

Appendix 1

4. Household Support Fund distribution of funding School holiday voucher scheme and discretionary funds April - September 2024

Funding Element	Amount	Partnership	Notes
FSM+ holiday vouchers (school & EY) – via Wonde Ltd T/A evouchers.com	£1,045,000	Existing - continued	11,000 vouchers to be issued for the May half term and summer school holidays. £15 per child for May, £80 over the summer.
Housing team	£100,000	Existing - expanded	To build on the team's existing distribution of HSF and the impact made by their use of the Cost-of-Living funds released from reserves, which has now been exhausted.
Older people support organisations	£80,000	Existing - expanded	Support existing clients in financial hardship and take ad-hoc referrals from colleagues (not advertised). Targeted towards digitally excluded, older residents. Includes 10.8% management fee.
Citizens Advice (CA) case worker discretionary funds	£80,000	Existing - continued	Flexible fund accessible via CA case worker after initial triage. Flexible support for the most vulnerable being supported by CA. Includes 11% management fee.
Food security grants in partnership with Communities team - Corporate	£80,000	Existing - continued	Supporting Dorset's network of foodbanks, community fridges, social supermarkets, and pop-up larders.
Other Cost of Living / Community grants in partnership with Communities team - Corporate	£80,000	New	To provide responsive funding to emerging needs and initiatives (e.g. as identified in the Cost of Living Working group) and build on the projects delivered last year using the CoL reserves funding.

Locality funds – Children’s	£80,000	Existing - continued	Need identified by practitioners and resources (voucher/tangible items) distributed directly.
ELA scheme contribution / expansion - External, commissioned by Adults	£50,000	New	To increase the resource available within the Emergency Local Assistance scheme to support more residents who are in crisis.
Care Leaver team – Children’s	£20,000	Existing - continued	Need identified by practitioners and resources (voucher/tangible items) distributed directly.
Community transport – Place	£20,000	New	Increasing capacity to benefit lower income residents.
Education, Employment & Training team – Children’s	£15,000	Existing - expanded	Need identified by practitioners and resources (voucher/tangible items) distributed directly. Expanded to include advice resourcing.
Digital inclusion team - Place	£5,000	Existing - continued	Distribution of devices and mobile data sims.
Carer Support service - Adults	£5,000	Existing - continued	Need identified by practitioners and resources (voucher/tangible items) distributed directly.
Targeted support vouchers	£570,000	Existing – continued - Amended	To replace the self-referral scheme, this enables nominated referrers to ensure the funds reach those most vulnerable