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INTRODUCTION

These notes provide instructions on the completion of form RA(G) covering budgeted specific and special government grants, which cover revenue expenditure. The RA(G) forms are for completion by Welsh county and county borough councils, Welsh police and crime commissioners, Welsh fire authorities and Welsh national park authorities.

The figures are used for modelling and calculations of standard spending assessments, and to make informed policy decisions. The figures are also used to derive answers to Assembly Questions; enquiries from the various committees of the Assembly; and official letters that request information on local authority spending.

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COMPLETION OF THE FORM

General

Record all specific and special government grants received as **NEGATIVE**.

All entries should be on an *accrual's* basis, i.e. they should relate to grants which finance expenditure in respect of the financial year, regardless of when the grants will actually be received. Grants relating to a programme of work over a number of years should be recorded in respect of the expenditure incurred during the period covered by the form.

All expenditure recorded on the main RA form **should include** that financed by specific and special government grants. The grants used to finance spending against each line on the main RA form are also recorded on that form in column 7.

The RA(G) form gives a different analysis of grants, generally by grant name. Sub-totals of the figures entered on the RA(G) form are also passed through to the main RA form to be netted off gross revenue expenditure in order to achieve consistency with the budget requirement. The RA(G) sub-totals are also applied in checking off the total of grant figures recorded in column 7 on the main RA form. This check is made on the main RA form at line 150.

Specific and special government grants should be interpreted as including all revenue grants paid directly by the European Union, the Welsh Government, UK government departments, or by Welsh Government sponsored / non-departmental public bodies (for example the Arts Council), as support for the provision of a local authority service.

Care should be taken to **exclude** any *income* from such bodies as reimbursement for services carried out by local authorities **on their behalf**. Examples include work undertaken by local authorities under agency arrangements, for example work carried out on motorways and trunk roads; vehicle licence administration; supply of teaching staff and related services in penal establishments. It is appropriate to assume a net budget of zero for such arrangements.

TO NOTE

Revenue Support Grant

There is a continuing move to incorporate existing grants into the Revenue Support Grant.

Added in 2019-20	Added in 2020-21	Added in 2022-23
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher's pay grant.Free school meals grant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher's pension grant.Social care tasks performed by a registered nurse in nursing.In addition, £0.15M being transferred from Coastal Risk Management Programme to RSG.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Food and Residual Waste Treatment Gate Fee Support.

Other Grants

Removed in 2019-20

Line		Added to	See line
106	Families First - Spent on Education	CCG	168
123	Promoting Positive Engagement for young people	CCG	168
125	Pioneer Schools	RCSG	131
128	Modern Foreign Languages	RCSG	131
166	Communities First (Education)	CCG	168
167	Education Improvement Grant for Schools	RCSG	131
304	Families First: spent on education	CCG	168
310	Promoting Positive Engagement for young people	CCG	168
311	Supporting people (social services)	HSG	402
328	Flying Start (social services)	CCG	168
330	Communities First (social services)	CCG	168
335	Out of School Childcare	CCG	168
402	Supporting People (Housing)	HSG	402
702	Families First (other local services)	CCG	168
735	Single Revenue Grant	replaced by ENRaW	740

Added in 2019-20

Line 131	Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant (RCSIG).
Line 132	Local Authority Education Grant.
Line 402	Housing Support Grant (formerly supporting people - housing).
Line 740	Enabling Natural Resources and Well Being Grant (ENRaW).

Removed in 2020-21

Line 127	GCSE support programme grant.
Line 137	Communities for work (education).
Line 145	School uniform grant.
Line 320	Communities for work (social services).
Line 321	Community purposes (social services).
Line 403	Community purposes (housing).
Line 720	Community purposes (other).
Line 733	Town centre partnerships (now includes tidy town grant).

Added in 2020-21

Line 169	Reducing infant class sizes grant.
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Line 415 Social care workforce and sustainability pressures grant.
Line 741 Food and residual waste treatment gate fee support.
Line 742 A healthier West Wales (supported programmes 1, 3, 7).

Removed in 2021-22

Line 737 Cardiff Capital Region City Deal – changed to Capital grant.
Line 742 A healthier West Wales (supported programmes 1, 3, 7).

Added in 2021-22

Line 170 Recruit, Recover Raise Standards - the Accelerating Learning Programme
Line 171 Additional Learning Needs
Line 172 Transition support for Minority Ethnic and Gypsy, Roma, Traveller learners
Line 173 School Essentials Grant, previously PDG Access
Line 313 Transformation Fund
Line 743 Sustainable Waste Management Grant
Line 744 Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Rates Relief Scheme
Line 745 COVID-19. Local Government Single Emergency Hardship Fund
Line 746 COVID-19 Bus Emergency Support
Line 747 COVID-19 Free School Meals
Line 748 COVID-19 Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP)

Removed in 2022-23

Line 745 COVID-19 Local Government Single Emergency Hardship Fund
Line 746 COVID-19 Bus Emergency Support
Line 747 COVID-19 Free School Meals
Line 748 COVID-19 Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP)

Added in 2022-23

Line 174 Universal Primary Free School Meals
Line 750 Coastal Risk Management Programme

Removed in 2023-24

Line 169 Reducing Infant Class Sizes Grant
Line 724 Community Cohesion Fund
Line 730 Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFA) Grant
Line 736 Waste Infrastructure Procurement Programme – Gate Fee Contributions
Line 738 High Street Rate Relief
Line 740 Enabling Natural Resources and Wellbeing Grant
Line 741 Food and Residual Waste Treatment Gate Fee Support

Added in 2023-24

Line 315 Homelessness - No One Left Approach
Line 316 Homelessness - Discretionary Homelessness Convention
Line 318 Support proposals relating to eliminating profit from the care of looked after children
Line 319 Support proposals relating to radical reform of the care of looked after children

Removed in 2024-25

Line 118 Post-16 provision in schools (to transfer to Commission for Tertiary Education and Research from April 2024-25)
Line 119 European Community Grant for Education
Line 131 Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant LAEG in 2024-25
Line 132 Local Authority Education Grant (split into 4 areas in 2024-25)
Line 133 Adult Community Learning (to transfer to Commission for Tertiary Education and Research from April 2024-25)
Line 152 EEC milk grant
Line 164 Pupil Development Grant LAEG in 2024-25

Line 167	Education Improvement Grant	LAEG in 2024-25
Line 170	Accelerated Learning Programme	LAEG in 2024-25
Line 171	Additional Learning Needs	LAEG in 2024-25
Line 172	Transition support for Minority Ethnic and Gypsy, Roma, Traveller learners	LAEG in 2024-25
Line 209	Bus Revenue Support (paid to Transport for Wales)	
Line 211	Young Persons Discounted Bus Travel Scheme (not admin by LAs)	
Line 312	Youth Justice Board	
Line 332	Domestic Abuse Service Grant - DAC & IDVA	
Line 333	Youth Crime Prevention Fund	
Line 336	Childcare Offer (no longer admin. by LAs)	
Line 415	Social Care Workforce and Sustainability Grant	moved to Social Services
Line 719	Waste Grant - same as Line 743	

Added in 2024-25

Line 132.1	Local Authority Education Grant - School Standards
Line 132.2	Local Authority Education Grant - Equity
Line 132.3	Local Authority Education Grant - Reform
Line 132.4	Local Authority Education Grant - Cymraeg 2050
Line 752	Communities For Work+

OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS

Record the amounts of specific and special government grants received in respect of each of the schemes listed.

In some cases, the scheme appears more than once, to be disaggregated between different service headings. In these cases, record the appropriate share of the grant against each service area.

Education

Line 132 Local Authority Education Grant – NEW in 2019-20 split into 4 in 2024-25

To include the following grants:

Additional support for Ethnic Minority, Gypsy Roma Traveller Learners; PDG Access; Additional learning needs; Elective home education.

To provide access to additional support for disadvantaged learners, fund professional learning to support and raise the quality of our teachers and to support additional costs and financial pressures on local authorities associated with the Teacher's Pay award 2019-20.

This included 15M from the 'Schools Funding Grant'. Not a grant but additional funding for professional learning to support and raise the quality of our teachers.

Local Authority Grant 2024-25

As part of the 2024-25 Draft Budget, we announced a further simplification and streamlining of the funding to local authorities and schools in line with our national mission of high standards and aspirations for all. From April 2024 we will be providing funding via the Local Authority Education Grant (LAEG) with four grant elements, namely: School Standards, Equity, Reform and Cymraeg 2050.

Line 132.1 Local Authority Education Grant – School Standards - NEW 2024-25

This element consists of funding which will be passported to schools using a national formula; it will also include funding to be retained to allow LAs to support their schools and other settings. Application of a national formula will ensure consistency and fairness to all schools and settings across Wales, as well as reduce complexity and provide transparency of this funding going forward.

Line 132.2 Local Authority Education Grant – Equity – NEW 2024-25

This element consists of funding which supports equity in education policy. Outcomes will support equity policy objectives including PDG, care-experienced children, attendance, wellbeing, Minority Ethnic and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (MEGRT) learners and home educated learners.

Line 132.3 Local Authority Education Grant – Reform – NEW 2024-25

This element consists of funding which will support education reform initiatives across Wales. It will support outcomes for curriculum, professional learning and leadership, ALN and the Whole School Approach to Wellbeing.

Line 132.4 Local Authority Education Grant – Cymraeg 2050 – NEW 2024-25

This element consists of funding which supports schools and local authorities with the objectives of Cymraeg 2050.

Line 154 Youth Service also the Youth Support Grant

This should more accurately be called the Youth Support Grant, which encompasses the Youth Services and Youth Engagement and Progression Framework Grants.

Line 168 Children and Communities Grant - NEW in 2019-20

This replaces the Flexible Funding pilot grant and was rolled out across authorities from April 2019. It comprises the following grants: Flying Start, Families First, Legacy Fund, Promoting Positive Engagement for Young People at risk of offending, St David's Day Fund, Communities for Work Plus, Childcare and Play.

Line 173 School Essentials Grant, previously PDG Access - NEW in 2021-22

Provides financial support to families eligible for Free School Meals (eFSM) to help with the cost of school uniform and equipment. In 2021/22 the grant was extended to eligible children and young people in all compulsory school years, meaning that even more families can now benefit from this support. The grant is worth £125 per eligible learner (£200 for Year 7) and is paid to families via local authorities.

In recognition of the pressures facing families, on 14 March 2022 the Minister for Education and Welsh Language announced an additional one-off payment of £100 to every child or young person eligible for School Essentials. This takes funding up to £23m for 2022/23.

Line 174 Universal Primary Free School Meals - NEW in 2022-23

Welsh Government has committed to roll out free school meals to all primary pupils by September 2024 as part of a Co-operation Agreement with Plaid Cymru.

An important step to reaching our shared ambitions of tackling child poverty and ensuring that children have at least one meal every school day, particularly with the rising cost of living.

Line 198 Other education (including Emergency Financial Assistance)

Exclude any income from various bodies as reimbursement for services carried out by local authorities **on their behalf**. Examples include work undertaken by local authorities under agency arrangements, for example supply of teaching staff and related services in penal establishments. It is appropriate to assume a net budget of zero for such arrangements.

Roads and transport

Line 203 Concessionary Fares Re-imbusement Grant also known as Mandatory Concessionary Fares

To reimburse local authorities for the provision of the 'All Wales' Concessionary Bus Scheme.

Line 208 Bus Services Support Grant

Grant supports provision of local bus and community transport services across Wales within a sustainable transport network. Partially subsidised on cost per k.

Line 210 Local Transport Fund (formerly Local Transport Grant)

Reflects Ministers priorities that transport investment leads to a measurable improvement in economic activity, access to employment, healthier travel and tackling poverty.

Line 212 Road Safety Grant

To support local authorities to deliver measures to improve road safety.

Line 298 Other Road and Transport

Repairs to non-trunk roads; Regional transport consortia.

Social Services

Line 311 Housing Support Grant (formerly supporting people - social services) - NEW in 2019-20

See line 402.

Line 313 Transformation Fund - NEW in 2020-21 also called Early Years Integration Transformation Grant

Funding to support the scaling to regional level and beyond of transformative approaches to HSC in Wales/new seamless models of care and is paid directly to lead LA Banker.

Line 315 Homelessness - No One Left Approach - NEW in 2023-24

Line 316 Homelessness - Discretionary Homelessness Convention - NEW in 2023-24

Line 318 Support proposals relating to eliminating profit from the care of looked after children
To support your local authority to deliver the Programme for Government commitment to eliminate profit from the care of children looked after through development of inhouse/ not for profit fostering and residential provision.

Line 319 Support proposals relating to radical reform of the care of looked after children
To support your local authority to reduce the number of children looked after, to enable children and families to remain together and/or to improve service provision.

Line 331 Substance Misuse Action Fund
To help address priorities outlined in substance misuse commissioning strategies and tackle Welsh Government priorities such as waiting times, Tier 4 services and increasing children and young people's services.

Line 337 Children and Communities Grant (Social Services) - NEW in 2019-20 - see line 168

Line 338 Social Care Workforce Grant (previously in Housing-line 415) added in 2024-25
The Purpose of the Funding is to facilitate the delivery of our Healthier Wales priorities by supporting local authorities' deliver their core social services (children's and adults')

Line 398 Other Social Services (including Emergency Financial Assistance formally 'Bellwin')
Include any funding provided to local authorities to cover any lost income from waiving home care charges for up to six weeks following discharge from hospital.

Also include any provision for Emergency Financial Assistance scheme grants to be used to support emergency social services expenditure.

- European Community grants for Social Services – to support Social Service expenditure (Objective 1, etc.)
- Local Health Board (LHB)
- Food and fitness health promotion scheme
- SHARP.

Housing

Line 402 Housing Support Grant (formerly supporting people - housing)
Formerly supporting people but also brought together two other small grants in 2019-20: Homelessness Prevention; Rent Smart Wales Enforcement.

The change took place over two stages for the following reasons:

- WG intend to undertake a co-productive approach to developing the structure of the HSG and for this process to be robust we must allow sufficient time for stakeholders to contribute.
- The decision of Welsh Ministers to make a commitment that “local authorities should allocate funding to SP programmes at least at the level of their SP allocation unless they can demonstrate that they can be sure of delivering the same, or improved, services for less money as a result of efficiencies,” requires the identification of Supporting People spend from 2019-20.

Line 407 Rent rebates granted to HRA tenants
Record the subsidies received towards the cost of those tenants living in HRA accommodation who qualify for rent rebates, covering the whole or part of their rent.

Line 414 Children and Communities Grant (Housing) - NEW in 2019-20 - see line 168

Line 415 **Social care workforce and sustainability pressures grant. Moved to Social Services in 2024-25**

Line 498 **Other housing (including Emergency Financial Assistance formally 'Bellwin')**

Include grants to be received in respect of *revenue* funding for homelessness schemes, social housing management and the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme.

Include any provision for Emergency Financial Assistance scheme grants to be used to support emergency council fund housing expenditure.

Social Housing management grant - to assist social landlords achieve high standards of housing management.

Include grants from European Community for housing - to support council fund housing expenditure (Objective 1, etc.).

Police and Home Office

Line 513 **National Police Coordination Centre**

This grant has three main functions:

- Assessing national capability and capacity in relation to the Strategic Policing Requirement and Police National Requirements
- Co-ordinating a continuous testing and exercising regime to ensure effective mobilisation of national assets in a crisis
- Brokering mutual aid in a crisis.

Line 516 **Police community support officers grant from the Welsh Government (police only)**

To undertake to fund the deployment of an additional 500 Community Support Officers across Wales as one of its 'Five for a Fairer Future' commitments in its Programme for Government.

Line 598 **Other Home Office, Department for Constitutional Affairs and Unified Courts Administration**

Police and crime commissioners should note that there is no line for principal police grant or floor funding grant. It forms part of the budget requirement and is therefore recorded on line 157 of the main RA form.

National Parks

Line 601 **National Parks' Revenue Grant (national park authorities only)**

Only National Park authorities should show an entry against this line.

Include only National Parks' Revenue Grant. **Exclude** any capital grant allocations, which should not feature anywhere on this return.

Other Local Services

Line 713 **Recreation and sport**

- Include grants associated with the development of sport in the community, including outreach work;
- Include grants relating to free swimming for Children and young people and for 60+.

Line 726 **Community Fire Safety (fire authorities only)**

To reduce deaths in fires and injuries through fire prevention activities, this includes initiatives across the three Fire & Rescue Authorities in Wales, including Home Fire Safety interventions, Arson Reduction and Youth Intervention.

Line 739 Children and Communities Grant (Other) - NEW in 2019-20 – see line 168

Line 743 Sustainable Waste Management Grant – NEW in 2020-21

To help local authorities continue their progress and put in place the infrastructure for collection, treatment and disposal that is required and to increase public awareness and participation in recycling.

Line 744 Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Rates Relief Scheme – NEW in 2020-21

To provide grant funding to the 22 local authorities in Wales to provide support to ratepayers by reducing the Non-Domestic rates bill for eligible properties to zero. The scheme applies to all ratepayers occupying eligible properties with a rateable value of £500,000 or less.

Line 750 Coastal Risk Management Programme NEW in 2022-23

Line 752 Communities For Work+ NEW in 2023-24

Communities for Work was an ESF funded programme. Delivery ended on 31 March 2023 and the programme is now going through financial closure.

Communities for Work+ (CfW+) started in April 2018. Funding for CfW+ subsequently transferred into the Children and Communities Grant (CCG) from 2019 but the programme continued alongside the other constituents of the CCG, including Families First and Flying Start. From 1 April 2023, CfW+ transferred out of the CCG and became a standalone grant once more.

Line 798 Other (including Emergency Financial Assistance scheme grants covering OLS expenditure)

Include any provision for Emergency Financial Assistance scheme grants to be used to support emergency expenditure on other local services.

Exclude any income from such bodies as reimbursement for services carried out by local authorities *on their behalf*. Examples include work undertaken by local authorities under agency arrangements, for example work carried out on motorways and trunk roads; and vehicle licence administration. It is appropriate to assume a net budget of zero for such arrangements.

- Heritage Lottery fund
- Forestry Commission
- Environment Development fund (mainly to national park authorities)
- Environmental health (including SHARP)
- Repairs to non-trunk roads.

Section C: Specification of grants

Rows 198, 293, 398, 498, 598 and 798 are populated directly from the grants listed within this area. Please specify the details of any amounts entered. **RECS grants should be excluded.**