



Reference: FOI3294

**Request:**

Collectively, councils were given £40 million in self-isolation support. That £40 million was made up of two pots: 'programme costs' which is a £25 million pot and not discretionary. The second is a £15 million pot and is discretionary. For the purposes of this FoI, I am interested in the discretionary pot only.

Can you please answer the following:

A) How many applications have been considered under the discretionary pot b) how many have been granted and c) how many have been rejected.

If you have already run out of discretionary funding d) how long did the discretionary funding pot last. Please provide both a date when it ran out and the number of days from between when you had the funding and when it ran out (I appreciate that councils may have received funding at different times).

If you haven't yet run out of discretionary funding e) how long do you anticipate it lasting.

Finally, if you have already spent the discretionary funding, f) have you spent more from your own budget and if so g) by how much?

If you haven't yet spent all your discretionary funding - and bearing in mind the Government has said that councils will not be able to recoup on discretionary overspend - h) have you or do you plan to allocate additional funding to support local residents?

**Responses:**

A) 520

B) 115

C) 158

D) We started paying grants from 12 October 2020 and the grant ran out on 10 December 2020. (60 days )

E) n/a

F) Yes

G) £3,500.00

H) We will continue to support residents through our Welfare Assistance fund when they are in hardship

Figures as at 14 December 2020