



Department
for Education

29 July 2024

Dear Local Authority

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme Capital (2024-25)

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 **£15 million**, over 3 years, FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-25.

For FY 2024-25, we expect funds to be made available to local authorities in the form of a non-ringfenced grant paid in two instalments. Pursuant to paragraph 5(e) of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Programme made between the Secretary of State and each of the 75 local authorities participating in the Programme (the “MoU”), funding for FY 2024-25 is contingent on a review of Programme delivery and the recipient local authority’s 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 2024-25

The Secretary of State for Education (Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson 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 (2024-25)

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 MoU.

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 2024-25

Authorities to which the grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
London Borough of Barking and Dagenham	£76,648
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£70,481
Bedford Borough	£64,331
Birmingham City Council	£207,426
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	£63,305
Blackpool Borough Council	£57,516
Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council	£79,757
Bradford Metropolitan District Council	£122,227
London Borough of Brent	£84,989
Bristol City Council	£97,236
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council	£67,301
London Borough of Camden	£75,188
Cornwall Council	£104,304
Coventry City Council	£89,629
London Borough of Croydon	£94,531
Derby City Council	£82,654
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	£79,538
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	£80,624
Durham County Council	£100,725
East Sussex County Council	£104,790

Authorities to which the grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
London Borough of Enfield	£88,527
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council	£63,706
Royal Borough of Greenwich	£80,195
London Borough of Hackney	£77,405
Halton Borough Council	£57,242
London Borough of Haringey	£74,547
Hartlepool Borough Council	£52,724
London Borough of Hounslow	£78,218
Isle of Wight Council	£55,354
London Borough of Islington	£66,366
Kent County Council	£237,910
Kingston-upon-Hull City Council	£74,624
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£60,667
London Borough of Lambeth	£75,653
Leicester City Council	£91,092
London Borough of Lewisham	£80,010
Lincolnshire County Council	£126,077
Liverpool City Council	£99,726
Luton Borough Council	£73,437
Manchester City Council	£115,744
Medway Council	£78,179
Middlesbrough Borough Council	£59,857

Authorities to which the grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Council	£78,555
London Borough of Newham	£90,436
Norfolk County Council	£140,504
North East Lincolnshire Council	£60,431
North Lincolnshire Council	£61,546
North Northamptonshire	£86,426
Northumberland Council	£74,951
Nottingham City Council	£94,791
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council	£75,145
Peterborough City Council	£70,594
Plymouth City Council	£72,547
Portsmouth City Council	£67,741
Redcar and Cleveland Council	£56,610
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council	£71,234
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	£73,497
Salford City Council	£74,991
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council	£88,004
Sheffield City Council	£111,998
South Tyneside Council	£58,549
Southampton City Council	£72,511
London Borough of Southwark	£78,995
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council	£62,267

Authorities to which the grant is to be paid	Amount of grant to be paid
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	£74,876
Sunderland City Council	£72,720
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	£69,608
Telford & Wrekin Council	£64,693
Thurrock Council	£66,561
Torbay Council	£55,331
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	£83,256
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	£82,902
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council	£81,042
London Borough of Waltham Forest	£78,399
Wolverhampton City Council	£76,671

ANNEX B – FAMILY HUBS AND START FOR LIFE PROGRAMME CAPITAL GRANT DETERMINATION 2024-25

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 2024-25 have been complied with”.

This declaration is part of the Certificate of Grant Usage.

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.