



Department
for Education

Department for Education
20 Great Smith Street
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13 December 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Cambridgeshire County Council
East Sussex County Council
Nottinghamshire County Council

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for the Opportunity Areas Early Identification of Autism Grant, December 2021 (2021-22 DLUHC 31/5807)

This Determination is made between:

- (1) The Secretary of State for Education and**
- (2) The local authorities listed at Annex A.**

I am pleased to confirm details of the Government's offer to the council following agreement that the Opportunity Areas (OAs) Early Identification of Autism grant would be devolved.

We are devolving this grant under a Section 31, non-ringfenced transfer (Local Government Act 2003). Our expectation is that the council will use the funds to support the roll out of the Early Identification of Autism project. The Senior Responsible Owner for this grant, Elizabeth Franey, will require your responsible officer to confirm at the end of the financial year that the funding has been properly expended.

We have discussed and agreed the specific amounts for each area with the DfE Early Identification of Autism project lead, who works closely with local partners. A total of £1,220,000 will be paid in December 2021 to the local authorities listed in Annex A.

Purpose of the Grant

The Council can spend this grant to deliver the Early Identification of Autism project, in line with the delivery plan for this agreed with DfE. This may involve contracting with a third party for some or all of the expenditure. The local authority may also, where agreed with the DfE, use the grant to pay salary costs for any staff employed

through the local authority to deliver to project, and to fund any “new burdens” and cover reasonable expenses associated with administering this grant (such as for procurement and contract management costs).

Arrangements for keeping in touch with the Department for Education

Formal reporting to the Department for Education on progress is not a condition of this grant. The Department for Education will, however, ask the Council to provide a voluntary end of year return and report confirming activity that has taken place or been funded.

This letter has been copied to the Directors of Children’s Services in the participating local authorities; Her Majesty’s Treasury; the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; and relevant DfE staff.

Enquiries

For all enquiries about the Opportunity Areas, please contact
Opportunity.AREAS@education.gov.uk

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education

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Elizabeth Franey
Deputy Director, Opportunity Areas, Department for Education

Annex A

REVENUE grant determination (non-ringfenced)
Opportunity Areas Early Identification of Autism GRANT
DETERMINATION 2021-22: No 31/5807.

The Secretary of State for Education (Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, makes the following determination:

Citation

1) This determination may be cited as the Opportunity Areas Early Identification of Autism Grant Determination (2021-22) [No 31/5807].

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

Determination

3) The Secretary of State determines as the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid. The authorities and the amounts are set out in Annex A.

Treasury consent

4) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Secretary of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education

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Elizabeth Franey, Deputy Director, Opportunity Areas, Department for Education

December 2021

Areas to benefit from the programme	Authorities to which grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
Oldham	Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council	£300,000
Fenland & E Cambridgeshire	Cambridgeshire County Council	£360,000
Ashfield and Mansfield (Notts)	Nottinghamshire County Council	£250,000
Hastings and East Sussex	East Sussex County Council	£310,000