



Department for Education

24 July 2025

Dear Local Authority

Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for the Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Capital (2025-26)

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 (FY) that the funding has been properly expended.

Purpose of the grant

The Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme 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.

The funding for FY 2025–26 allows the opportunity for local authorities to consolidate, embed and enhance their family hub network and start for life services offer.

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 updated Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Guide:

[Family Hubs and Start for Life programme: local authority guide 2025 to 2026 - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/family-hubs-and-start-for-life-programme-local-authority-guide-2025-to-2026)

For FY 2025-26, we expect funds to be made available to local authorities in

the form of a non-ringfenced Grant paid in two instalments. Payment will be made pursuant to clause 5 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”).

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 Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Hollom and Laura Street (Acting Deputy Directors), Early Years, Childcare, Families and Analysis Directorate, DfE

CAPITAL grant determination (non-ringfenced)

FAMILY HUBS AND START FOR LIFE PROGRAMME CAPITAL GRANT DETERMINATION 2025-26

The Secretary of State for Education (Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP), (the “Secretary 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 Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme Capital Grant Determination (2025-26)

Purpose of the Grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide financial assistance to the eligible English local authorities specified in Annex A, to support them in meeting 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.

Determination

3) The Secretary of State determines that the local authorities who are eligible to receive grant funding for FY 2025-26, and the **maximum amounts** of grant funding those local authorities could receive, is specified in Annex A.

Grant conditions

4) Pursuant to section 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 specified in paragraph 3, the Secretary of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Education

Charlotte Hollom and Laura Street (Acting Deputy Directors), Early Years, Childcare, Families and Analysis Directorate, DfE

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ANNEX A – FAMILY HUBS AND START FOR LIFE PROGRAMME CAPITAL GRANT DETERMINATION 2025-26

| Local authorities to which the grant is to be paid | Maximum payment 1 <i>Anticipate payment in Q1 / Q2 of 2025-26 subject to satisfactory delivery</i> | Maximum payment 2 <i>Anticipate payment in Q3 / Q4 of 2025-26 subject to satisfactory delivery</i> | Maximum payment for financial year 2025-26 |
|--|---|---|--|
| London Borough of Barking and Dagenham | £43,018 | £43,018 | £86,036 |
| Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council | £38,914 | £38,913 | £77,827 |
| Bedford Borough | £36,331 | £36,331 | £72,662 |
| Birmingham City Council | £117,265 | £117,264 | £234,529 |
| Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council | £35,623 | £35,622 | £71,245 |
| Blackpool Borough Council | £31,940 | £31,939 | £63,879 |
| Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council | £46,131 | £46,130 | £92,261 |
| Bradford Metropolitan District Council | £67,855 | £67,855 | £135,710 |
| London Borough of Brent | £46,613 | £46,613 | £93,226 |

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|---|--|--|---|
| Bristol City Council | £53,429 | £53,428 | £106,857 |
| Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council | £37,071 | £37,071 | £74,142 |
| London Borough of Camden | £35,680 | £35,679 | £71,359 |
| Cornwall Council | £56,714 | £56,713 | £113,427 |
| Coventry City Council | £49,550 | £49,549 | £99,099 |
| London Borough of Croydon | £51,593 | £51,593 | £103,186 |
| Derby City Council | £42,154 | £42,154 | £84,308 |
| Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council | £43,620 | £43,619 | £87,239 |
| Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council | £44,911 | £44,911 | £89,822 |
| Durham County Council | £55,629 | £55,629 | £111,258 |
| East Sussex County Council | £55,686 | £55,685 | £111,371 |

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|---|--|--|---|
| London Borough of Enfield | £48,339 | £48,338 | £96,677 |
| Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council | £35,596 | £35,595 | £71,191 |
| Royal Borough of Greenwich | £43,400 | £43,400 | £86,800 |
| London Borough of Hackney | £40,170 | £40,170 | £80,340 |
| Halton Borough Council | £31,518 | £31,517 | £63,035 |
| London Borough of Haringey | £39,897 | £39,897 | £79,794 |
| Hartlepool Borough Council | £29,306 | £29,305 | £58,611 |
| London Borough of Hounslow | £44,225 | £44,225 | £88,450 |
| Isle of Wight Council | £30,243 | £30,243 | £60,486 |
| London Borough of Islington | £34,647 | £34,647 | £69,294 |
| Kent County Council | £132,861 | £132,861 | £265,722 |

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|---|--|--|---|
| Kingston-upon-Hull City Council | £42,419 | £42,418 | £84,837 |
| Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council | £33,947 | £33,946 | £67,893 |
| London Borough of Lambeth | £39,697 | £39,696 | £79,393 |
| Leicester City Council | £52,098 | £52,098 | £104,196 |
| London Borough of Lewisham | £42,466 | £42,465 | £84,931 |
| Lincolnshire County Council | £70,040 | £70,040 | £140,080 |
| Liverpool City Council | £55,770 | £55,770 | £111,540 |
| Luton Borough Council | £41,845 | £41,845 | £83,690 |
| Manchester City Council | £67,157 | £67,157 | £134,314 |
| Medway Council | £43,820 | £43,820 | £87,640 |
| Middlesbrough Borough Council | £33,886 | £33,885 | £67,771 |

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|---|--|--|---|
| Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Council | £43,687 | £43,686 | £87,373 |
| London Borough of Newham | £49,538 | £49,538 | £99,076 |
| Norfolk County Council | £77,358 | £77,357 | £154,715 |
| North East Lincolnshire Council | £33,324 | £33,324 | £66,648 |
| North Lincolnshire Council | £33,671 | £33,671 | £67,342 |
| North Northamptonshire | £48,310 | £48,309 | £96,619 |
| Northumberland Council | £41,409 | £41,408 | £82,817 |
| Nottingham City Council | £47,634 | £47,633 | £95,267 |
| Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council | £42,815 | £42,814 | £85,629 |
| Peterborough City Council | £40,337 | £40,336 | £80,673 |
| Plymouth City Council | £40,036 | £40,035 | £80,071 |

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|---|--|--|---|
| Portsmouth City Council | £36,906 | £36,906 | £73,812 |
| Redcar and Cleveland Council | £31,493 | £31,493 | £62,986 |
| Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council | £40,603 | £40,602 | £81,205 |
| Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council | £41,136 | £41,136 | £82,272 |
| Salford City Council | £42,525 | £42,525 | £85,050 |
| Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council | £50,330 | £50,329 | £100,659 |
| Sheffield City Council | £61,150 | £61,149 | £122,299 |
| South Tyneside Council | £32,329 | £32,328 | £64,657 |
| Southampton City Council | £39,971 | £39,971 | £79,942 |
| London Borough of Southwark | £41,404 | £41,404 | £82,808 |
| St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council | £34,570 | £34,569 | £69,139 |

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|---|--|--|---|
| Stoke-on-Trent City Council | £41,963 | £41,963 | £83,926 |
| Sunderland City Council | £40,562 | £40,561 | £81,123 |
| Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council | £39,170 | £39,169 | £78,339 |
| Telford & Wrekin Council | £36,511 | £36,511 | £73,022 |
| Thurrock Council | £37,037 | £37,037 | £74,074 |
| Torbay Council | £30,735 | £30,735 | £61,470 |
| London Borough of Tower Hamlets | £43,544 | £43,544 | £87,088 |
| Wakefield Metropolitan District Council | £46,727 | £46,726 | £93,453 |
| Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council | £44,924 | £44,924 | £89,848 |
| London Borough of Waltham Forest | £42,362 | £42,361 | £84,723 |
| Wolverhampton City Council | £43,436 | £43,436 | £86,872 |

ANNEX B – FAMILY HUBS AND START FOR LIFE PROGRAMME CAPITAL GRANT DETERMINATION 2025-26

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, or S151 / S73 Officer, or an equivalent with an appropriate level of delegated authority of the recipient authority is required to sign and return to the Department for Education (“DfE”) a declaration, as part of the Statement of Grant Usage to be received no later than the date communicated by the DfE, in the following terms:

“To the best of our knowledge and belief, and having carried out appropriate investigations and checks, in our opinion, in all significant respects, the conditions attached to Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme capital grant determination 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 the 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) will immediately become repayable to the Secretary of State.