

Freedom of Information Request – Household support fund

Date received: 11/10/22

Request:

1. How much money was your council granted by the Department for Work and Pensions during tranche 2 of the Household Support fund e.g money granted for 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022?
2. How much money did your council spend of the granted money from tranche 2 e.g money spent 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022?
3. Where any restrictions placed on how you could spend this money? If so, what were they?

Response:

The DWP allocated the Housing Support Fund budget to the top tier Council e.g. Hampshire County Council. The Local Authorities were allocated a much smaller sum as part of Hampshire County Council's distribution of the money across the county.

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1st April – 30th September grant determination letter on 25th May from Hampshire County Council.

- a. Exceptional Housing Fund £46,547
- b. Food voucher scheme -£295,309
- c. Admin costs - £17,0932

2. How much money did your council spend of the granted money from tranche 2 e.g money spent 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022? 3. Were any restrictions placed on how you could spend this money? If so, what were they?

- a. Exceptional Housing Fund £26,930.89

Restrictions – It must not replace existing funds e.g. a Discretionary Housing Payment must be considered for rent in advance and rent arrears before Household Support Fund can be considered.

Criteria – One third must be spent on households with pensioners, one third on households with children and no criteria for remaining third.

- b. Food Vouchers - £246,950
- c. Admin - £18,000

Criteria – for those in receipt of Local Council Tax Support and Pension Credit Guaranteed Credit, the food voucher value is £65 per eligible pensioner and for households in receipt of Local Council Tax Support, the food voucher value is £30 per household.

Restrictions – As the criteria is set by DWP to Hampshire County Council, we cannot be certain what is a DWP restriction and what is an HCC restriction