



High Needs Provision Capital Allocations (HNPCA) Grant Determination (2024-25): No 31/7154

The Minister of State for Education (“the Minister of State”), 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 High Needs Provision Capital Allocations (HNPCA) grant (2024-25) No. 31/7154.

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 Minister 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 set out in Annex A.

Grant conditions

4) Pursuant to section 31(3) and 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003, the Minister 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 Minister of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Minister of State for Education

Philip Dixon, Central Capital Unit Deputy Director

Annex A

High Needs Provision Capital Allocations (HNPCA) for 2024-25 can be found on [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk). If any adjustments are made to any local authority's allocation, this will be communicated to them directly.

Annex B

General conditions of grant

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. If an authority fails to comply with any of the conditions and requirements of paragraphs 1, the Minister 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.
3. Any sum notified by the Minister of State under paragraph 2(b) shall immediately become repayable to the Minister.
4. The Grant Recipient shall at all times during and following the end of the Funding Period:
 - a. comply with requirements of the Branding Manual in relation to the Funded Activities; and
 - b. cease use of the Funded by UK Government logo on demand if directed to do so by the Authority.
5. Branding Manual means the HM Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 'Funded by UK Government branding manual' first published by the Cabinet Office in November 2022 and is available at <https://gcs.civilservice.gov.uk/guidance/marketing/branding-guidelines/> including any subsequent updates from time to time.

Conditions relating to efficiency of spend

6. A local authority should seek to ensure funding paid out under this grant is spent efficiently. To which end, it should thoroughly evaluate all procurement options for projects – including the DfE construction frameworks and output specification – to demonstrate value for money. A local authority should encourage academy trusts and other responsible bodies to do the same, should they procure a construction project directly.

7. A local authority may be required to provide such information as reasonably requested by the Secretary of State, relating to expenditure on new places and the procurement options appraisal conducted.