

Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. Please could you provide me with:

Copies of responses provided by your organisation to any FOI requests received within the last two years pertaining to spending on homelessness duties (relief, support or engagement)

Response

Please see below one request/response received between the beginning of November 2021 and the end of June 2022 (FOI 13414). After this date the council uploaded all of its requests and corresponding responses to our disclosure log which can be accessed via the following link:-

[FOI Disclosure Log \(wigan.gov.uk\)](http://wigan.gov.uk/foi-disclosure-log)

Request

I am writing to you under the FOI Act 2000 to request the following information from the council's housing department. Please could I find out:

- 1) How much of the money allocated to the council through the Homelessness Prevention Grant in 2021/22 has been spent as of March 1 2022? Please break down in table format how much of the funding was:
 - A. From the £310million grant and
 - B. From the £65m additional funding grant?

- 2) What has the money allocated to the council through the Homelessness Prevention Grant in 2021/22 been spent on? Please break down in table format

Response

1 a and b) We operate a pooled budget for the Homelessness Prevention Grant which includes the Top Up Grant. Total spend is £836,143 at 1/3/22. This is from a total grant of £849,694. (See table below).

Homeless Prevention Grant	£702,414
Top Up Allocation	£147,280
Total Grant	£849,694
Homelessness Posts - Apr to Feb	£149,065
Contribution to Temp Accommodation & Commissioned Services	£687,078
Reported Spend to 1.3.22	£836,143

2. See table below.

Homelessness Posts - Apr to Feb	£149,065
Contribution to Temp Accommodation & Commissioned Services	£687,078
Reported Spend to 1.3.22	£836,143
Balance - earmarked for March salaries	£13,551

- 3) How much of the Homelessness Prevention Grant allocated to the council in 2021/22 has been used to help:
- a) Households in rent arrears?
 - b) Households at risk of eviction for other reasons?
- 4) How many households has the council helped through the Homelessness Prevention Grant in 2021/22?
- 5) How many households have approached the council for support under the Homelessness Reduction Act between April 1 2021 and March 1 2022? Please state in table format how many households were owed a -
- a) prevention duty
 - b) a relief duty
- 3) We are unable to provide breakdown of the individual cases, however, we can advise that financial assistance has been provided to 27 households to assist with prevention of homelessness, via relieving existing rent arrears or assisting to secure alternative accommodation.
- 4) We have provided financial assistance to a total of 27 households.
- 5) 2729 households approached us
- 5a) 662 owed prevention duty
5b) 1373 owed relief duty