



2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale, NW9 4EW
21 July 2021
Our ref: 7469732

Thank you for your request received on 9 July 2021, for the following information:

We would greatly appreciate it if you could provide us with the following breakdown:

1. Local welfare assistance/provision direct grants/loans to individuals or households (funded by core spending power only, including the Local Government Finance Settlement, but excluding the two additional funds set out in questions 2 and 3)

a) 2020/21 spend

b) 2020/21 applications successful

2. Coronavirus Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies (DEFRA)

a) According to DEFRA, you were allocated £365,756.

How much of this allocation did you spend in 2020/21?

b) Approximately what % (if any) of this fund was used to provide direct local welfare assistance grants to individuals/households?

c) If this fund was used to provide direct grants to individuals or households, how many were awarded in 2020/21?

d) If the answer to B is less than 100%, please provide approximate percentages indicating what the remainder was spent on (e.g. xx% of the fund was allocated to local food banks, xx% was allocated to schools for food vouchers, etc.).

3. Covid Winter Grant Scheme (including the initial £170 million and the additional £59.1 million for top-tier local authorities)

a) according to the DWP, you were allocated £986,960

+ £343,114. How much of this allocation did you spend in 2020/21?

b) Approximately what % (if any) of this fund was used to provide direct local welfare assistance grants to individuals/households in 2020/21?

c) if this fund was used to provide direct grants to individuals or households, how many were awarded in 2020/21?

d) If the answer to B is less than 100%, please provide approximate percentages indicating what the remainder was spent on (e.g. xx% of the fund was allocated to local food banks, xx% was allocated to schools for food vouchers, etc.).

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We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

1. Local welfare assistance/provision direct grants/loans to individuals or households (funded by core spending power only, including the Local Government Finance Settlement, but excluding the two additional funds set out in questions 2 and 3)

a) 2020/21 spend

£456,731.01

b) 2020/21 applications successful

2361

2. Coronavirus Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies (DEFRA)

a) According to DEFRA, you were allocated £365,756. How much of this allocation did you spend in 2020/21?

100%

b) Approximately what % (if any) of this fund was used to provide direct local welfare assistance grants to individuals/households?

45%

c) If this fund was used to provide direct grants to individuals or households, how many were awarded in 2020/21?

730 households, 13,900 packages.

d) If the answer to B is less than 100%, please provide approximate percentages indicating what the remainder was spent on (e.g. xx% of the fund was allocated to local food banks, xx% was allocated to schools for food vouchers, etc.).

55% local food banks and voluntary agencies

3. Covid Winter Grant Scheme (including the initial £170 million and the additional £59.1 million for top-tier local authorities)

a) according to the DWP, you were allocated £986,960 + £343,114. How much of this allocation did you spend in 2020/21?

100%

b) Approximately what % (if any) of this fund was used to provide direct local welfare assistance grants to individuals/households in 2020/21?

0%

c) if this fund was used to provide direct grants to individuals or households, how many were awarded in 2020/21?

N/A

d) If the answer to B is less than 100%, please provide approximate percentages indicating what the remainder was spent on (e.g. xx% of the fund was allocated to local food banks, xx% was allocated to schools for food vouchers, etc.).

85% was spent on supermarket vouchers for children in schools & early years settings

8% was given to Barnet Food Hub to provide food for families and individuals

5% was given to Third Party Orgs such as AgeUK, Mencap, Barnet Homes Ltd to provide financial advice and signposting

2% was spent on costs associated with administering the grant

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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