



Department
for Education

Department for Education
20 Great Smith Street
London
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9 March 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

Essex County Council
Nottinghamshire County Council
Blackpool Borough Council

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for the Opportunity Areas Year 5 Twinning Grant, March 2022 (2021-22 DLUHC 31/5923)

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) Twinning grant would be devolved.

We are devolving this grant under a Section 31, non-ringfenced transfer (Local Government Act 2003). 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.

The relevant Department for Education (DfE) official(s) have discussed and agreed the specific amounts with the council. A total of £690,000 was paid on 3 March 2022 to the local authorities listed in Annex A.

Purpose of the Grant

The council can spend this grant to promote activity that will improve educational outcomes and social mobility for children and young people. Whilst you may choose how to spend the money in order to best meet local need, we anticipate that all decisions will be informed by the delivery plan for this work that has been agreed with DfE.

Where agreed with DfE, the local authority may also use the grant to pay salary costs for any necessary local programme staff who are employed through the local authority, and to fund any "new burdens" and reasonable expenses associated with administering this grant.

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 relevant local authorities, Her Majesty's Treasury and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

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 Year 5 Twinning GRANT DETERMINATION 2021-22: No 31/5923.

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 Twinning Grant Determination (2021-22) [No.31/5923].

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

March 2022

Area to benefit from the grant	Authorities to which grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
Tendring	Essex County Council	£100,000
Ashfield and Mansfield	Nottinghamshire County Council	£190,000
North Liverpool and South Sefton	Blackpool Borough Council	£400,000