



Department for  
Communities and  
Local Government

## Severe weather recovery scheme: tranche 2 – terms of the scheme

### Local Authority areas in England affected by flooding caused by the severe weather between 8<sup>th</sup> February and 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014

1. These notes set out the terms under which the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government is prepared to make available a second tranche of Severe Weather Recovery Scheme Grant to local authorities in England under Section 31 of the Local Government Finance Act 2003, in respect of their costs to support their communities in dealing with recovery from flood damage caused by severe weather on and between 8<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

#### Eligible Authorities

2. Local authorities who have been affected by the severe weather from 8<sup>th</sup> February and up to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014 can claim for assistance under this scheme, subject to meeting criteria set out at paragraph 7 below. Eligible local authorities<sup>1</sup> under this scheme are:<sup>2</sup>
  - District Councils
  - County Councils
  - London Borough councils
  - The Common Council of the City of London
  - The Council of the Isles of Scilly
3. Eligible Local Authorities should make their applications to the Department for Communities and Local Government by 5pm on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (details at paragraph 13 below)

#### Scope of scheme

4. The total amount of funding available under this scheme is **£3 million**, which is available to contribute to costs incurred by local authorities in supporting affected communities during the recovery phase.

<sup>1</sup> Includes unitary counties, unitary districts and metropolitan boroughs

<sup>2</sup> Separate arrangements have been put in place for Somerset County Council and the District Councils in its area: these Councils are not therefore eligible for this Scheme

5. For this scheme, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government will pay a grant to eligible local authorities in England who apply for funding.

### **Eligible Expenditure**

6. Expenditure that has been, or will be incurred by Local Authorities on, or in connection with, recovery from the impacts of the severe weather on property and communities and is not ineligible by reason of paragraph 10 below.
7. In order to qualify for grant under this scheme, local authorities must be able to demonstrate that:
- a) they have incurred, or will incur expenditure on supporting their communities during the recovery phase following the severe weather between 8<sup>th</sup> February and 30<sup>th</sup> May February 2014. Qualifying activities may include one or more of the following:-
- providing assistance for long-term displaced households,
  - placing households in temporary accommodation
  - support payments to flood affected households,
  - purchase / provision of new household items for those affected, provision of temporary caravans etc.
  - use of rest centres
  - tourism impacts
- and**
- b) that at least 10 residential and/or commercial properties have been reported as flooded (water having entered the property) in their local authority area.
8. Local authorities in two tier areas must confirm that they have taken all reasonable steps to ensure that the number of properties reported in their claim excludes those reported in claims submitted by neighbouring and constituent local authorities
9. Local authorities who have made a claim under the first tranche of the Severe Weather Recovery Scheme must confirm that none of the properties notified in any subsequent claim were included in their initial claim.
- 10. Local authorities should not include expenditure for which a claim can be made under either of the Bellwin schemes in respect of the East Coast Tidal Surge and severe weather between December 2013 and 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014.**

### **Distribution of grant**

11. Grant will be distributed using a simple formula based on the number of residential and commercial properties affected (water having entered the property) as a proxy for scale of wider impacts.

### **Claims**

12. Claim form *Recovery (02-14)* is to be used when making the claim. The claim should be signed by the authority's Chief Financial Officer and sent by email to [swrs2@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:swrs2@communities.gsi.gov.uk) to arrive no later than **5 pm on Friday 6th June 2014**.

13. A final claim received after this deadline will be disregarded unless an extension to the deadline is agreed as a result of exceptional circumstances beyond an authority's control.
14. **The claim form must be certified by the Chief Financial Officer to the effect that it complies in all respects with the terms of this scheme.**
15. The Department for Communities and Local Government will check the claim form on receipt, and may request the authority for evidence to validate the claims submitted by authorities. When a claim has been accepted, the Department for Communities and Local Government will notify the local authority and confirm that payment of the agreed grant can be made.

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