

Government Funding 2020/21

(SOURCE – Extract from COSLA Funding Tracker v6)

Table 1: Confirmed funding sources to support Council Services	Purpose and uses of fund	Scotland-wide funding allocation £m	Midlothian allocation £000	Notes
Funding directly to support Local Government (un-ring-fenced)				
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 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	
Non-recurring Covid funding 2020/21		275.000	4,953	Announced on 16 February 2021
		529.000	9,223	
Funding to support individuals/families/communities				
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".	22.000	326	£22m of the Scotland-wide funding has been allocated to date, based on the current SIMD-related methodology; This funding is not available to offset council response costs.
Discretionary Housing Payments	Distribution of a further £8 million to deliver Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) to Local Authorities in 2020/21.	8.000	94	
Food Fund (phase 2)	This is made up of £12.6 million of ring-fenced funding for the continuation of Free School Meal replacement for eligible children and young people (excluding universal provision for P1-3) until schools	27.600	211	

	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.			
Free School Meals	To cover the cost of Free school Meals	6.950 7.057 5,841 4.710 4.290	109 110 91 74 67	
Level 4 Welfare/Social Support	Available for local authorities to strengthen their local response to people and communities and any emerging needs at protection level 4.	30.000	504	
Supporting services for vulnerable children and young people	SG Winter Support Fund - from the £23.5m announced, £22m to LG	22.000	333.4	
Support for those at financial risk	Addressing Future Need to Support Individuals at Financial Risk - flexible package to tackle financial insecurity	40.000	596	
£100 COVID Hardship Payments	Winter and Spring hardship payments	32.020	448.2	Incl associated admin funding
Homelessness Funding	Additional to RRTP funding for 20/21. From SG Winter Support Fund	5.000	85	
Mental Health and Wellbeing	Community Mental Health and Wellbeing support for 5-24 year olds to flexibly address impacts of pandemic	15.000	248	
Tackling Child Poverty Fund	Parental Employability Support Fund (PESF) Boost – Disabled Parents Employability Support 2020-2021	5.000	97	
Tackling Financial Insecurity over Winter Funding		20.613	159	
		286.081	3,998.6	
Funding for Education Recovery				
Education Recovery	£50 million funding for 2020/21 (£33 million) and 2021/22 (£17 million) paid in 2020/21 made available to Councils for additional teachers £45m and education support staff £5m.	50.000	885.5	80% distributed based on related teaching indicators, 20% on deprivation.
Digital Inclusion	Revenue element (separate capital element of £21.400)	3.600	64	
Education Recovery Fund	This will support cleaning, facilities management, school transport and other practical issues that are vital in ensuring a safe return to school.	90.000	1,586	
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	30.000	531	80% distributed based on related teaching indicators, 20% on deprivation.

	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).			
Education Recovery – Additional Staffing		60.000	1,076	
Education Recovery	Additional staff, family support, digital	45.000	778	
Education Recovery – Additional Staffing	2021/22 allocation paid in 2020/21	25.000	450	
		303.600	5,370.5	
<u>Test and Protect Funding/Public Health/Supporting People</u>				
Registration Services	To support additional costs of providing death registration services 7 days a week.	0.600	10	
Admin for £500 self-isolation grants		0.906 0.802 0.823	18.7 22.4 17.0	
Outbound calling /Test and Protect	To cover up to 11 th Jan 2021 12 th Jan 2021 to end of financial year 20/21	2.873 1.995	44 30	
		8.000	142.1	
<u>Council Tax Reduction/Social Security</u>				
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	25.000	280	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.
		25.000	280	
<u>Other</u>				
Loss of Income Scheme		200.000	4,023	
Young Person's Guarantee		30.000	520.2	
Environmental Health Officers (20/21 and 21/22)	£1.2m in 2020.21 and £1.7 m in 2021/22 (MC £19k and 27k respectively)	1.200	19.0	
Partnership Action for Continuous Employment (PACE)		3.500	84.4	
Community Justice	funding for COVID CPO backlog	1.000	15	

General Administration funding (for business grants)		12.000	145	
Community Justice CPP Transitional Funding Extra		0.400	12	
		248.1	4,818.6	
Overall Total		1,400.78	23,832.8	

Table 2: Flexibilities applied				
ELC Expansion Specific Grant			747	To support PPN's and other COVID mitigation measures
ELC Expansion Specific Grant			72	Expenditure on a range of COVID mitigation measures in ELC COVID-19 mitigation measures in LA settings.
PEF			152	Estimate set aside as reported to Council in June 2020
			971	