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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ08161**

Thank you for your request for information on Local Authority emergency assistance grant for food and essential supplies.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

I would like some information about the Local authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies your local authority has received from the government as part of its Covid support measures for communities.

1. Can you please state:

a. The amount your local authority has received under the above mentioned scheme?

£479,027.

b. when the money was received?

July 2020.

c. How much of it has been spent to date?

£366,839.

d. If all of it has been spent, please can you state by what date the money had been spent?

Not applicable.

e. If less than 51% of the money your local authority received from the government in this scheme had been spent within 12 weeks of your authority receiving it, can

you please state why?

Not applicable.

2. Can you state how much of these funds that have been awarded to private citizens who applied for emergency support was

a. Awarded to women?

b. Awarded to men?

c. Awarded to single parents?

d. Awarded to people with disabilities?

Please see the response below.

3. Can you please state:

a. How many applications in total your local authority received for emergency grants from members of the public?

1741.

b. How many of these were successful?

862.

c. What the highest grant was worth you awarded overall?

£200.

4. Can you please state how many people applied for assistance with:

a. Food?

b. Energy?

c. Accommodation costs?

d. Other?

Please see the response below.

In response to questions 2 and 4, we hold the information you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004).

We estimate this because we do not hold the information in the requested format, the costs of locating, retrieving, compiling and providing the information will cost in excess of £450.

Your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act as it would require an officer to manually trawl each of the applications for the categories requested in each question. We estimate therefore that based on the average number of applications collating and compiling the data would take more than 44 hours.

The supply of information in response to a freedom of information request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

Should you wish to make any further requests for information, you may find what you are looking for is already published on the Council's web site and in particular its FOI/EIR Disclosure log, Council's Publication Scheme, Open Data and Facts about Coventry.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email casework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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