

**SUMMARY OF FUNDING /GRANTS AVAILABLE
FOLLOWING WINTER FLOODING 2015**

£500 PAYMENT FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Every household flooded during the storms was eligible to receive £500, intended to help with recovery costs, such as temporary accommodation. This was paid as soon as possible through the local district councils.

FLOOD RESILIENCE GRANT SCHEME

Under the scheme, householders and businesses affected could apply for grants of up to £5,000 to help make their properties more resilient to flooding in the future. These grants have also been administered locally by the District Councils

The grants are intended to help homeowners and businesses put in measures which improve the property's resilience or resistance to flooding, over and above repairs that would normally be covered by insurance.

The Government grant scheme ended on 31 March 2017. Consequently residents and businesses that have been allocated funding from this scheme should ensure that all works are completed as soon after this date as possible.

SUPPORT TO BUSINESSES (BOOST BUSINESS LANCASHIRE)

Support was made available for businesses severely affected either directly or indirectly by the flooding to help them recover and get trading again as soon as possible.

This support for businesses was delivered through Boost Business Lancashire, the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership's growth hub. The grants were not intended to cover losses incurred by the flooding which should have been covered by insurance but to support businesses in their recovery.

The grants were for up to £2,500 and by exception businesses could apply for a maximum amount of £10,000. If grants were for more than £2,500 it required that the District Authority and the County Council agreed that the funding was suitable and required – Boost was able to support business with these applications. The grants were to provide immediate funds to aid recovery.

LOCAL TAX RELIEF

Further help in the shape of local tax relief was available for residents and businesses whose properties had not been occupied due to the flooding, with details of the application process available from their local District Councils.

LANCASHIRE FLOOD RECOVERY FUND (COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR LANCASHIRE)

The Community Foundation's Lancashire Flood Appeal provided support to those in need in the county who were victims of the December Floods.

Launched by Community Foundation for Lancashire on 8 December 2015, the Flood Appeal raised funds to directly support individuals and families in hardship and vital community organisations and resident groups in the areas affected by the floods. It provided emergency response support and clean-up support via charitable donations and grants.

This was delivered in three phases:

Phase One: Immediate Support

Individual grants for households in priority groups (over 70s and under 5s and people with disabilities) and those without contents insurance (and occasionally buildings insurance).

Group grants to front line services such as Red Cross, Citizens Advice Bureaux, Law Centre, furniture and white goods recycling and activities for children and young people.

Phase Two: Supplementary Support

Individual grants for households whose income has been affected over a long term period and households who have continued to experience increased household expense due to relocation resulting from the flood.

Phase Three: Post Flooding

Community-led flood defence work for public benefit.

Current Position:

The fund is not currently live, but applications can still be considered for projects relating to the 2015 flooding and flood resilience measures. Contact should be made with Joan Ford, Community Foundation for Lancashire to check if a project would be eligible - 0151 232 2425

<http://lancsfloodappeal.org.uk/>

FARMING RECOVERY FUND

Support was available for farmers from a scheme administered by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

The Farming Recovery Fund provided money to help farmers in Cumbria, Northumberland, Lancashire and Yorkshire whose agricultural land was affected by the impact of the flooding which took place in December 2015.

The minimum grant available was £500, and the maximum grant was £20,000.

Applications were accepted from Friday 18 December 2015 to Friday 1 April 2016.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The LCC webpages here: <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/benefits-and-grants/grants-and-funding.aspx> give a number of suggestions for sources of local grant funding that might apply, always subject to the proposed projects meeting the relevant criteria of the grant-awarding people or bodies;

LOCAL CHARITIES

In certain locations, local charities may be able to support local activities (as the Lions Club have in Whalley, as a notable example). Each charity will have its own target outcomes (such as children's support, environmental enhancement and, community resilience) as well as their own application processes and criteria for awarding funds which may include reference to match-funding.

Formal support in finding an appropriate charity might be available from the government's Charity Commission website here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>

NATIONAL FLOOD FORUM

The National Flood Forum is a national charity dedicated to supporting and representing communities and individuals at risk of flooding. Details can be found here: <http://www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk/about-us/>

FLOOD ADVISORY SERVICE

The Flood Advisory Service offers free, independent advice on flood mitigation solutions within high-risk communities. Details can be found here:

<http://www.floodadvisoryservice.co.uk/about>