

Freedom of Information – Response – 27250

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act to kindly request information relating to your allocation of tranche seven of the Household Support Fund.

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 attached spreadsheet

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)

£342,969

(b) Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers

£4,477,167

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

£877,030

(d) Local Welfare Assistance Scheme

£2,740,850

(e) Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations

£300,000 for advice services which are also represented in the advice service answer below

(f) Advice Services

£300,000

(g) Other (please clarify)

Nil

3.

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

Suffolk County Council (SCC) hold this information for applications to LWAS only, for which there were 18,546 applications.

(b) How many applications were successful?

Of the 18,546 LWAS applications 12,941 were successful.

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?

SCC do not hold this information

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

(a) Vouchers
£4,612,167.84

(b) Cash awards
£2,605,850

(c) Third party organisations
£1,220,000

(d) In kind support
Nil

(e) Other
Tangible items spend of £3000

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

Nil

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

Nil

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.

Suffolk County Council do not currently hold this information. At this stage no Crisis and Resilience Fund delivery plan has been written, however, this is due to be completed by the end of June. If you would like to resubmit this question in July, we may be able to provide you with the information.

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

Applicants to the local welfare assistance scheme may do so where they require support to obtain furniture or appliances, however, we have no plans for specific support mechanisms for these items.

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 table inserted

N/A

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

N/A

Please note, due to the size and number of attachments included, this is a partial response. To see the full version, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI team at : FOI@suffolk.gov.uk