

Government Funding

Table 1: Confirmed funding sources to support Council Services	Purpose and uses of fund	Scotland-wide funding allocation £m	Midlothian allocation £000	Notes
A General Support				
Hardship Fund	Barnett Consequentials of UK announcement to contribute to local authorities' own local resilience support and hardship plans; no associated reporting and to be deployed as councils see fit.	50.000	840	The initial funding source against which the Council's non-Health and Social Care related additional costs and losses of income may be offset.
Local Government Barnett Consequentials	Barnet Consequentials of UK funding to local authorities in England and Wales;	155.000	2,606	Distribution of additional support was confirmed on 26 May 2020.
Further UK Consequentials relating to Local Government		49.000	824	
		254.000	4,270	
B Ring Fenced or for Specific Purposes				
Food Fund	Support to organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors to address issues of food insecurity, especially for older people, and families who may not be able to rely on free school meals.	30.000	446	Following agreement by COSLA Leaders, allocations of £30m of the fund (£15m for continuity in each of (i) FSM provision and (ii) food for vulnerable groups)
Scottish Welfare Fund (Distributed)	Top-up of existing 2020/21 allocation to allow payment of additional Community Grants and Crisis Grants to those in immediate need, more than doubling the current level of the fund across Scotland; also includes sums to reflect relaxation of existing criteria to support those in "gig economy". 45.000	22.000	326	Only £22m of the Scotland-wide funding has been allocated to date, based on the current SIMD-related methodology; the remaining £23m will be targeted to areas of greatest need, with distribution arrangements to be agreed. This funding is not available to offset council response costs.
Food Fund (phase 2)	This is made up of £12.6 million of ring-fenced funding for the continuation of Free School Meal	27.600	238	Specific grants from FSM over summer £197k and for others

	replacement for eligible children and young people (excluding universal provision for P1-3) until schools return, and £15 million of ring-fenced funding for wider action to provide help with food and other essentials for those at risk due to coronavirus up to the end of September, including those who are isolating under Test and Protect.			at risk £211k. The FSM funding has been fully utilised. Final claim for support to others at risk was £41k.
Registration Services	To support additional costs of providing death registration services 7 days a week.	0.600	10	Funding distribution to be on the basis of population – exact amount tbc.
Education Recovery	£50 million funding over two years made available to Councils for additional teachers £45m and education support staff £5m. 2020/21 £33.333 million	33.333	590	80% distributed based on related teaching indicators, 20% on deprivation.
Education Recovery - Teacher Recruitment	The return to schools will be supported with an additional £30 million to recruit new teachers. This brings the total additional Scottish Government investment in the teaching profession to £75 million, enough to recruit up to 1,400 new teachers. This funding will help address learning loss and ensure much-needed resilience in our schools as we recover from coronavirus (COVID-19).	20.000	354	80% distributed based on related teaching indicators, 20% on deprivation.
		133.533	1,964	

Table 2: Confirmed funding sources to support Council Services – Undistributed				
Ring Fenced or for Specific Purposes				
Education Recovery Fund	On top of £20 million of funding previously committed, a further £30 million will also be available as part of a £50 million Education recovery fund for local authorities. This will support cleaning, facilities management, school transport and other practical issues that are vital in ensuring a safe return to school.	50.000	850	Actual sum received will be dependent on submission of claim.
Increased eligibility for Social Security Benefits and Council Tax Reduction Scheme	Supplementary funding to meet an anticipated increase in applications for the existing Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Scottish Social Security Benefits	50.000	tbc	The element of the Fund provided in respect of CTRS remains to be confirmed and will be based on actual expenditure relative to existing funding provision.

Scottish Welfare Fund (Undistributed)	Top-up of existing 2020/21 allocation to allow payment of additional Community Grants and Crisis Grants to those in immediate need, more than doubling the current level of the fund across Scotland; also includes sums to reflect relaxation of existing criteria to support those in "gig economy".	23.000	tbc	Only £22m of the Scotland-wide funding has been allocated to date, based on the current SIMD-related methodology. It is anticipated that a £20 million will be released to support those individuals at financial risk. It is anticipated that this will be a fund that will reimburse actual expenditure incurred.
Discretionary Housing Payments	Distribution of a further £5 million to deliver Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) to Local Authorities in 2020/21.	5.000	tbc	
Test and Protect	Test and Protect Funding	0.520	tbc	To be confirmed and allocated.
ELC Transitional Support Fund	The Transitional Support Fund, part of £11.2 million support announced for the childcare sector, will help day care of children providers in the private, voluntary and not-for profit sectors, including out-of-school care providers, meet the extra costs incurred to comply with public health guidance for these settings/services in response to COVID-19	tbc	305	Estimate of grant payments made by Council.
		128.52 +	1.155+	

Table 3: Flexibilities applied				
ELC Expansion Specific Grant			930	To support PPN's and other COVID mitigation measures
PEF			151	Estimate as reported to Council in June 2020
			1,081	