# Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities

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To Local Authority Chief Executives in:

- 1. Unitary Authorities
- 2. Metropolitan Borough Councils
- 3. County Councils
- 4. London Boroughs (including the City of London)

CC: District Councils CC: Foundations, National Body for Home Improvement Agencies

## £573 million for the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) in 2022-23

Dear Local Authority Chief Executives,

I am pleased to inform you that 2022-23 allocations have been confirmed to us by the Department of Health and Social Care. This follows on from the announcement in the Adult Social Care White Paper, People at the Heart of Care, that £573 million is being made available for the DFG in each year from 2022-23 to 2024-25. As in previous years, we will make these payments to local authorities in England in May, and details of each local authority's allocation can be found in **Annex B**. This also specifies the DFG amounts which Tier 1 authorities must pay to each district council in their areas, unless otherwise agreed.

This confirmation of DFG funding over the next 3 years will see the cumulative total for the grant since 2010 rise to £5.9 billion by 2024-25. The White Paper also announced that funding will be made available for a new minor adaptations service and included a commitment to consult in 2022 on some key DFG reforms. These include reforming the means test, reviewing the allocation methodology and increasing the upper limit for the grant.

I would like to applaud the adaptability and innovation shown by local authorities in delivering their services to some of the most vulnerable people as the pandemic has ebbed and flowed. That said, I am also conscious of the pandemic's impact on the number of adaptations delivered by some authorities and subsequently the ability to spend their previous allocations during this period. I would like to encourage local authorities to work through any backlogs that have built up. You do have the flexibility to carry over any unspent monies from the main DFG allocation paid out in May 2021 into 2022-23.

As you know, the DFG is capital funding for the provision of home adaptations to help older and disabled people to live as independently and safely as possible in their homes. Where



agreed locally (and in two-tier areas with the express agreement of district councils), a portion of the grant may also be used for wider social care capital projects. A grant determination letter outlining the conditions of grant usage will be issued to local authorities to coincide with the payments being made. This can be found in **Annex A**.

As in previous years, funding for the DFG is ring-fenced within the Better Care Fund. In twotier areas the main DFG funding will be paid to the Tier 1 authorities (county councils), while the statutory duty to provide adaptations to the homes of those eligible people who qualify, continues to sit with Tier 2 local housing authorities (district councils). I can confirm that, building on the approach taken in previous years, each area should allocate DFG funding primarily for the provision of home adaptations, and in two-tier areas, unless specific agreement is given by any district council, Tier 1 authorities must pass down the DFG funding to their district councils in full, and in a timely manner, to enable the districts to continue to meet their statutory duty. Further details will be set out in the BCF Policy Framework for 2022-23, which will be published shortly.

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities would also like to draw your attention to Foundations, who are funded by this department. Foundations is the National Body for Home Improvement Agencies (HIAs). Foundations acts as a centre of expertise and training, and provides support to local authorities to enable the efficient, effective and timely delivery of the DFG and home adaptations. Foundations are on hand to provide support in working through any backlogs arising from the pandemic. More information can be found at: <u>https://www.foundations.uk.com/</u>.

Finally, I would like to remind you that new DFG guidance for local authorities has now been published on GOV.UK and can be accessed here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disabled-facilities-grant-dfg-delivery-guidance-for-local-authorities-in-england.

If you have any general questions about your authority's DFG funding in 2022-23 please send them to <u>Disabled.facilitiesgrants@levellingup.gov.uk</u>.

Regards,

Cathy Page Deputy Director Housing with Care and Support

# Annex A

## THE DISABLED FACILITIES CAPITAL GRANT (DFG) DETERMINATION 2022-23 [31/6092]

**The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Rough Sleeping and Housing)** ("the Minister") in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 hereby makes the following determination:

### Citation

1. This Determination may be cited as the Disabled Facilities Capital Grant Determination (2022-23) **[31/6092].** 

#### Purpose of the grant

2. The purpose of this grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards capital expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

#### Determination

3. The Minister determines as the Tier 1 authorities, unitary authorities and London Boroughs to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid, the authorities and the amounts set out in **Annex B** to this determination.

#### **Grant conditions**

4. Pursuant to section 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003, the Minister of State determines that the grant will be paid subject to the conditions set out below.

#### Treasury consent

5. Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Minister obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Rough Sleeping and Housing)

Cathy Page Deputy Director Housing with Care and Support

10 May 2022

## **GRANT CONDITIONS**

- 1. Grant paid to a local authority under this determination may be used only for the purposes of meeting capital expenditure and as provided for in paragraphs 2 to 5 below.
- 2. Grant paid under this determination must be spent in accordance with a Better Care Fund (BCF) spending plan jointly agreed between the relevant local authority or local authorities and the relevant Clinical Commissioning Groups. This plan must be developed in keeping with the 2022-23 BCF Policy Framework and BCF Planning Guidance (which provides specific guidance on the DFG) which will be published shortly.
- In two-tier authority areas each Tier 1 authority must pay the amounts specified in Annex
  B below as allocated to the named Tier 2 authorities in their area to those authorities in full no later than 30 June 2022, subject to paragraph 4.
- 4. A Tier 1 authority may retain part or all of an amount specified in **Annex B** below as allocated to a Tier 2 authority in their area if the relevant Tier 2 authority has expressly agreed, in accordance with National Condition 1, that the money is to be used for other social care capital projects.
- 5. Any money paid under this grant determination must only be used for the specific purpose of funding adaptations for disabled people who qualify for a Disabled Facilities Grant made under the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 or under the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) Order 2002 (or any other social care capital projects where otherwise agreed as above).
- 6. The Chief Executive or Chief Internal Auditor of each of the recipient payment authorities (London Boroughs, Unitary Authorities and Tier 1 Authorities) are required to sign and return to <u>Disabled.facilitiesgrants@levellingup.gov.uk</u> at the Housing with Care and Support Division of the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities a declaration, to be received no later than 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023, 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 the Disabled Facilities Capital Grant Determination (2022-23) No [31/6092] have been complied with".
- 7. If an authority fails to comply with any of the conditions and requirements of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 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.

8. Any sum notified by the Minister of State under paragraph 7(b) shall immediately become repayable to the Minister.

## ANNEX B: DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT ALLOCATIONS 2022-23

Tier 1 Authorities	2022-23 Allocations
Cambridgeshire	£5,069,550
Cambridge	£847,451
East Cambridgeshire	£690,078
Fenland	£1,214,776
Huntingdonshire	£1,492,102
South Cambridgeshire	£825,144
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Cumbria	£7,130,520
Allerdale	£1,377,770
Barrow-in-Furness	£1,409,797
Carlisle	£2,155,574
Copeland	£811,017
Eden	£542,069
South Lakeland	£834,293
Derbyshire	£7,898,004
Amber Valley	£1,454,493
Bolsover	£1,134,054
Chesterfield	£1,371,747
Derbyshire Dales	£601,736
Erewash	£1,062,242
High Peak	£554,969
North East Derbyshire	£819,693
South Derbyshire	£899,071
Devon	£8,245,371
East Devon	£1,531,240
Exeter	£974,126
Mid Devon	£817,853
North Devon	£1,111,130
South Hams	£879,569
Teignbridge	£1,507,720
Torridge	£847,533
West Devon	£576,202
Foot Sussay	
East Sussex	<b>£8,123,612</b>
Eastbourne	£1,755,225
Hastings	£2,056,655



Lewes	£1,225,885
Rother	£1,844,806
Wealden	£1,241,041
Essex	£11,885,443
Basildon	£1,438,660
Braintree	£1,056,441
Brentwood	£420,142
Castle Point	£831,407
Chelmsford	£1,101,613
Colchester	£1,452,105
Epping Forest	£971,213
Harlow	£905,627
Maldon	£612,132
Rochford	£540,059
Tendring	£2,320,471
Uttlesford	£235,576
Gloucestershire	£6,842,353
Cheltenham	£1,024,524
Cotswold	£1,327,875
Forest of Dean	£998,217
Gloucester	£1,276,921
Stroud	£825,663
Tewkesbury	£1,389,153
Hampshire	£14,252,433
Basingstoke and Deane	£1,562,597
East Hampshire	£1,690,421
Eastleigh	£1,319,760
Fareham	£858,974
Gosport	£902,604
Hart	£838,106
Havant	£1,993,167
New Forest	£1,276,961
Rushmoor	£1,203,311
Test Valley	£1,375,497
Winchester	£1,231,035
Hertfordshire	£8,263,888
Broxbourne	£843,918
Dacorum	£987,507
East Hertfordshire	£772,553
Hertsmere	£784,397

North Hertfordshire	£953,195
St Albans	£775,007
Stevenage	£847,064
Three Rivers	£665,264
Watford	£766,866
Welwyn Hatfield	£868,117
Kent	£19,155,884
Ashford	£1,032,109
Canterbury	£1,348,418
Dartford	£683,561
Dover	£1,473,352
Gravesham	£1,177,669
Maidstone	£1,507,026
Sevenoaks	£1,303,129
Folkestone and Hythe	£1,505,421
Swale	£2,917,102
Thanet	£3,422,000
Tonbridge and Malling	£1,344,236
Tunbridge Wells	£1,441,860
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Lancashire	£16,714,884
Burnley	£2,722,544
Chorley	£878,988
Fylde	£1,237,227
Hyndburn	£1,095,958
Lancaster	£2,144,278
Pendle	£1,104,815
Preston	£1,680,459
Ribble Valley	£393,008
Rossendale	£1,160,053
South Ribble	£774,141
West Lancashire	£1,443,446
Wyre	£2,079,964
Leicestershire	£4,447,228
Blaby	£663,804
Charnwood	£1,126,607
Harborough	£512,365
Hinckley and Bosworth	£578,935
Melton	£344,710
North West Leicestershire	£760,574
Oadby and Wigston	£460,232
Lincolnshire	£6,976,485



Boston	£632,715
East Lindsey	£2,039,523
Lincoln	£851,990
North Kesteven	£910,537
South Holland	£772,382
South Kesteven	£975,298
West Lindsey	£794,041
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Norfolk	£9,157,782
Breckland	£1,329,644
Broadland	£1,013,705
Great Yarmouth	£1,348,045
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	£1,782,807
North Norfolk	£1,354,615
Norwich	£1,293,541
South Norfolk	£1,035,425
North Yorkshire	£5,114,924
Craven	£631,795
Hambleton	£541,382
Harrogate	£825,711
Richmondshire	£308,908
Ryedale	£662,419
Scarborough	£1,641,382
Selby	£503,327
Nottinghamshire	£7,886,631
Ashfield	£1,047,045
Bassetlaw	£1,324,693
Broxtowe	£983,969
Gedling	£1,189,210
Mansfield	£1,425,589
Newark and Sherwood	£1,159,270
Rushcliffe	£756,856
Oxfordshire	£6,658,545
Cherwell	£1,239,940
Oxford	£1,421,433
South Oxfordshire	£1,550,448
Vale of White Horse	£1,638,973
West Oxfordshire	£807,750
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Somerset CC	£4,952,841
Mendip	£1,009,598
Sedgemoor	£1,092,482



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South Somerset	£1,405,418
Somerset West and Taunton	£1,445,343
Staffordshire	£10,005,367
Cannock Chase	£1,051,224
East Staffordshire	£1,160,392
Lichfield	£1,109,194
Newcastle-under-Lyme	£1,715,114
South Staffordshire	£1,126,662
Stafford	£1,522,033
Staffordshire Moorlands	£1,773,856
Tamworth	£546,890
Suffolk CC	£7,001,501
Babergh	£760,251
Ipswich	£1,367,358
Mid Suffolk	£697,965
West Suffolk	£1,454,537
East Suffolk	£2,721,389
Surrey	£10,155,847
Elmbridge	£976,997
Epsom and Ewell	£785,282
Guildford	£805,901
Mole Valley	£886,819
Reigate and Banstead	£1,286,692
Runnymede	£874,205
Spelthorne	£943,241
Surrey Heath	£884,021
Tandridge	£522,380
Waverley	£852,606
Woking	£1,337,703
Warwickshire	£5,124,786
North Warwickshire	£794,560
Nuneaton and Bedworth	£1,652,119
Rugby	£717,236
Stratford-on-Avon	£961,444
Warwick	£999,427
West Sussex	£9,414,970
Adur	£740,223
Arun	£1,898,335
Chichester	£1,721,227
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Crawley	£1,052,466
Horsham	£1,403,800
Mid Sussex	£1,163,126
Worthing	£1,435,793
Worcestershire	£6,163,577
Bromsgrove	£1,036,273
Malvern Hills	£682,875
Redditch	£952,377
Worcester	£780,221
Wychavon	£1,251,934
Wyre Forest	£1,459,897
Tier 1 Authorities Total:	£206,642,426

Unitary Authorities and London Boroughs	2022-23 Allocations
Barking And Dagenham	£1,856,901
Barnet	£2,884,527
Barnsley	£3,377,046
Bath And North East Somerset	£1,441,905
Bedford	£1,410,737
Bexley	£2,964,977
Birmingham	£12,943,092
Blackburn With Darwen	£2,129,743
Blackpool	£2,614,944
Bolton	£3,577,890
Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole	£3,518,312
Bracknell Forest	£968,392
Bradford	£5,137,133
Brent	£5,316,897
Brighton And Hove	£2,312,933
Bristol, City Of	£3,528,349
Bromley	£2,442,564
Buckinghamshire	£4,065,961
Bury	£2,076,611
Calderdale	£3,033,013
Camden	£1,046,736
Central Bedfordshire	£1,926,729
Cheshire East	£2,342,241
Cheshire West And Chester	£3,688,301
City Of London	£37,091
Cornwall	£7,548,514
County Durham	£6,988,139
Coventry	£4,181,686



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Croydon	£2,992,679
Darlington	£1,063,345
Derby	£2,323,304
Doncaster	£2,782,137
Dorset Council	£4,152,450
Dudley	£6,444,209
Ealing	£3,724,468
East Riding Of Yorkshire	£3,086,212
Enfield	£3,735,926
Gateshead	£2,111,149
Greenwich	£2,856,842
Hackney	£1,730,686
Halton	£1,994,703
Hammersmith And Fulham	£1,495,597
Haringey	£2,678,851
Harrow	£1,721,553
Hartlepool	£1,221,874
Havering	£2,056,802
Herefordshire, County Of	£2,268,653
Hillingdon	£5,111,058
Hounslow	£2,999,580
Isle Of Wight	£2,272,039
Isles Of Scilly	£29,344
Islington	£1,939,775
Kensington And Chelsea	£959,824
Kingston Upon Hull, City Of	£2,874,271
Kingston Upon Thames	£1,520,112
Kirklees	£3,623,994
Knowsley	£2,746,648
Lambeth	£1,678,410
Leeds	£8,286,057
Leicester	£2,714,004
Lewisham	£1,518,970
Liverpool	£8,514,314
Luton	£1,608,433
Manchester	£8,482,757
Medway	£2,470,674
Merton	£1,452,224
Middlesbrough	£2,268,123
Milton Keynes	£1,267,783
Newcastle Upon Tyne	£2,722,478
Newham	£2,848,068
North East Lincolnshire	£3,220,832
North Lincolnshire	£2,587,067
North Northamptonshire	£2,561,759



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South Gloucestershire £2,339,081
South Tyneside £1,918,457
Southampton £2,513,314
Southend-On-Sea £1,721,065
Southwark £1,686,144
St. Helens £3,147,755
Stockport £2,885,856
Stockton-On-Tees £1,804,655
Stoke-On-Trent £3,443,596
Sunderland £4,055,399
Sutton £1,807,785
Swindon £1,306,397
Tameside £2,849,319
Telford And Wrekin £2,306,755
Thurrock £1,318,524
Torbay £2,128,689
Tower Hamlets £2,320,693
Trafford £2,469,979
Wakefield £4,340,710
Walsall £4,202,771
Waltham Forest £2,362,308
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West Berkshire	£2,065,205
Westminster	£1,729,201
West Northamptonshire	£2,558,938
Wigan	£4,554,373
Wiltshire	£3,713,864
Windsor And Maidenhead	£1,032,131
Wirral	£4,723,627
Wokingham	£1,075,656
Wolverhampton	£3,571,301
York	£1,467,977
Unitary Authorities & London Boroughs Total:	£366,357,575
Overall Total for DFG in 2022-23	£573,000,000

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