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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**  
**Request ID: FOI347856338**

Thank you for your request for information relating to local welfare assistance expenditure.

You have requested the following information:

**1. Local welfare assistance/provision direct grants/loans to individuals or households (funded by core spending power only, including the Local Government Finance Settlement, but excluding the two additional funds set out in questions 2 and 3)**

**a) 2020/21 spend**

From the Community Support Grant fund allocated to Revenues and Benefits, we paid grants to individuals or households totalling £575,848. These payments were in respect of crisis payments for food and utilities and for essential white goods and furniture where an individual or household was resettling into the community.

**b) 2020/21 applications successful**

There were 1,903 successful Community Support Grant applications.

**2. Coronavirus Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies (DEFRA)**

**a) According to DEFRA, you were allocated £479,027. How much of this allocation did you spend in 2020/21?**

£367,000.

**b) Approximately what % (if any) of this fund was used to provide direct local welfare assistance grants to individuals/households?**

12.5%.

**c) If this fund was used to provide direct grants to individuals or households, how many were awarded in 2020/21?**

862.

**d) If the answer to B is less than 100%, please provide approximate percentages indicating what the remainder was spent on (e.g. xx% of the fund was allocated to local food banks, xx% was allocated to schools for food vouchers, etc.).**

16% Food Support not linked to Shielding; 72% Food & infrastructure support to Shielding Programme.

**3. Covid Winter Grant Scheme (including the initial £170 million and the additional £59.1 million for top-tier local authorities)**

**a) According to the DWP, you were allocated £1,292,612 + £449,373. How much of this allocation did you spend in 2020/21?**

£1.724m.

**b) Approximately what % (if any) of this fund was used to provide direct local welfare assistance grants to individuals/households in 2020/21?**

25%.

**c) If this fund was used to provide direct grants to individuals or households, how many were awarded in 2020/21?**

There were 3,516 awards.

**d) If the answer to B is less than 100%, please provide approximate percentages indicating what the remainder was spent on (e.g. xx% of the fund was allocated to local food banks, xx% was allocated to schools for food vouchers, etc.).**

School food vouchers 59%

Local food network 9%

Admin 4%

School warm clothing 3%

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