Please join the call 5 minutes before the scheduled start time as it will start promptly
Dial in number(s)	UK-Wide: +44 (0) 33 0551 0217
Conference PIN	4301724#

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