

## **Annex A: FOI Request - ATISN 16495 - CD - Discretionary Assistance Fund - 22-07-2022 – answers to Part A**

### **Part A – Discretionary Assistance Fund - for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.**

1. Total spend = **£27,465,050.19**
2. Broken down by Local Authority – Spend/Number of applications/Number of grants awarded – **Please see table 1**

**Table 1**

Local Authority	Applications Received	Applications Awarded	Total Value of Awards
Blaenau Gwent	16408	9617	£940,940.76
Bridgend	19873	11884	£1,232,483.41
Caerphilly	26482	15882	£1,685,623.55
Cardiff	56500	33841	£3,932,803.64
Carmarthenshire	17601	11051	£1,434,580.00
Ceredigion	3216	1981	£286,299.42
Conwy	11161	6802	£829,338.62
Denbighshire	12562	7787	£852,084.28
Flintshire	14204	8945	£1,000,235.89
Gwynedd	11223	6942	£830,507.13
Isle of Anglesey	5694	3639	£456,533.70
Merthyr Tydfil	15647	9349	£867,520.77
Monmouthshire	4740	2871	£374,880.90
Neath Port Talbot	22660	13726	£1,425,793.68
Newport	31586	19092	£2,128,011.08
Pembrokeshire	9067	5671	£642,697.35
Powys	5331	3323	£443,447.78
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	40675	24118	£2,551,062.72
Swansea	31842	19576	£1,937,085.70
Torfaen	14443	9111	£1,001,252.76
Vale of Glamorgan	13985	8636	£1,018,205.61
Wrexham	21408	13202	£1,593,661.44
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>406308</b>	<b>247046</b>	<b>£27,465,050.19</b>

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3. Percentage of overall expenditure on furniture or white goods - **Please see table 2**

**Table 2**

Local Authority	Percentage of Value on Furniture and/or White Goods
Blaenau Gwent	31%
Bridgend	35%
Caerphilly	36%
Cardiff	43%
Carmarthenshire	46%
Ceredigion	51%
Conwy	45%
Denbighshire	38%
Flintshire	39%
Gwynedd	43%
Isle of Anglesey	47%
Merthyr Tydfil	28%
Monmouthshire	51%
Neath Port Talbot	36%
Newport	41%
Pembrokeshire	39%
Powys	47%
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	37%
Swansea	33%

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Torfaen	39%
Vale of Glamorgan	43%
Wrexham	43%
Grand Total	40%

4. Any additional funding/grants beyond the DAF in response to Covid 19 excluding self-isolation payments? If yes -- Name of scheme, total spend, number of grants awarded

### Unpaid carer financial support scheme (£500 payment)

In 2021/22, £29,520,000 was made available to local authorities to pay unpaid carers £500 if they were in receipt of Carer's Allowance on 31 March 2022. 57,130 individuals qualify for the payment under the eligibility criteria. The registration period for this payment was open from 16<sup>th</sup> May until the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

£520,000 of that total was allocated to local authorities to cover the £9 processing fee for each payment on behalf of Welsh Government.

Final figures on take up are not yet available, but the latest returns from local authorities indicate that 66% of all those eligible had successfully claimed.

### Unpaid Carers Support Fund (CTW)

For the year 2021/22, Welsh Government, through Carers Trust Wales, provided £1.25m for the Unpaid Carers Support Fund. Unpaid carers were able to apply for small grants to purchase essential household items such as washing machines and furniture, in addition to covering household bills and food shopping.

£1,061,623 was spent on direct support helping 5385 unpaid carers.

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