

01 October 2021

Dear Alison Jeffery,

Children’s Social Care Covid-19 Regional Recovery and Building Back Better Fund – Outcome of Application

Thank you for the regional recovery plan and regional scoping and response template you submitted to the Department in August 2021, applying for funding for the 2021-22 financial year through the CSC Covid-19 Regional Recovery and Building Back Better Fund. The Department has since reviewed your recovery plan and we are pleased to confirm the outcome of this review.

Your RIIA requested a total of **£2,417,620**. The Department has agreed to fund **£2,354,120** of this. The detail of the proposals which have been successful and those which have not been successful can be found below.

The Grant Determination Letter details the Department for Education’s offer to your Regional Improvement and Innovation Alliance (RIIA). Payment will be made to the designated lead local authority for the RIIA, East Sussex County Council, as set out in the grant letter. It is the RIIA’s responsibility to ensure funding is distributed to other local authorities within the South East region by 12 November 2021, as indicated within the original proposals and as agreed within your regional MOU. Where LAs have been identified to lead individual projects within your proposal, they are listed as a recipient of funding in the table below. Please let the Recovery Team know if any of the LAs listed as receiving funding are incorrect by emailing Recovery.FUNDCSC@education.gov.uk.

Proposals approved for funding by the Department for Education

LA	Strand	Funding Agreed	Successful?
Several LAs leading different projects: Hampshire *3, Isle of Wight, East Sussex	1 - Core Funding	£327,800	Yes
Regional	1 - Optional Funding (Workforce – recruitment and retention)	£20,000	Yes
Regional	1 - Optional Funding (Workforce – succession planning)	£20,000	Yes
West Sussex	1 - Optional Funding (placement sufficiency)	£60,000	Yes
Regional	1 - Optional Funding (Children Missing from Education)	£15,000	Yes

Hampshire	1 - Optional Funding (UASC)	£40,000	Yes
Regional	1 - Optional Funding (LAC - Kinship or Special Guardianship Care)	£15,000	Yes
Bracknell Forest	1 - Optional Funding (LAC – pre-birth pandemic caseload)	£115,750	Yes
Isle of Wight	2 - Project 1, Option B (Family Hubs)	£200,000	Yes
Portsmouth	2 - Project 2 (Safeguarding – Extra Familial Harm)	£72,450	Yes
East Sussex	2- Project 4 (Safeguarding – Infants)	£50,000	Yes
Hampshire	2 - Project 5 (Court backlogs)	£90,000	Yes
Wokingham/ Mockingbird	3 - Mockingbird	£327,600	Yes
Wokingham/ Essex Inside Out	3 – Inside Out	£174,200	Yes
East Sussex working with Kent, Oxfordshire Portsmouth and Family Rights Group	3 - Lifelong Links SE	£100,000	Yes
Windsor and Maidenhead/Bracknell Forest and Slough	3 - East Berkshire Commissioning	£95,000	Yes
Bracknell Forest working with Portsmouth, Southampton and Oxfordshire	3 - Family Safeguarding Motivational Interviewing	£576,320	Yes
Reading	3 - Pause	£55,000	Yes
Total funding agreed		£2,354,120	

Proposals not approved for funding by the Department for Education

LA	Strand	Funding Requested	Successful?
Bracknell Forest	2 - Project 2 (Safeguarding – Extra Familial Harm)	£63,500	No
Total funding <u>not</u> agreed		£63,500	

Please can you ensure that your Regional Improvement and Support Lead (RISL), David Myers, is kept informed of the progress made and is invited to any programme monitoring discussions your region has planned. Additionally, colleagues from the CSC Recovery Fund team and, where appropriate, colleagues from associated policy teams, will be in touch very soon to agree individual project reporting arrangements and how learning can be best captured and shared during delivery. We will also be in touch to invite you to the national RIIA Chairs meeting we have previously informed you about.

Yours sincerely,



Suzanne Lunn
Director: Children's Social Care