

08th June 2023

Dear Local Authority,

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme Capital (2023-24): [No 31/6692]

This Determination is made between:

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

We are issuing this capital Grant under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. The Senior Responsible Officer for this grant, Susie Owen, will require your responsible officer to confirm at the end of the financial year that the funding has been properly expended.

Background to the grant

In October 2021, the government announced **£301.75 million for 75 upper-tier local authorities in England** to deliver Start for Life and family services over 3 financial years (FY), 2022-23 to 2024-25. This is a joint programme overseen by the Department for Education (DfE) and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). DfE will be administering the grant funding on behalf of both departments. This funding package includes **£81.75 million** to create a network of family hubs, improving access to a wide range of integrated support services for families with children aged 0–19. The majority of the funding to create family hubs is designated as revenue, but there is a proportion of funding available for capital to facilitate minor adaptations. The total capital funding pot available to facilitate family hub transformation is **£15M**, over 3 years, FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-25.

For FY 2023-24, we expect funds to be made available to local authorities in the form of a non-ringfenced grant paid in two instalments. Funding for 2023-24 will be made contingent on the terms set out in the Memorandum of Understanding for the programme. This will include a review of Programme delivery and the Recipient's Statement of Grant Usage, including their expenditure statements for the previous financial year.

Purpose of the grant

The programme will join up and enhance services delivered through family hubs in 75 local authorities, ensuring families in those areas can access the support they need, building the capacity of parents and carers to improve outcomes for babies and children.

The capital grant funding made available to support family hubs transformation will help achieve these aims. The capital funding could be used for the following purposes: adapting existing buildings, improving accessibility and enabling multi-agency working. This could include, for example: IT upgrades; signage; improving building space; new furniture to ensure suitability for older children; and new equipment such as sinks or specialist flooring for clinical use by midwives or health visitors.

Full details of the Programme aims and objectives and the expectations that local authorities are expected to deliver with this funding are set out in the Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Guide

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/family-hubs-and-start-for-life-programme-local-authority-guide>.

Please ensure that this letter is copied to your Chief Finance Officer for information. You should also note that this letter has also been copied to His Majesty's Treasury and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

Yours sincerely,

Marc Rooney (Deputy Director), Family Hubs and Early Years Interventions,
DfE

CAPITAL grant determination (non-ringfenced)

FAMILY HUBS AND START FOR LIFE PROGRAMME CAPITAL GRANT DETERMINATION 2023-24: [No 31/6692]

The Secretary of State for Education (Rt Hon Gillian Keegan 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 Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Capital Grant Determination (2023-24) [No 31/6692].

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 to deliver the expectations set out in the Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Guide <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/family-hubs-and-start-for-life-programme-local-authority-guide> and the obligations set out in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Secretary of State and each of the 75 local authorities to which grants are to be paid.

Determination

3) The Secretary of State determines the local authorities to which grants are to be paid and the maximum amounts to be paid; these are set out in Annex A.

Grant conditions

4) Pursuant to section 31(3) and 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003, the Secretary of State determines that the grant will be paid subject to the conditions in Annex B.

Treasury consent

5) 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

Marc Rooney (Deputy Director), Family Hubs and Early Years Interventions,
DfE

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ANNEX A – FAMILY HUBS AND START FOR LIFE PROGRAMME CAPITAL GRANT DETERMINATION 2023-24: [No 31/6692]

Authorities to which the grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
London Borough of Barking and Dagenham	£65,440
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£59,752
Bedford Borough	£54,702
Birmingham City Council	£176,664
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	£53,665
Blackpool Borough Council	£49,034
Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council	£68,054
Bradford Metropolitan District Council	£103,828
London Borough of Brent	£72,542
Bristol City Council	£82,312
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council	£57,078
London Borough of Camden	£62,078
Cornwall Council	£88,299
Coventry City Council	£76,176
London Borough of Croydon	£80,503
Derby City Council	£64,286
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	£67,265
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	£68,635
Durham County Council	£85,682
East Sussex County Council	£86,625
London Borough of Enfield	£75,289
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council	£54,305
Royal Borough of Greenwich	£68,174
London Borough of Hackney	£65,460
Halton Borough Council	£48,885
London Borough of Haringey	£63,564
Hartlepool Borough Council	£44,710
London Borough of Hounslow	£66,296
Isle of Wight Council	£46,959
London Borough of Islington	£56,512
Kent County Council	£202,499
Kingston-upon-Hull City Council	£63,139

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£51,562
London Borough of Lambeth	£64,565
Leicester City Council	£77,113
London Borough of Lewisham	£67,485
Lincolnshire County Council	£107,213
Liverpool City Council	£84,832
Luton Borough Council	£62,718
Manchester City Council	£97,562
Medway Council	£66,501
Middlesbrough Borough Council	£51,119
Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Council	£66,414
London Borough of Newham	£76,643
Norfolk County Council	£119,396
North East Lincolnshire Council	£51,546
North Lincolnshire Council	£52,142
North Northamptonshire	£73,353
Northumberland Council	£63,480
Nottingham City Council	£73,726
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council	£63,710
Peterborough City Council	£59,802
Plymouth City Council	£61,615
Portsmouth City Council	£57,575
Redcar and Cleveland Council	£48,305
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council	£60,837
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	£62,626
Salford City Council	£63,543
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council	£74,853
Sheffield City Council	£95,053
South Tyneside Council	£49,605
Southampton City Council	£61,574
London Borough of Southwark	£66,713
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council	£52,761
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	£63,258
Sunderland City Council	£61,702
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	£59,431
Telford & Wrekin Council	£55,154
Thurrock Council	£56,542
Torbay Council	£47,247
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	£70,981

Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	£70,825
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council	£68,380
London Borough of Waltham Forest	£66,936
Wolverhampton City Council	£65,188

ANNEX B – FAMILY HUBS AND START FOR LIFE PROGRAMME CAPITAL GRANT DETERMINATION 2023-24: No 31/6692

GRANT CONDITIONS

1. Grant paid to a local authority under this determination may be used only for the purposes that a capital receipt may be used for in accordance with regulations made under section 11 of the Local Government Act 2003.

2. The Chief Executive, Chief Internal Auditor or S151 officer of each of the recipient authorities are required to sign and return to the Department for Education a declaration, as part of the outturn statement to be received no later than the date communicated by the team, in the following terms:

“To the best of my knowledge and belief, and having carried out appropriate investigations and checks, in my opinion, in all significant respects, the conditions attached to the Family Hub and Start for Life programme Capital Grant Determination 2023-24 No. 31/6692 have been complied with”.

3. If an authority fails to comply with any of the conditions and requirements of paragraphs 1 and 2, the Secretary of State may

a. reduce, suspend or withhold grant; or

b. by notification in writing to the authority, require the repayment of the whole or any part of the grant.

4. Any sum notified by the Secretary of State under paragraph 3(b) shall immediately become repayable to the Minister.