

FURTHER INFORMATION ON GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Specific and Special Grants Inside and Outside Aggregate External Finance (AEF)

Specific and Special grants are distributed outside the formula grant. They can be ringfenced or unfenced. Ringfenced grants are aimed at specific services or priorities and carry more restrictions concerning their application than unfenced grants, which are directed at named categories of expenditure but without formal restrictions on what the money can be spent on.

A further distinction exists in that some specific and special grants are issued as grants outside AEF, even though they support certain elements of revenue expenditure. For the status of a particular grant, reference should be made to the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Government Departments

- [Department for Constitutional Affairs](#)
- [Department for Culture, Media and Sport](#)
- [Home Office](#)
- [Department of Health](#)
- [Foreign and Commonwealth Office](#)
- [Department for Transport](#)
- [Department for Education and Skills](#)
- [Department for Trade and Industry](#)
- [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs](#)
- [HM Treasury](#)
- [Privy Council](#)
- [Department for Work and Pensions](#)
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Grants within AEF (Aggregate External Finance) Department for Education and Skills (DfES)

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)

Grant paid by the DfES, under Section 14 of the Education Act 2002, to local authorities for spending on their Schools Budget.

Children's Services

The Children's Services grant, which is not ring-fenced, is provided to enable local authorities to improve services - in particular to:

- **Support the development and provision of services in line with the Adoption Support Services Regulations 2005** The grant should be used to provide support services in line with the new regulations and in connection with the administrative costs of implementing these regulations.
- **Secure improved access to education for vulnerable children**, in particular: to provide high quality education for those unable to attend school or whose circumstances make it difficult for them to do so.
- **Support local authorities in developing placement choice for looked after children**, to increase placement stability and improve outcomes, particularly focusing on fostering services.
- **Further develop children's trusts and the role of Local Safeguarding Children Boards.** Some of this funding can be used to support the establishment of new child death review processes.
- **Introduce new processes to support improved information and assessment across agencies in children's services.** This should include training, particularly multi agency training, to improve information sharing, implement the Common Assessment Framework and the Lead Professional and introduce effective multi agency working.

General Sure Start Grant

This grant is made available to local authorities to allow them to pursue the goals set out by the Government as part of the National Childcare Strategy. Local authorities are responsible for administering this grant.

It also includes Local Sure Start Grant.

Standards Fund - School Standards Grant

Grant paid to local authorities to be fully devolved to schools on the basis of the formula set out in the 2006-2008 Standards Fund Circular.

Standards Fund - Other

Standards Fund – School Development Grant

Grant paid to local authorities to support the raising of standards of teaching and learning in schools.

Standards Fund – Devolved School Meals

Grant paid to local authorities to be fully devolved to schools on the basis of the formula set out in the 2006-2008 Standards Fund Circular.

Standards Fund – Targeted School Meals

Grant paid to local authorities to support the transformation of school meals and the target to place school meals on a sustainable footing at a level of quality to meet the nutritional standards for school meals that became mandatory in September 2006.

Any other Standards Fund

Revenue grants paid to local authorities as part of the DfES Standards Fund programme:

- Ethnic Minority Achievement (EMAG)
- Targeted Improvement Grant
- Extended Schools
- Targeted Support for Primary Strategy
- Targeted Support for Secondary Strategy
- Aimhigher
- Fresh Start and New Partnerships
- Music at Key Stage 2
- Primary Strategy: Central Coordination
- Secondary Strategy: Central Coordination
- Secondary Behaviour and Attendance
- Education Health Partnerships
- School Improvement Partners
- Music Services
- School Travel Advisers
- Choice Advisers
- Study Support: Quality Development Programme
- Playing for Success
- London Challenge
- School Intervention Grant
- Flexible 14 to 19 Partnerships Funding

Teenage Pregnancy Local Implementation

The purpose of the grant is to support the implementation of local teenage pregnancy strategies, through the pump-priming of promising practice and new approaches, and ensure that robust arrangements are in place for the co-ordination and the delivery of agreed local action plans.

The money is allocated by a formula that reflects the under 18 conception rates and population sizes, the reduction in under 18 conception numbers that an area must achieve to reach their 2010 target, and a minimum level of funding for strategic and partnership working.

Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) Leaving Care Costs

This grant is paid to local authorities providing leaving care support to former relevant unaccompanied asylum seeking children.

Youth Opportunity

The Youth Opportunity Fund is part of the wider policy agenda in the Youth Green Paper: The fund is to be spent at young people's discretion on projects to improve things to do and places to go in their area. This will support their personal and social development and help young people achieve the Every Child Matters outcomes.

Positive Activities for Young People programme (PAYP)

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT (DfT)

Specific Road Safety Grant

This grant includes funding for Safety Camera Partnerships.

Detrunking

Grant under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 to local authorities receiving former trunk roads in recognition of the additional responsibility they have taken on for routine maintenance.

Kerbcraft Road Safety

Work Related Road Safety

Rural Road Safety

Road Safety Partnerships

Road Safety Delivery Congestion Performance Fund

Transport Innovation Fund

Inner City Demonstration Projects

GLA Transport grant

Grant paid to the Greater London Authority for those purposes of Transport for London which involve only current expenditure; grant used to finance capital expenditure should be recorded as income on the appropriate capital form.

Metropolitan Railway Passenger Services

Payments to Passenger Transport Authorities to support PTE-secured rail services.

Personalised Travel Pilot

Roadside Vehicle Testing

Rural Bus Challenge and Kickstart

Grant to local authorities for subsidy of local bus services in rural areas previously not well served.

Rural Bus Subsidy

Payments made from 1998/99, under the Local Government Finance Act 1988, to county councils, unitary authorities and passenger transport authorities, in support of the costs relating to bus services projects in rural areas (i.e. outside settlements of over 10,000 people).

Travel Plan Bursaries

Urban Bus Challenge and Kickstart

Grant to local authorities for subsidy of local bus services in urban areas previously not well served.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DoH)

Access & Systems Capacity

Aimed at expanding the capacity and range of community based social care services for older people.

AIDS Support

Grant aimed at supporting authorities' social care provision for people with AIDS/HIV (and where appropriate, their partners, carers and families), to enable those living with AIDS/HIV to live in the community as long as possible.

Carers

The grant is for expenditure which stimulates greater diversity and flexibility of provision, enables carers to take a break from caring and encourages a greater awareness by councils of the need for services which are more responsive to the needs of carers.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

This grant was previously included in the Mental Health grant, but is now separately identified and is intended to be used for improving mental health services for children.

Delayed Discharges

A grant aimed at reducing the number of people remaining in hospital longer than is necessary.

Human Resources Development Strategy

A grant aimed at supporting social care employers to develop the social care workforce.

Individual Budgets Pilots

This grant is to support the Independence, Wellbeing and Choice agenda, including the piloting of individual budgets and wider work on modernising needs assessment processes. The pilot sites will be working with existing budgets but the intention is to give them all a modest allocation to support the costs of running the pilot.

Mental Health

The grant is to help local authorities improve the social care of people with a mental illness who need specialist psychiatric care, working in close co-operation with NHS services.

Mental Capacity Act and Independent Mental Capacity Advocate Service

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 became law on 1st April 2007. The Department of Health is making resources available to enable Councils with Social Services Responsibilities (CSSRs) to train staff across their Implementation Network to understand the implications of the Act

National Training Strategy

Grant to support the social care staff across the statutory, private and voluntary sectors.

Partnerships for Older People Projects

This grant provides funding to pilot new financial initiatives across health and social care that promote cost effective preventative services for older people, and which encourage the integration of budgets and services.

Preventative Technology

This grant provides funding to pilot new financial initiatives across health and social care that promote cost effective preventative services for older people, and which encourage the integration of budgets and services. These shared projects should in particular explore how the whole health and social care system can provide local authorities with positive financial incentives to invest in preventative services.

Preserved Rights

The grant assists councils with their responsibilities for care home residents who had preserved rights to higher rates of income support.

Smokefree Legislation

The smokefree provisions of the Health Act 2006 came into force on 1 July 2007. The Government has proposed that first-tier local authorities will be enforcement authorities for the new laws. The Department of Health is making resources available to support first-tier local authorities to undertake this work.

DEPARTMENT FOR WORK & PENSIONS (DWP)

Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit administration

This includes grants toward the approved costs of administering the Housing and Council Tax Benefit schemes, including the additional amounts for processing claims involving Tax and Pension Credits. The grant also includes funding towards the Fraud Incentive Scheme.

Performance Standards Fund

The Performance Standards Fund, solely applies to Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit administration and was set up to help local authorities tackle barriers to improved performance. The fund aims to help councils bridge the gap between their current performance and the standards set by the Department of Work and Pensions.

Workstep

Workstep is the new name for the modernised Supported Employment Programme, introduced on 1 April 2001. Workstep provides job support to over 30,000 disabled people who face more complex barriers to getting and keeping a job, and who can work effectively with the right support. It enables eligible disabled people to realise their full potential to work within a commercial environment, giving them, whenever possible, an opportunity to progress into open employment. The programme also offers practical assistance to employers.

COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Homelessness

Grants towards the costs of implementing local homelessness strategies. All authorities are offered a set allocation based on historic levels of homelessness and have the opportunity to bid for additional funding.

Local Authority Business Growth Incentives (LABGI) Scheme

This grant is the proportion of the growth in business rates, above a predetermined floor, paid to an authority in the final quarter of the year.

Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA) Performance Reward Grant

Performance Reward Grant can be earned by top tier authorities when they meet twelve stretch targets in Local Public Service Agreements made with the government. The grant is equivalent to 2.5 per cent of the authority's net budget requirement.

Neighbourhood Renewal Fund

A fund payable to the most deprived local authorities in England to support the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy. The purpose of these non-ring fenced resources is to help these authorities focus their main programme expenditures on their most deprived neighbourhoods to deliver better outcomes for their most deprived communities.

New Dimension Grants

This includes New Dimension Accommodation and Crewing grants.

Planning Delivery Grant

The grant is to meet PSA6, which requires all authorities to have local development frameworks in place and to meet the BV development control targets. The grant entitlement is based on authorities' high performance or improvement against the targets for development control. Authorities get bigger shares of the grant the more

their performance improves. Grant will be enhanced in the areas of high housing demand and the growth areas to complement work being done on PSA5.

The Private Finance Initiative (PFI)

Record the support given for the **revenue** expenditure which is incurred in meeting payments to contractors for the **capital** element of new projects undertaken through the PFI.

Supporting People Administration

The Welfare Services Grant for the Implementation of Supporting People (Supporting People Administration Grant): its aim is to contribute towards the cost of local authorities preparing for the implementation of Supporting People under section 93 of the Local Government Act 2000.

Supporting People Grant - Housing

Supporting People Grant – Social Services

Supporting People is the Government's long-term policy to enable local authorities to plan, commission and provide quality support services which help vulnerable people live independently in the community.

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD & RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA)

Animal Movement Licences

Grant for the switch of some of the livestock movement licensing arrangements to local authorities.

National Parks & Broads

Grant paid to National Park Authorities.

Waste Performance and Efficiency

Grant to support new and more efficient ways to deliver waste reduction and increase recycling and diversion from landfill.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI)

Copyright, Patents and Designs Act grant

The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them in their role of enforcing the legislative requirements set out in the Copyright Designs and Patents Act, which commenced on 6 April 2007.

HOME OFFICE (HO)

Asylum Seekers

Grants are provided to help local authority social services departments meet the additional costs that they may incur providing social services for asylum seekers.

Basic Command Units (BCU) Fund

The BCU Challenge Fund is to support and encourage innovative ideas and develop and spread best practice at police force Basic Command Unit level. Grants will be targeted towards forces with BCU's in high crime areas to help reduce crime in partnership with Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships.

Community Support Officers

Grant to support the costs of Community Support Officers who will free up police officer time, will play a crucial role in providing reassurance and who will have some powers to deal with low level crime and anti-social behaviour.

Counter Terrorism

A specific grant administered through ACPO to ensure that the Police Service can effectively delivery its counter terrorism commitments in line with CONTEST.

Initial Police Learning and Development Programme

Forces are required to provide initial training for all of their new recruits, in force, from April 2006.

Crime Fighting Fund

Grant payable to police authorities to boost recruitment of police officers.

Neighbourhood Policing Fund

The Neighbourhood Policing Fund's purpose is the help enable an expansion in neighbourhood policing and in particular an increase in the number of community support officers to 24,000 in 2008.

Probation Loan Charges

Payment to local authorities to cover loan charges relating to capital purchases for the Probation Service prior to April 2001.

Reform Deal

Grant towards costs of Police Reform Programme.

Young People Substance Misuse Partnership

Grant in support of the delivery of the updated "Drugs Strategy 2002 Tackling Drugs". It is a pooled budget containing funding from the Home Office, Department of Health, Department for Education and Skills and Youth Justice Board.

CABINET OFFICE (CO)

LFEPA Civil Contingencies

Other Grants within AEF

GRANTS OUTSIDE AEF (AGGREGATE EXTERNAL FINANCE)

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION & SKILLS (DfES)

Children's Fund

Neighbourhood Support Fund

Education Maintenance Allowance

Grant payable for scheme to keep children in education training past the age of 15.

Higher Education Funding Council (HEFC) Payments

Payments made by the Higher Education Funding Council for England to local authorities, for staff related (Crombie payments) and other inherited liabilities of higher education institutions formerly under LEA control.

Connexions

Adult and Community Learning from Learning and Skills Council (LSC)

Grants made by the LSC for Adult Education.

Sixth forms funding from Learning and Skills Council (LSC)

Grants made by the LSC for Sixth Form Education.

Further Education funding from Learning and Skills Council (LSC)

Mandatory Student Awards

Grant paid by central government in respect of Mandatory Student Awards.

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT (DfT)

Mersey Travel

Grant for Merseytravel PTE to cover the subsidy element of the Merseyrail Electrics rail network funding under a concession let by Merseytravel PTA. Paid in turn by the PTE to the Merseyrail Electrics concessionaire.

DEPARTMENT FOR WORK & PENSIONS (DWP)

Council Tax Benefit: subsidy

Mandatory Rent Allowances: subsidy

Mandatory Rent Rebates outside HRA: subsidy

Rent Rebates Granted to HRA Tenants: subsidy

COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Beacon

Beacon Grant

Rewards best value authorities showing excellence in a specified service area, allowing them to organise events and other activities to help transfer this good practice to other authorities. Section 36 Grant.

Beacon Peer Support Grant

Provides Beacon authorities with additional money to carry out specific targeted work with other authorities to raise their performance in individual service areas or to inform national policy.

Capacity Building

The Capacity Building Programme aims to help local government improve its capacity and competence to deliver or procure effective and efficient services and to develop better community leadership.

The Capacity Building Fund is also supporting the implementation of the Efficiency Review, the National Procurement Strategy and the Pay and Workforce Strategy. This work is being taken forward via Improvement Partnerships in conjunction with a combination of national programmes, tailored support for councils and support for innovation.

Housing Acts/ Urban Developments - contributions towards cost of loan charges

Contributions towards the cost of loan charges incurred by local authorities in respect of:

- grants they have made under the Home Improvement Grant system;
- costs of environmental works in General Improvement Areas and in Housing Action Areas (including enveloping schemes);
- costs of giving mandatory assistance to eligible private owners of designated defective dwellings sold by the public sector;
- costs relating to the conversion or improvement of their non-HRA dwellings;
- losses incurred in the exercise of their slum clearance functions.

Most of these grants were commuted on 1 October 1992.

New Deals for Communities (NDC)

This programme of £2b over 10 years consists of 39 of the most deprived neighbourhoods in England. Grant is paid under sections 126-128 of the Housing Grants, Construction & Regeneration Act 1996. Most of the NDC partnerships currently use their local authority as an accountable body as they have the necessary systems to ensure funding conditions are met on behalf of the partnership.

Efficiency Improvements in Local Government

Administered by Communities and Local Government. Grants on the revenue side include continuing support towards projects approved under the earlier schemes - Urban Programme and City Challenge, as well as a significant part of the s11 grants due to ethnic minority populations.

Fire Services

New Ventures Fund

This grant is about joined up government, forging new alliances, creating partnerships and promoting innovation by sharing risks involved in new types of delivery so that the public can get the benefit of a more integrated package of services.

Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder

Neighbourhood Element

Joint Liveability

Safer and Stronger Communities Fund Programme

Local Enterprise Growth Initiative

New Growth Points Funding

Cleaner, Safer, Greener Element

Housing Market Renewal Grant

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD & RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA)

Countryside Commission Grant

Grants by the Countryside Commission under section 9 of the Local Government Act 1974.

Rural Social and Community Programme

Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund

HOME OFFICE (HO)

Building Safer Communities

Tackling Violent Crime Programme

Crime Reduction Grants

Grants to Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships.

Drug Strategy Partnership Support Grant

Anti-Social Behaviour Trailblazer

Anti-Social Behaviour Action Area

Anti-Social Behaviour Grant

Youth Offending Teams Grant

Home Office direct funding of Youth Offending Teams (YOTs), including the grants to the 11 YOT areas as part of the referral order pilots.

Note:

Civil Defence: grant now transferred to FSS.

Lottery Funding: is not a grant.

Magistrates' Courts: are now the responsibility of Her Majesty's Courts Service (HMCS).

NDR allowance: is not a grant.

Training Support Programme: now funded through Formula Grant.

Youth Justice Board funding of Youth Offending Teams is not a specific grant.

Regional Development Agencies: grants to local authorities are capital rather than revenue grants.

Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme is not a grant.