

**EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE**

1. Decision to be taken:

To offer COVID Support Grant Funding to local Third Party Organisations to support those most in need with the cost of food, energy and other essentials and give vulnerable households peace of mind as COVID restrictions are eased.

2. This is a:

PORTFOLIO HOLDER SUPPORTED OFFICER DECISION

Note: This form should not be used for Key Decisions

3. The following is the decision making body or person:

OFFICER **Michelle Howard** after consultation with **Cllr Gray**

4. Financial implications from this decision have been communicated to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and the Leader? N/A

5. The decision was taken on: **21st May 2021**

Note: - the above date to be completed by Democratic Services upon publication

6. Contact Officer and details : **Michelle Howard. Assistant Director, Housing & Wellbeing.** 01507 613216 michelle.howard@e-lindsey.gov.uk

7. List of documents submitted for consideration in relation to the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made:

COVID LOCAL SUPPORT GRANT (3) Guidance



CLSG 3 Guidance v1
(FINAL).pdf

8. Where the documents are held and where they can be obtained from (except exempt items) when they become available: contact roxanne.warrick@e-lindsey.gov.uk

9. The reason for the decision and other alternative options considered and rejected:

The Department of Works and Pensions COVID Local Support Grant (CLSG) funding has been made available to Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) to cover the period 17 April 2021 until 20 June 2021 to support those most in need. The aim is to give vulnerable households peace of mind as COVID restrictions are eased by helping those who need it to have food on the table and other essentials.

LCC were provided with total grant of £523,165 under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, to administer the scheme and provide assistance to vulnerable families with children and other vulnerable households, particularly affected by the pandemic. With this funding, the county council made a payment to educational settings to support families during May half terms and enable them to access food. This left an expect sum of £110,933 which was equally divided and distributed to

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District Councils for local use to support individuals and families with cost for food, utilities, and other essentials including white goods.

On 17 May 2021, each District area was allocated £15,848 for local use. ELDC will be working with trusted Third Party Organisations (community larders, food banks, uniform banks) to distribute this funding as they have the local knowledge and are best placed to identify and help children, families and individuals in most in need in their community. Targeting this money effectively will ease the burden faced by vulnerable households across the District worrying about paying the next utility bill or food shop due to the pandemic.

10. Declaration of any conflicts of interest of the decision making body or the individual:
None
11. Provide a note of any subsequent dispensations granted by the Head of Paid service:
N/A
12. Financial Implications of this Decision: Fully externally funded by Lincolnshire County Council.

ELDC will fund this in the first instance and claim funding for LCC. Reporting and payment mechanisms are in place with relevant finance officers. Spending returns will be submitted by all Districts at agreed intervals to ensure grants are allocated within countywide budget (period 1: 17/04/21 – 04/06/21, period 2 05/06/21 – 11/06/21, period 3 12/06/21 – 20/06/21)

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13. This decision has been signed off by:

Head of Paid Service/S151 Officer or person presiding
(insert name – signatures should be provided overleaf on page 3)

Adrian Sibley – S151 Officer

Officer

Michelle Howard, Assistant Director (Housing & Wellbeing)

Portfolio Holder

Cllr Gray, Portfolio Holder