

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

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### **Part B: Household Support Fund**

These questions specifically pertain to your allocation of the Household Support Fund. For clarity purposes we are referring to the fund announced by the Government [here](#). We believe that Wales received £25 million from the Household Support Fund as part of the first tranche of funding from Autumn 2021 to March 2022.

1. How much of this fund were you allocated for 2021/22?  
**£25million.**
2. How did you distribute this fund across the Welsh local authorities? Please could you provide a breakdown of the allocation across the 22 principal areas

**We created a Winter Fuel Support Scheme and included within this scheme additional Welsh Government funding.**

**The payments for this scheme were distributed through the 22 Local Authorities with allocations made retrospectively based on the applications received from eligible households. A total breakdown is here -**

<b>Local Authority area</b>	<b>Amount distributed 2021/22 – Winter Fuel Support Scheme</b>
Blaenau Gwent	£1,151,799.00
Bridgend	£1,820,219.00
Caerphilly	£2,375,608.00
Cardiff	£4,606,031.00
Carmarthenshire	£1,789,920.00
Ceredigion	£603,897.00
Conwy	£1,137,767.00
Denbighshire	£1,176,690.00
Flintshire	£1,400,712.00
Gwynedd	£1,091,895.00
Isle of Anglesey	£650,308.00
Merthyr Tydfil	£991,961.00
Monmouth	£501,653.00
Neath Port Talbot	£2,340,038.00
Newport	£1,792,919.00
Pembrokeshire	£1,000,184.00
Powys	£800,675.00
Rhondda Cynon Taff	£3,093,830.90
Swansea	£2,896,340.00
Torfaen	£1,337,500.00
Vale of Glamorgan	£1,374,754.00
Wrexham	£1,521,225.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£35,455,925.90</b>

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3. Did you provide any guidance on how the fund should be spent and if so, please can you provide it?

**Yes**



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4. Could anyone apply to receive support from this fund or was it distributed based on certain criteria (e.g. eligibility to FSM?)

**It was distributed based on the following criteria (Winter Fuel Support Scheme Guidance Page 2)**

***An applicant meets this condition if they (or their partner) are in receipt of one of the qualifying working age-means tested benefits at any time between 1 December 2021 and 31 January 2022. They are:***

- ***Income Support, or***
- ***Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance, or***
- ***Income-Related Employment & Support Allowance, or***
- ***Universal Credit, or***
- ***Working Tax Credits.***

5. Please provide approximate percentages (or the amount in £) indicating what this fund was spent on

- a. Targeted direct grants to recipients of the following benefits (please specify these below)

- i. Free School Meals %

**Information not held**

- ii. Universal Credit %

**Information not held**

- iii. Council Tax Support %

**Information not held**

- iv. Tax Credit %

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v. Discretionary Housing Payments %

**Information not held**

vi. Other (please specify) %

**Information not held**

b. Additional funding for your DAF scheme (as set out in Part A) %

**Additional Welsh Government funding was allocated to the DAF scheme but not from the UK Government Household Support Fund consequential funding.**

c. Funding for third party Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations %

**None**

d. A new scheme to which members of the public could **apply** for support, which ran alongside your existing DAF scheme %

**Please see above the information regarding the Winter Fuel Support Scheme**

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