

## **Budget Forum – meeting on 29/11/23**

### **Grants updates for 2023/24 Financial year – prepared by Carolyn Tapscott**

#### **General**

Schools can access information on 2023/24 grants funded by accessing the following link on the Central South Consortium website. The direct link to the funding sheet is currently not working, please follow the instructions below for the funding sheet:

- Click on the link below
- On the left-hand side of the main page - click on School Improvement
- Click on School Grant Funding
- Click on Aggregated School Funding icon.

<https://www.cscjes.org.uk/repository/discovery/resource/bfad46a4-0252-4412-8dc3-7c2a547bc23b/en?sort=recent&strict=0>

#### **Accelerated Learning Grant (Recruit, Raise Standards and Recover) £1,441,582.03**

Funding allocated to help schools meet the demands of Recruit, Recover, Raise Standards: Accelerating Learning Programme as announced by the Minister for Education on the 9 July 2020.

The primary purpose of the Accelerated Learning Grant funding is to enable investment in schools to allow them to recruit and deploy additional human capacity to support learners in addressing their needs following the initial COVID-19 crisis.

This has now been given to schools.

2022/23 academic year (5/12ths) April 2023 – Aug 2023	£600,659.18
2023/24 academic year (7/12ths) September 2023 – March 2024	£840,922.85
<b>TOTAL 2023/24 Financial Year to date</b>	<b>£1,441,582.03</b>

(note – the above table excludes the accelerated learning grant for non-maintained settings)

#### **Post 16 Grant - £7,693,694**

The post 16 grant has been delegated within the schools funding formula.

#### **Post 16 transition grant - £59,572**

Five months of funding from April 2023 – August 2023 to assist pupils in the transition to their next phase of education. This has now been allocated and given to schools.

#### **Post 16 Learner Progression funding - £200,394**

This has now allocated and given to schools.

### **Post 16 Additional funding for teachers pay award - £219,814**

WG have made this funding available towards the cost of the impact on 2023/24 budgets of the teacher's pay award of September 2022, this has been allocated and given to schools.

### **PDG Grant - £4,137,700 for schools and £12,650 non-maintained settings**

PDG is now allocated directly from Welsh Government under the LA Education Grant and is no longer allocated through the Central South Consortium. The allocations are based on eFSM from plasc 2022 at £1,150 per pupil. This has now been given to schools.

### **PDG CLA (LAC) - £237,845**

Central South Consortium to determine funding on a cluster basis, CSC have now confirmed the LA's allocation from WG to be slightly lower than originally seen on WG's website. CSC will update the LA on allocations per cluster following the cluster bidding process, this is likely to be mid-late December.

### **RCSIG Grant - £5,430,200**

The RCSIG Grant will continue to be administered by the Central South Consortium, schools have been emailed individual allocations, PLASC has now been verified and there were no changes to the indicative allocations given. This has now been given to schools.

### **Professional Learning Grant - £633,786**

The Professional Learning grant will continue to be administered through the Central South Consortium. This has now been given to schools.

### **Teachers pay award Grant - £954,385**

WG have made this funding available towards the cost of the impact on 2023/24 budgets of the teacher's pay award of September 2022. Schools have already included the full cost of the pay award within school budgets plans, therefore this income will help to alleviate budget pressures. This has now been given to schools.

### **ALN Implementation Grant - £482,239**

Continuation of funding towards implementing the new ALN act. The grant for schools has been increased by £303,032 or 169% on last year's allocation of £179,207. This has now been given to schools.

### **Central South Consortium Collaboration Funding - £442,810**

Central South Consortium have allocated collaboration funding to schools. The formula is based on a £6,000 lump sum and of £90 per FTE teacher (based on PLASC

22). Schools have been emailed individual allocations and will receive the funding on 70014 as it's received to the LA on the quarterly bulk income payments from CSC.

### **Big Fresh Catering Company Profit Share - £204,000**

Each school receiving their catering from BFCC has received £4,000 each from 22/23's profit sharing scheme. This has already been given to schools.

### **Big Fresh Catering Company Profit Share for Project bids - £100,018**

Schools were able to bid for projects they would like to set up, this was part of the 22/23 BFCC profit share funding. Schools have been advised of successful bids and this has now been given to schools.

### **Afghan Resettlements - £96,750**

Schools will receive a set amount of £2,250 for pupils aged 3-4 years old and £4,500 for pupils aged 5+, this funding is only for 1 year only per child and will be received by schools once the Home Office passes the funding to the LA. Schools will be advised of their funding for them to put support in place for the pupils, SFS Officers will ensure that income not received will be reserved correctly at year end. The Resettlement scheme is likely to be in place for around 3-4 years, so further funding will be available for new pupils in the coming years.

### **Ukraine Resettlements - £146,316**

In 22/23 schools with Ukraine resettlement pupils received Home Office Funding, no additional funding is available in 23/24. Due to how the LA received and the Home Office calculated funding, there will be some further income available to schools who had pupils still with them between April-Aug 23. This funding has been given to schools. This funding will need to be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

### **ALN Support Recharge - £850,00**

This is not grant funding but a contribution from the LA from the favourable outturn position of the 22/23 accounts as advised in June. The allocations were based on the LMS returns in January 2023, this funding has already been given to schools.

### **Centrally allocated revenue grant funding for learners**

In addition to the grants delegated to schools, the Local Authority has received notification of the following grants which will be centrally managed. Some of these grants below may be delegated to schools for allocation within the individual grant terms and conditions where applicable.

<b>Grant name</b>	<b>Awarded</b>
Universal free school meals	£4,494,467
eFSM Holiday provision	£325,648
Schools Essentials (previously PDG access/school uniform)	£469,100
Minority ethnic and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Learners	£365,395
Whole School Approach to Emotional & Mental Wellbeing (Counselling)	£106,238
Whole School Approach to Emotional & Mental Wellbeing – EOTAS	£8,682
Elective home education	£67,696
Accelerated Learning for non-maintained settings (RRRs)	£189,572
PDG for non-maintained settings	£12,650
Foundation phase non-maintained nursery funding	£234,756
Online IDP project	£42,000
ALN Implementation Learner Provision	£392,703
ALN Implementation (LA Allocation)	£70,000
Community Focused School Manager & family Engagement Officers	£307,573
Education Welfare Officers	£105,662
Welsh medium late immersion	£105,000
Period dignity	£128,315