

England FOI Request: Household Support Fund

These questions specifically pertain to the funding allocated to English Local Authorities as part of the UK Household Support Fund from 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026.

There have been seven tranches of the Household Support Fund, and we are referring to tranche seven. The seventh tranche ran from April 1st 2025 – March 31st, 2026. We believe you were awarded £2,343,383.67 in tranche seven of the HSF. We will also be asking you some questions about your local authority's plans for the Crisis and Resilience Fund which replaced the Household Support Fund on 1st April 2026.

Please answer as many questions as you can and if you are unable to answer any, please let us know when that information will be available and whether we need to submit a fresh FOI to obtain it.

1. **Please provide us with a copy of the management information return you are required to provide to the DWP for Tranche Seven of the Household Support Fund.**

Answer: Please see the attached HSF7 spreadsheets for the management information return provided to the DWP for tranche seven of the Household Support Fund, as requested.

2. **Please provide a breakdown of how tranche seven was spent:**

- (a) **Targeted Grants (by targeted grants we mean any direct grants/proactive support given to households that did not need to be applied)**

Answer: £12,600 – Families in Hardship

- (b) **Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers**

Answer: £1,068,868.00

- (c) **Direct applications to the scheme (this means the amount that was open to application, but *not* through your local welfare assistance scheme)**

Answer: £156,047.00

- (d) **Local Welfare Assistance Scheme**

Answer: £26,000.00

- (e) **Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations**

Answer: £729,201.00

(f) Advice Services

Answer: £115,282.00

(g) Other (please clarify)

Answer: Preventative - £53,540.00

Low Income Family Tracker - £33,362.00

Referral Platform - £12,500.00

Administration - £135,714.00

3.

(a) If you accepted applications to this fund how many did you receive?

Answer: 2,208

(b) How many applications were successful?

Answer: 2,061

4. Excluding funding given to local welfare schemes or third-party organisations;

(a) Excluding funding given to local welfare schemes or third-party organisations, how much of the HSF did you spend on helping people with furniture and appliances?

Answer: 0

5. For tranche seven how much did you spend on:

(a) Vouchers

Answer: £1,237,515.00

(b) Cash awards

Answer: £600.00

(c) Third party organisations

Answer: £898,293.00

(d) In kind support

Answer: 0

(e) Other

Answer: N/A

If you provide in kind support, what percentage would you estimate is spent on furniture and white goods?

Answer: N/A

Of the funds given to third party organisations, how much was given to organisations who provide furniture, white goods and furnishings?

Answer: £122,500

6. Please provide us with a copy of your Crisis and Resilience Fund delivery plan that you are required to provide to the DWP for Year One of the CRF.

Answer: This information is not held. The Service Area have advised we haven't completed our 26/27 delivery plan yet.

7. Do you plan on using the Crisis and Resilience Fund on furniture and appliance provision?

Answer: Yes – if those are the presenting needs of the crisis.

8. If you plan to use the Crisis and Resilience for furniture and appliance provision, please tick the boxes below to show which furniture/appliance types you will provide and whether these are new or preloved or whether you will be providing cash or vouchers for these items

	Cash	Voucher	Item - New	Item - Preloved/second hand
Cooker	√	√	√	√

Fridge	√	√	√	√
Freezer	√	√	√	√
Fridge Freezer	√	√	√	√
Washing Machine	√	√	√	√
Sofa	√	√	√	√
Bed	√	√	√	√
Wardrobe	√	√	√	√
Chest of drawers	√	√	√	√
Table and chairs	√	√	√	√
Flooring – carpets or lino	√	√	√	√
Window coverings – curtains or blinds	√	√	√	√

If you have any further comments about local welfare support, the Household Support Fund, or the Crisis and Resilience Fund, please share it here.

Answer: N/A

I would like my comments to remain anonymous: Yes/No

Answer: No