

Glossary of Funding Streams

Initial Covid Funding

1. No specific grant guidance has been provided regarding this funding however it is currently assumed to be un-ringfenced.

New Burdens Funding - Business Grants / Council Tax / Business Rates

2. Broadly, a new burden is defined as any policy or initiative which increases the cost of providing local authority services and where central government requires local authorities to do something new or additional.
3. In respect of COVID-19, this funding will be utilised for administering, processing, monitoring and reporting the various grant schemes.
4. The funding will also be used to undertake Pre & Post assessment checks in respect of grant applications – as required by Government guidance.

Extending Council Tax Support

5. The Government has recognised that COVID-19 is likely to cause fluctuations in household incomes and recognises that, as a result, some individuals may struggle to meet council tax payments. As Councils have already established their local council tax support schemes for 2020-21, it is expected that billing authorities will primarily use their grant allocation to reduce the council tax liability of individuals in their area, using their discretionary powers.
6. Councils may also use this funding to deliver increased financial assistance through other local support mechanisms, having considered local circumstances.

Reopening High Streets

7. This Fund is for Council's to support their business communities with measures that enable safe trading in public places. The fund focuses on high streets, as well as other public places gearing up to reopen as safe, welcoming spaces. The fund supports four main strands of activity:
 - Support to develop an action plan for how the local authority may begin to safely reopen their local economies.
 - Communications and public information activity to ensure that reopening of local economies can be managed successfully and safely
 - Business-facing awareness raising activities to ensure that reopening of local economies can be managed successfully and safely.
 - Temporary public realm changes to ensure that reopening of local economies can be managed successfully and safely.

Trace Support Payments - £500 payment to individuals

8. This allocation is to provide a £500 Test and Trace Support Payment to people who:

- have been told to stay at home and self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, either because they have tested positive for coronavirus or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive;
 - are employed or self-employed;
 - are unable to work from home and will lose income as a result; and
 - are currently receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit and/or Pension Credit.
9. The programme costs will be subject to reconciliation, which could mean an authority may need to return funding if the number of payments made is less than their allocation. Other local authorities may need a top up payment where they make payments that exceed their initial allocation.

Trace Support Payments – Admin

10. This funding is to support local authorities in implementing the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme. This includes both administrative costs (set-up costs and running costs) and the costs of the payments made under the scheme.
11. The funding is not subject to a reconciliation process. Additional funding may be provided as necessary, informed by the experience of the programme. The administrative funding has been designed to cover the estimated costs of both setting up the scheme and running the scheme, but it will not be possible to match funding to the specific costs incurred by individual local authorities.

Trace Support Payments – Discretionary

12. This funding is to enable Authorities to make discretionary payments for people:
- who are not currently receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit and/or Pension Credit; and
 - who are on low incomes and will face financial hardship as a result of not being able to work while they are self-isolating.
13. Local authorities can introduce additional criteria to determine eligibility for discretionary payments in their area, as long as these operate in addition to, rather than instead of, the criteria set out above.
14. For both the Test and Trace Support Payment and discretionary payments, eligible individuals will receive their £500 payment on top of any benefits and Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) that they currently receive.

Health Protection Project (Part 1)- Test & Trace Staff

15. This allocation is for the provision of staffing resource contributing to the day to day health protection capacity of the Council.

Health Protection Project (Part 2) - Test & Trace Staff & Non Staff

16. This allocation is for the provision of staffing and non-staffing resource to support a preventive and responsive approach to the current COVID-19 outbreak, working with wider statutory and non-statutory partners to help prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection in local communities and settings.

Health Protection Project (Part 3) - Food & Essential supplies

17. The intended focus of the fund is the direct provision of food and other essential supplies. The Government recommends consideration of the provision of cash or vouchers for this. However, it is at the discretion of local authorities to use the fund to meet the greatest needed.
18. The Government has confirmed that funding can be passed onto others to support existing schemes that deliver the grant objectives. Schemes will need to assess claims and consider individual circumstances when making decisions to support claims. They will need to accept referrals from across the district.

Next Steps Accommodation Programme (NSAP) Short Term

19. This programme is to provide short-term / interim accommodation and immediate support.
20. The funding can cover a range of interventions, from moves into the private rented sector, to extending or procuring interim accommodation such as hotels or student accommodation and supporting individuals to reconnect with friends or family.

LA Compliance & Enforcement Grant

21. This allocation is to enable practical support to aid and encourage compliance, such as;
 - dedicated staff in public areas, business support, or support for individuals:
 - Measures to aid public and business awareness and understanding of regulations and guidance:
 - Any activity associated with enforcement of COVID-19 regulations or guidance:

Containing Outbreak Management Fund (COMF)

22. This funding is to facilitate;
 - Targeted testing for hard-to-reach groups out of scope of other testing programmes.
 - Additional contact tracing.
 - Enhanced communication and marketing e.g. towards hard-to-reach groups and other localised messaging.
 - Delivery of essentials for those in self-isolation.
 - Targeted interventions for specific sections of the local community and workplaces.
 - Harnessing capacity within local sectors (voluntary, academic, commercial).

- Extension/introduction of specialist support (behavioural science, bespoke comms).
- Additional resource for compliance with, and enforcement of, restrictions and guidance
- Measures to support the continued functioning of commercial areas and their compliance with public health guidance.
- Funding Military Aid to the Civil Authorities (marginal costs only).
- Targeted support for school/university outbreaks
- Community-based support for those disproportionately impacted such as the BAME population.
- Support for engagement and analysis of regional areas to assess and learn from local initiatives.
- Providing initial support, as needed, to vulnerable people classed as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable who are following tier 3 guidance.
- Support for rough sleepers.

Sales Fees and Charges

23. This is income which provides for 75% of relevant income loss of 95% of the allocated budget. Submissions are made via the Delta system and calculated from Council populated figures.

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable People (CEV)

24. This funding relates to the second period of national lockdown.
25. The Government has provided councils with funding equivalent to £14.60 per CEV individual on the Shielded Patient List (SPL) for the 28-day period that restrictions are in force.
26. The funding is unringfenced, but is expected to be used to deliver the activities and outcomes outlined in the Shielding Framework. This includes the overheads of setting up and managing the local system, contacting CEV individuals within the area of intervention, assessing the food and basic support needs of CEV individuals and facilitating the delivery of that support where necessary, and reporting on the level of support provided.

National Leisure Relief Funding

27. This is funding which required a bid from the relevant leisure provider. Bid submissions included plans for spending this allocation which covers the period December 2020 to March 2021.

Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) – Open 1; Open 2

28. This strand of LRSG support was announced 22 October 2020 to help kickstart recovery for businesses that are not legally required to close but are severely impacted by the restrictions.
29. The funding is discretionary, and as being a local scheme has been developed in line with Government guidance.
30. Round 1 funding relates to the period 9/9/20 to 5/11/20

31. Round 2 funding relates to the period 2nd December onwards
32. The LRSG - Closed (Addendum) Grant covers the period between these dates
33. Whilst data is reported on a weekly basis, it is understood that this grant is cash limited – and will not be topped up if the allocation is exceeded.

Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) – Closed 1; Closed 2

34. This support is for businesses that were required to close because of the formal publication of local restrictions.
35. Round 1 funding relates to the period 9/9/20 to 5/11/20
36. Round 2 funding relates to the period 2nd December onwards
37. The LRSG -Closed (Addendum) Grant covers the period between these dates
38. Each eligible Local Authority has been issued funding allocations that are calculated using Valuation Office Agency (VOA) data, based on the categories of business relevant to the closures imposed by Government, and monitored through weekly returns submitted by Local Authorities.
39. If the allocation proves insufficient for all eligible businesses, top-up funding will be provided.

Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) - Closed (Addendum)

40. This grant covers the period of the second lock-down; 5th November to 2nd December
41. Businesses that are eligible are those that have been mandated to close by Government and include non-essential retail, leisure, personal care, sports facilities and hospitality businesses.
42. Each eligible Local Authority has been issued funding allocations that are calculated using Valuation Office Agency (VOA) data, based on the categories of business relevant to the closures imposed by Government, and monitored through weekly returns submitted by Local Authorities.
43. If the allocation proves insufficient for all eligible businesses, top-up funding will be provided.

Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) - share of Lancs £30m

44. This funding is based upon a notional £20 per head
45. The funding is discretionary and Local Authorities can determine how much funding to provide to businesses from the ARG funding provided, and exactly which businesses to target.
46. A scheme has been developed a scheme to help those businesses which – while not legally forced to close – are nonetheless severely impacted by the restrictions put in place to control the spread of Covid-19, including businesses which supply the retail, hospitality, and leisure sectors, and businesses in the events sector.

Christmas Support Payments (Wet Led Pubs)

47. On 1 December 2020, the Government announced the introduction of additional support over the festive period for wet-led pubs in areas under Tier 2 or 3 restrictions.
48. Qualifying businesses are entitled to a one-off grant of £1,000 payable in 2020/21
49. Local Authorities will receive 80% of the estimated grant funding based on an initial Government estimate. When this threshold of funding has been spent, Government will top up funding to Local Authorities if required.