

OFFICIAL

My address: Clare Elliott, Head of Local Authority, Partnership, Engagement and Delivery (LA-PED) division



Department
for Work &
Pensions

Website: www.gov.uk

Date: 21 June 2021

Chief Executive Officers
Chief Finance Officers
LA Single Points of Contact

Dear Colleagues

Extension of Support - COVID Local Support Grant (CLSG) (21 June 2021 to 30 September 2021)

I am writing to let you know that we have extended COVID grant support for vulnerable families to continue until 30 September 2021, with a further £160 million of support. This will be the final extension of this scheme.

This CLSG has the same eligibility criteria, and uses the same reporting template (incorporating the Statement of Grant Usage Management Information (MI) Return), as the CLSG running from 17 April to 20 June 2021.

COVID Local Support Grant final Management Information return

Local Authorities (LAs) are still required to provide a CLSG MI return (outlining their spend and the volume of awards for the period 17 April 2021 to 20 June 2021) by **9 July 2021**. This will become an interim MI return and CLSG payments for this period will be made after the receipt of a completed and verified MI return. The interim payment will equate to the amount of eligible grant spend on the interim MI return. Any underspends can be carried forward into the grant extension period.

A final MI return will be required for the CLSG extension, capturing total spend and the volume of awards in respect of the full grant funding for the period 17 April 2021 to 30 September 2021. The deadline for this CLSG MI return is **Friday 22 October 2021**.

The £160m extension funding will be allocated to LAs on the same basis as the previous CLSG, 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 that spend is within the parameters of the grant.

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 on top of the Grant, including seeking match funding from local community foundations.

Authorities will receive payment of their CLSG allocations in November/December 2021 following the completion of the final MI report by 22 October 2021. 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 **16 July 2021**:
LAWELFARE.PDT@DWP.GOV.UK.

DWP has started to share additional data from Universal Credit with effect from 3 June 2021. Refreshed data will be issued monthly. LAs may find this useful in targeting support to vulnerable households.

Urgent next steps for LAs

County Councils and Unitary Authorities are asked to administer the grant to deliver additional support to vulnerable households during the period from 21 June to 30 September 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 **22 June 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 Covid Winter Grant Scheme and the previous CLSG though LAs will note the age eligibility now specifies those households including a person under the age of 19 as at 30 September 2021. 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 for Work and Pensions in any publicity material, including online channels and media releases.

If you have any additional questions these can be directed to
LA-PED.LAGRANTSPROJECTTEAM@DWP.GOV.UK

Yours faithfully



Head of LA-PED

CLSG Indicative Funding Allocations per County Councils/Unitary Authorities for the period 21 June to 30 September 2021

Local Authority	£160m Covid Local Support Grant
Barking and Dagenham	£818,895.70
Barnet	£928,903.86
Barnsley	£890,457.71
Bath and North East Somerset	£363,953.54
Bedford	£453,934.80
Bexley	£583,268.55
Birmingham	£4,883,703.67
Blackburn with Darwen	£607,967.15
Blackpool	£663,257.15
Bolton	£1,045,536.10
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council	£1,005,484.78
Bracknell Forest	£208,201.67
Bradford	£2,146,233.01
Brent	£1,075,215.51
Brighton and Hove	£814,509.84
Bristol City of	£1,543,963.67
Bromley	£709,516.58
Buckinghamshire	£910,591.83
Bury	£582,982.19
Calderdale	£690,833.71
Cambridgeshire	£1,373,637.89
Camden	£737,170.44
Central Bedfordshire	£552,521.41
Cheshire East	£828,679.45
Cheshire West and Chester	£871,008.91
City of London	£18,979.79
Cornwall	£1,723,828.05
Coventry	£1,216,576.13
Croydon	£1,135,816.66
Cumbria	£1,408,393.21
Darlington	£343,357.36
Derby	£846,578.47
Derbyshire	£2,052,728.61
Devon	£1,922,592.05
Doncaster	£1,132,714.42
Dorset	£867,909.46
Dudley	£995,863.08
Durham	£1,762,365.04

Ealing	£1,006,100.79
East Riding of Yorkshire	£776,561.26
East Sussex	£1,501,111.40
Enfield	£1,081,922.69
Essex	£3,612,282.62
Gateshead	£696,798.93
Gloucestershire	£1,418,987.91
Greenwich	£910,756.54
Hackney	£1,084,237.56
Halton	£489,377.25
Hammersmith and Fulham	£550,706.93
Hampshire	£2,728,189.85
Haringey	£928,310.43
Harrow	£554,311.40
Hartlepool	£373,598.67
Havering	£625,615.71
Herefordshire	£506,334.64
Hertfordshire	£2,346,852.52
Hillingdon	£782,414.86
Hounslow	£774,943.39
Isle of Wight	£429,972.08
Isles Of Scilly	£3,903.69
Islington	£825,666.09
Kensington and Chelsea	£444,107.84
Kent	£4,239,151.54
Kingston upon Hull City of	£1,156,815.80
Kingston upon Thames	£323,368.77
Kirklees	£1,400,254.83
Knowsley	£697,159.11
Lambeth	£1,052,653.87
Lancashire	£3,690,173.05
Leeds	£2,670,641.67
Leicester	£1,319,280.25
Leicestershire	£1,376,152.88
Lewisham	£1,018,830.99
Lincolnshire	£2,092,659.23
Liverpool	£2,295,321.04
Luton	£689,612.19
Manchester	£2,429,569.27
Medway	£855,149.34
Merton	£448,181.88
Middlesbrough	£620,832.39
Milton Keynes	£679,709.55
Newcastle upon Tyne	£1,080,063.55
Newham	£1,274,510.01
Norfolk	£2,579,381.04
North East Lincolnshire	£591,494.53

North Lincolnshire	£501,239.46
North Somerset	£497,327.65
North Tyneside	£607,047.63
North Yorkshire	£1,350,965.51
North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire	£1,958,320.33
Northumberland	£934,132.08
Nottingham	£1,331,082.21
Nottinghamshire	£2,179,772.40
Oldham	£917,354.33
Oxfordshire	£1,287,441.31
Peterborough	£699,916.76
Plymouth	£871,567.58
Portsmouth	£720,598.08
Reading	£437,174.29
Redbridge	£742,494.82
Redcar and Cleveland	£492,027.01
Richmond upon Thames	£317,042.29
Rochdale	£881,803.34
Rotherham	£948,136.62
Rutland	£59,314.82
Salford	£1,025,274.13
Sandwell	£1,321,982.53
Sefton	£922,796.54
Sheffield	£1,967,363.03
Shropshire	£792,126.18
Slough	£447,176.81
Solihull	£532,553.58
Somerset	£1,454,293.87
South Gloucestershire	£535,680.95
South Tyneside	£561,865.21
Southampton	£847,874.11
Southend-on-Sea	£539,943.44
Southwark	£1,046,266.16
St. Helens	£674,185.89
Staffordshire	£2,090,750.91
Stockport	£816,713.50
Stockton-on-Tees	£639,521.32
Stoke-on-Trent	£1,019,837.57
Suffolk	£1,955,696.27
Sunderland	£1,008,812.96
Surrey	£2,001,309.65
Sutton	£434,819.99
Swindon	£578,762.79
Tameside	£841,990.21
Telford and Wrekin	£573,514.78
Thurrock	£492,238.96
Torbay	£471,024.78

Tower Hamlets	£1,132,263.93
Trafford	£553,642.00
Wakefield	£1,185,101.69
Walsall	£1,067,995.84
Waltham Forest	£889,926.61
Wandsworth	£787,018.64
Warrington	£547,428.42
Warwickshire	£1,321,986.35
West Berkshire	£262,483.22
West Sussex	£1,872,556.99
Westminster	£721,301.16
Wigan	£1,058,388.44
Wiltshire	£1,042,760.45
Windsor and Maidenhead	£222,452.47
Wirral	£1,152,580.64
Wokingham	£196,426.35
Wolverhampton	£999,456.58
Worcestershire	£1,512,716.11
York	£392,216.15

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.

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 set 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	Covid Local Support Grant
Speaker(s)	Clare Elliott joined by Katy Roberts, Donna Ward, Paddy Wild, Simon Smith, Charlotte Harris and Mike Burke
Event call time	22 June 2021 at 11:15 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 0214
Conference PIN	2735239#

To join, dial the standard access number and enter the Conference PIN when prompted.