

COVID -19 Support from Central Government (national and local level)

APPENDIX F

National	Luton	Funding Source	Background	Comments	Date
£3.2bn	£11,258,007	Emergency Grant Funding	The first tranche of funding announced on 19 March was primarily to meet the increased demand for and enable additional support across adult social care; meet the additional costs of providing children’s social care; provide additional support for the homeless and rough sleepers; support those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19; and meet pressures across other services.		19-Mar-20
£500m	£2,100,000	Hardship Fund	Budget 2020 established a £500m hardship fund to support “economically vulnerable people and households” affected by COVID-19, administered by local authorities. It is anticipated this funding will primarily be used to reduce the council tax liability for individuals in an area by £150 in 2020/21.	£1.4m is allocated per £150. Allocation delayed due to system issue	24-Mar-20
£9.7bn	Est. £25,000,000	Business rate 100% relief - (retail & hospitality)	At Budget 2020 (covered in BRIL 3/2020) and announcements throughout March, the government increased the Retail and Rural Businesses discounts already available to move these to discounts of 100%, with the relief applying to occupied retail, leisure and hospitality properties in the year 2020/21	S31. At 15 Jun, estimate £25m award	22-Apr-20
£3.2m	£32,250	C-19 Rough Sleeper (for self-isolate)	Local authorities will claim be able to costs incurred from government up to a maximum based on the number of rough sleepers reported in the Autumn 2019 snapshot. MHCLG wrote directly to councils to advise them of the maximum figure and providing a grant claim form.		17-Mar-20
£1.67m	£33,205	C-19 Bus Service Support Grant	CBSSG can only be spent on supporting bus services that have been affected by, or need to be adjusted because of, the impact of COVID-19.		6-May-20

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£12.3b	£31,114,000	Business Support Grant (Small Business Grants Fund (SBGF) and the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grants Fund (RHLGF)	Initially at Budget 2020 and then through further announcements the government introduced a Small Business Grant Fund (SBGF) with £10,000 paid to those businesses eligible. A Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund (RHLGF) has also been introduced to award grants of either £10,000 for properties with a rateable value of up to £15,000; or £25,000 for properties with a rateable value of over £15,000 and less than £51,000.	£24.5m paid out. £30m planned. 12 Jun. Julie	02-May-20
£617m	£1,555,700	Discretionary Grant Funding	On 2 May, the government announced that £617m (5% on top of the £12bn already committed to business support grants) of additional funding for local authorities. The funding is to provide top-up grants to businesses not covered by the SBGF or RHLGF schemes.	5% of £31b if spent. At 12 June, £1.3m is assumed to be available. £1.3m spend planned.	13-May-20
£600m	£1,498,481	Infection Control Fund	The primary purpose of this fund is to support adult social care providers, including those with whom the local authority does not have a contract, to reduce the rate of COVID-19 transmission in and between care homes and support wider workforce resilience	75% Care home providers, 25% Dom care providers	14-May-20
£37.3m	TBC	Family Fund	Families with children that have complex needs and disabilities will receive grants for vital equipment to make their lives easier while implementing social distancing measures, including computers, specialist equipment and educational toys. Families in England can find out more and apply for grants from Family Fund directly.		19-May-20
£50m	£187,988	Reopening High Streets Safely Fund (European Regional Development Fund)	Help councils in England introduce a range of safety measures in a move to get people back to work and customers back to the shops.		24-May-20
£300m	£1,425,693	Track & Trace	Local authorities will be central to supporting the new test and trace service in England, with the government providing a new funding package of £300 million.		11-Jun-20
£63m	TBC	Local Welfare Assistance Fund	The additional funding will allow councils to continue to provide discretionary support to those facing severe hardship to allow them to pay for food and other necessities.		11-Jun-20