

Haringey Council

COVID Additional Winter Grant Scheme Policy

1. Introduction

1.1 This document sets out Haringey Council's ('the Council's') approach to supporting people through the additional funding from the Department for Work and Pension's COVID Winter Grant Scheme renamed 'The Covid Local Support Grant' in April 2021.

1.2 The Covid Local Support Grant will enable Haringey to provide support to families with children, other vulnerable households, and individuals from 17th April 2021-17th June 2021. This support is in addition to and an extension of the Covid Winter Grant scheme (December 2020 and March 2021.)

1.3 Local authorities are permitted to allocate funding to support vulnerable households within the scope of:

- At least 80% of the total funding will be ring-fenced to support families with children, with up to 20% of the total funding to other types of households, including individuals
- At least 80% of the total funding will be ring-fenced to provide support with food, energy, and water bills (including sewerage), with up to 20% on other items

2. Objectives of this Policy

2.1 To provide support to vulnerable households recognising the profile and specific needs of residents in Haringey, in particular those who have been most adversely impacted by the Covid 19 Pandemic.

2.2 To support households and prevent household needs from escalating into crisis.

2.3 To support residents to follow Public Health Guidance, reduce Covid 19 transmission and prevent hospital admission and Covid 19 deaths.

2.4 To support households with dignity and without stigma enabling residents to be as independent as possible and treated with dignity at all times

3. Winter Grant Spend:

3.1 The maximum additional spend from the Covid Winter Grant is £232,078.00. Outlined below is the maximum allocation for each element of the Covid Winter Grant Spend. These maximum allocations allow for the Assistant Director of Commissioning to delegate funding within the maximum allocations according to emerging need.

All support will be available to households with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) in line with government guidance.

- Provision of food support for households eligible for Free School Meals up to a maximum spend of £200,000

- Provision of food support for households with pre-school children up to a maximum spend of £10,000
- Support for households experiencing fuel insecurity thorough the provision of short-term vouchers up to a maximum spend of £10,000
- Support to vulnerable adults known to Council services up to a value of £15,000
- Grants to local organisations supporting food security amongst Haringey's Charedi community up to a value of £5,000
- Funding to organisations supporting food security in the borough through the Haringey Food Network up to a value of £10,000

3.1.1 Free School Meals (FSM) Holiday Provision

Voucher support to all households eligible for Free School Meals during the summer half-term holiday to the value of £15 per child. This will be administered by schools.

Additional funding to support food provision at holiday activities for school aged children as part of the development of the Haringey Holiday Activity programme which targets food and enrichment support at FSM eligible households.

This is an extension of the support offered in the Winter Grant Scheme (December 2020 and March 2021).

3.1.2 Support for Pre-School Children

Funding to be administered by Children Centres to support households known to them who are experiencing food insecurity.

This is an extension of the support offered in the Winter Grant Scheme (December 2020 and March 2021).

3.1.3 Support for Fuel Insecurity

To be administered by Haringey Council. This funding will allow for emergency fuel vouchers. This is an extension of the support offered in the Winter Grant Scheme (December 2020 and March 2021).

3.1.4 Support to vulnerable adults

To be administered by Haringey Council. Vulnerable adults known to Haringey Council will be supported with vouchers or goods in line with the aims of the Winter Grant around 'eating and heating.'

3.1.5 Grants to Local Organisations supporting the Charedi Community

Grant support to organisations providing support to Charedi residents with food insecurity.

3.1.6. Grant to Haringey Food Network

Grant funding to the 'Haringey Food Network' to support their cross-organisational provision of food to those in food insecurity.

4. Policy implementation and review

4.1 This Policy will be applied from 20th May 2021 until 17th June.

4.2 In applying the Policy, the Council will have regard to relevant implementation guidance as issued.