

Test and Trace grant, and Contain Outbreak Management fund for Dorset Council

Summary of funding for financial year 2020/21

During the pandemic Government provided funding to Councils under the Contain strategy to support the development and delivery of local outbreak management plans. Plans set out how local government would respond to COVID-19 in their communities, setting out the end to end outbreak management and response. Funding was provided under two Grants – the Test and Trace Grant (TTG) and Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF). The table below shows the total amount received for each grant, the total of schemes approved, and the amount spent so far.

T&T and COMF allocation summary DC 20/21 Year-end				
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	Test and Trace	(1,287,650.00)		
	Contained Outbreak Management Fund 20/21	(8,732,720.00)		
	COMF 2021/22	(2,208,619.00)		
	Total Grant received	<u>(12,228,989.00)</u>		
TTG	Test and Trace	617,880.00	Approved	
COMF	Contained Outbreak Management Fund	5,116,597.00	Approved	
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	Total approved schemes	5,734,477.85		
TTG/COMF	Spend as at 31st March	544,652.02	Actual	31/03/2021
	Approved remaining to spend	<u>5,189,825.83</u>		
	Total grant remaining	(6,494,512.00)		
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Grant conditions

MHCLG wrote to Councils setting out the grant conditions for use of funds during the financial year 2020-21. These are set out below.

Test & Trace Grant:

The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred in relation to the mitigation against and management of local outbreaks of COVID-19.

COMF Grant:

This was paid on the basis of a per capita amount depending on the severity of local outbreaks, and the time spent under local restrictions during the Tier system. Financial support for Local Authorities at Local COVID Alert Level Medium and High is to fund the following activities:

- a. Targeted testing for hard-to-reach groups out of scope of other testing programmes.
 - b. Additional contact tracing.
 - c. Enhanced communication and marketing e.g. towards hard-to-reach groups and other localised messaging.
 - d. Delivery of essentials for those in self-isolation.
 - e. Targeted interventions for specific sections of the local community and workplaces.
 - f. Harnessing capacity within local sectors (voluntary, academic, commercial).
 - g. Extension/introduction of specialist support (behavioural science, bespoke comms).
 - h. Additional resource for compliance with, and enforcement of, restrictions and guidance
- Financial support for Local Authorities at Local COVID Alert Level Very High has a broader scope, to support local economies and public health. We expect this to include activities such as (this list is not exhaustive):
- i. Measures to support the continued functioning of commercial areas and their compliance with public health guidance.
 - j. Funding Military Aid to the Civil Authorities (marginal costs only).
 - k. Targeted support for school/university outbreaks.
 - l. Community-based support for those disproportionately impacted such as the BAME population.
 - m. Support for engagement and analysis of regional areas to assess and learn from local initiatives.
 - n. Providing initial support, as needed, to vulnerable people classed as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable who are following tier 3 guidance.
 - o. Support for rough sleepers.

The Department of Health has confirmed in correspondence that Local Authorities are best placed to determine how to use their COMF allocation to meet the needs in their communities, within the guidelines set out above, including how the funding can support a smooth de-escalation in their local area through the roadmap stages. This will ensure that we can continue to progress at the same pace nationally through the steps of exiting lockdown, protecting citizens, our health care systems and the economy.

The specific public health activities that can be funded from the COMF are left to the judgement of LAs in conjunction with their Directors of Public Health.

We have updated the Local Outbreak Management Plan for Dorset, and COMF funding is designed to support delivery of the objectives set out in these plans.

A further payment for this financial year was received in April. Updated guidance and grant conditions for 2021/22 was recently published. The Grant payment is dependent on Councils submitting regular returns for monitoring purposes for the Grant paid during the previous year. In addition, the criteria have been amended slightly to make clear that the purpose of the funding is to support local areas to ensure cases remain low as we progress through the Spring Roadmap.

We have an established and robust process to approve and monitor the schemes, to ensure they meet the criteria and are spent accordingly. This is co-ordinated by the Public Health

team on behalf of the Health Protection Board and overseen by the Director of Public Health. Dorset Council's Internal Audit team are reviewing the process and records and will provide a report in due course.

We submit a monthly monitoring report to DHSC in line with national requirements.

This table shows the schemes approved from the Test and Trace grant

TTG2	Testing resources 1/10/20-30/9/21	72,494.00	22/10/2020
TTG3	Programme Manager	24,466.00	22/10/2020
TTG5	Regulatory services	20,000.00	27/10/2020
TTG7	Trusted Voices engagement leads	10,000.00	22/10/2020
TTG8	Local COVID-19 health protection rota costs	11,500.00	05/11/2020
TTG12	Welfare calls capacity, Revs & Bens	152,770.00	05/11/2020
TTG14	Young people's campaign	15,000.00	05/11/2020
TTG15	On call comms covering weekends for 6 months DC	6,000.00	05/11/2020
TTG16	Comms backfill in Public Health	20,000.00	05/11/2020
TTG17	Bespoke resources for Trusted Voices and other activities	10,000.00	03/12/2020
TTG18	Project management for lateral flow testing (JC)	9,650.00	03/12/2020
TTG19	Various costs for testing cell	1,000.00	03/12/2020
TTG20	Pre Christmas communications	15,000.00	03/12/2020
TTG21	Public Health resources	215,000.00	06/01/2021
TTG22	Drugs and Alcohol support	15,000.00	06/01/2021
TTG24	PHD Day response team	20,000.00	11/02/2021
	Total approved schemes	617,880.00	
	Spend as at 31 st March 2021	152,273.74	
	Approved remaining to spend	465,606.26	
	Total grant remaining	669,770.00	

This table shows the schemes approved from the Contain Outbreak Management fund

COMF09	LFD testing for DC key staff	190,000.00	28/01/2021
COMF02	Local Contract Tracing Partnership	220,000.00	05/01/2021
COMF03	Postal mailing to all DC households	92,761.35	05/01/2021
COMF15	Community outreach to support vulnerable young adults	120,000.00	04/02/2021
COMF07	SW BI - A Tapp	17,206.50	28/01/2021
COMF22	Best start in life resources	125,000.00	11/02/2021
COMF10	Age UK	30,000.00	04/02/2021
COMF11	G&T community	20,000.00	04/02/2021
COMF12	Citizens Advice caseworker	10,186.00	04/02/2021
COMF19	Cabs for Jobs DC	13,000.00	11/02/2021
COMF28	Covid measures for HRCs	240,000.00	11/03/2021
COMF71	Health protection/day response	404,000.00	25/03/2021
COMF72	Data science capability	170,000.00	25/03/2021
COMF77	Enhanced contact tracing	98,000.00	25/03/2021
COMF75	Communications, Trusted voices, behavioural insights	173,000.00	25/03/2021
COMF78	Summer opening	1,930,900.00	25/03/2021
COMF79	Customer services reopening	321,000.00	25/03/2021
COMF80	Community recovery	390,000.00	25/03/2021
COMF81	Education recovery	425,000.00	25/03/2021
COMF82	Employee/provider recovery	10,000.00	25/03/2021
COMF83	Adults social care management database	60,000.00	25/03/2021
COMF84	Adult Access team	56,544.00	06/05/2021
	Total approved schemes	5,116,597.85	
	Spend as at 31 st March	392,378.28	
	Approved remaining to spend	4,472,220.00	
	Total grant remaining	5,824,741.00	