

Allocation of Funds

The Councils proposed approach is to use the available funds as follows

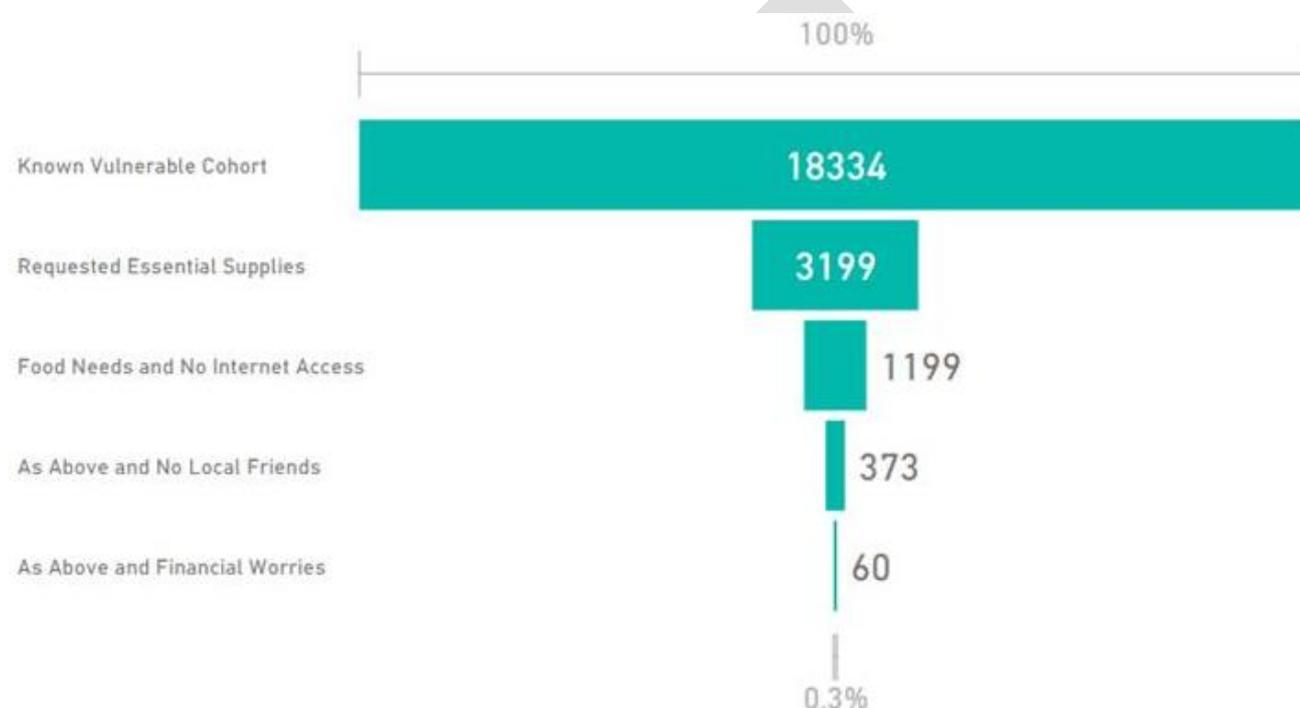
	Description
1	Allocate an amount sufficient to provide food to citizens who are known to us through the Extremely Clinically Vulnerable and eHealthscope lists, have previous food or essential needs, no local friends or family and have significant financial worries [this last criteria reduces the pool from 373 to 60 and will have a significant effect on the allocation amount)
2	Create a funding pot for community organisations to bid for to support food banks in distribution, resourcing and extending opening times to capture working families. Providing the distribution of white goods where applicable.
3	Continue support of Food Banks and Social Eating Projects via Fare Share from October 2020 until 31 March 2021 for £10,000 per month (Already approved through Delegated Decision 4017 dated 12/10/2020)
4	Provide a one off £15 vouchers for the October 2020 half term holiday period for the 11,500 FSM pupils in city schools
5	Allocate funding to support our existing provision for advice to vulnerable citizens – Citizen’s Advice Bureau and Welfare Rights basing the advice at food distribution sites which was undertaken pre lockdown and provided successful interaction with citizens. Process administration.
6	Hold a contingency fund that can be utilised in the event of a local (or national) lockdown for cash or food vouchers

The Strategic Director of Community Protection through delegated authority will determine the allocation of expenditure to the above elements based on need and to ensure compliance with the grant criteria.

Supporting Detail

Priority 1 – Allocation to citizens identified as most likely to require support

Information from the Government and eHealthscope lists has identified over 18,000 citizens that we have provided support to throughout lockdown. Through this process we have determined that as shielding ends, a proportion of these citizens will remain at risk of potentially struggling to meet basic food and/or essential supply needs.



The full cohort can be gradually reduced to 373* by analysing who needs supplies, who needs food, who doesn't have friends or family to support them and who does not have internet access to do online shopping. Of these, 60 have also indicated they have financial worries.

The cost of providing 1 food parcel per week for 8 weeks to 60 individuals is approximately £15,000. Alternatively, vouchers could be provided for grocery shopping and our community provision could support this.

Should further support be required, additional provision could be catered for in the form of vouchers, food parcels or meals at home service through set aside contingency.

*Numbers quoted may change day to day as Government lists are still regularly reviewed and updated.

Priority 2 – Community Organisation Funding Pot

One of the Governments principles for the awarding of funds is to support schemes and organisations that delivers the same outcome of actions the Council would take.

By making a fund available to local organisations the responsibility and effort can be shared amongst many partners.

Customer Services have developed an online form to apply for funding for amounts between £1k and £0.020m.

The application criteria aligns to government guidance set out by DEFRA

Local organisations providing a service or support directly to people living within Nottingham City Council boundaries, wherever that organisation is based

- Registered charities*
- Excepted charities*
- Constituted voluntary and community organisations*

*including churches, other faith-based organisations and umbrella organisations

If the application to this fund is successful, the organisation will need to repay the grant to the council if:

- the organisation does not deliver the agreed project
- the organisation is delivering the project in a negligent manner
- the funding duplicates funding from another funder
- the organisation deliberately provided false or misleading information to the council.
- provision of performance information is not provided

If the application is accepted, organisations will be required to provide information and assistance to allow the council to demonstrate that this public funding has been spent to support those in genuine need of assistance, and that suitable measures to prevent fraud have been put in place.

Priority 3 – Food Banks and Social Eating Support

Both food banks and social eating projects have provided enormous value in Nottingham over the last few months. This provision is well organised, well established and an efficient way of distributing food effectively where it is most needed.

A one-off contribution, managed through Fare Share, of £60,000 will provide enough resources to support these schemes until the 31 March 2021.

This amount is already approved through an existing delegated decision dated 12/10/2020

Priority 4 – Free School Meal Vouchers

The national FSM Voucher scheme has ceased as of 1st September but the council has agreed to support the FSM pupils with a one off voucher for the October Half Term period of £15 per eligible pupil.

Priority 5 - Allocate funding to support our existing provision for advice to vulnerable citizens –Welfare Rights support and administration of the process

Providing additional resource at the food banks to offer advice to citizens before they transfer to casework. If a citizen has had their benefit stopped they are provided with 3 vouchers to the food banks. It is vital that any benefit issues are rectified to manage indebtedness and housing issues.

Priority 6 – Contingency

Contingency held in light of the uncertainty of the current situation and in lieu of a further local or national lockdown. Any contingency not required will be redistributed back to priority 1.

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