





RECORD OF OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS

TITLE:	Household Support Fund (fifth round)
DECISION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the funding allocation from Lincolnshire County Council as part of the Department for Work and Pension's Household Support Fund 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024 to deliver the scheme at a local level. This is an indicative total of £185,799 for Boston. To give delegated authority to the Assistant Director (Wellbeing & Community Leadership) in consultation relevant Portfolio Holders to implement the policy in respect of administration and local distribution of the funding. To utilise local allocation to meet local need and support vulnerable households in-line with the Household Support Fund grant conditions.
DECISION MADE BY:	Christine Marshall, Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Development) & S151 Officer
DATE DECISION MADE:	20 th May 2024
REASON FOR DECISION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepting access to this local allocation of Government funding will ensure the Council can support residents in most need, with household essentials. Previous HSF rounds have been successfully delivered by this model. Relationships with delivery partners and mechanisms are now well established with learning taken from previous funding rounds. Working with third sector organisations with reputable record of delivering grants and emergency support to residents in need ensures as vulnerable households as possible are identified, engaged and supported.
DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do nothing and decline the grant. The grant is paid in arrears and there is no requirement to draw down the funding. To not utilise the funding would be detrimental to households at a time when many continue to experience financial pressures and is not considered an option. To administer the application-based scheme in-house. Due to limited capacity and timescales this is not recommended. S&ELCP have an established

	relationship with Lincolnshire Community Foundation to deliver local grants. They are a reputable Lincolnshire based grant-maker with the network and experience to efficiently deliver public-facing schemes.	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION:	There is no impact on the Councils budget; the scheme is fully externally funded by Department for Work and Pensions via Lincolnshire County Council as lead authority. Reimbursement of District spend will be made from LCC in arrears following submission of funding returns.	
AUTHORITY FOR DECISION:	Delegate authority for the s151 officer to accept grant where there is no impact on the Councils budget in order to facilitate its delivery.	
CONSULTATION WITH PORTFOLIO HOLDER REQUIRED:	YES	PORTFOLIO HOLDER SIGNATURE: (If consulted)
SUPPORTING PAPERS:	 Letter to Chief Executives HSF5 10.0  HSF5 BBC REPORT.docx	
OFFICER/COUNCILLOR INTERESTS DECLARED:	NONE	
CONTACT PERSON:	Roxanne Warrick, Healthy Living Strategic Lead, South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership	Telephone number: 07789 037201
SIGNATURE		Date: 20/05/24

Notes: When the decision has been made the relevant officer should complete the report within 14 days and send it to Democratic Services for publication on the Council's website in accordance with the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014.