

Following the Freedom of Information request dated 8 September 2020 see below the data shown covering the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21.

The Discretionary Assistance Fund is a hardship fund that consists of two elements:

- Emergency Assistance Payment (EAP) – a cash payment that can assist with essential living costs such as food, gas and electricity following an emergency or disaster. Anyone over the age of 16 can be considered eligible for these payments.
- Individual Assistance Payment (IAP) – an in-kind payment for essential household furniture and white goods to assist on leaving, or prevent entering institutionalised care and to help those individuals stay within their communities. These items are delivered direct and installed to the clients address. To be eligible applicants must be entitled to and be in receipt of income related welfare benefits. All applications must be supported by an Approved DAF Partner.

The table below shows the budget allocated to the Discretionary Assistance Fund and spend. The table reflects an over spend each year, this was managed by underspends within the Housing and Local Government Main Expenditure Group.

Financial Year	Budget allocated	IAP Spend	Total Spend	Cash to goods ratio
2018/19	£8,444,000	£7,492,000	£10,577,000	70%
2019/20	£10,200,000	£8,186,000	£13,200,000	64.5%
2020/21	£20,100,000	£2,470,000*	£7,245,000*	34%

*(April 2020 – August 2020 only)

Breakdown of Individual Assistance Payments (IAPs) by local authority area.

Discretionary Assistance Fund (DAF) - Individual Assistance Payments (IAP)				
	2018/19		2019/20	
Local Authority	Applications	Awards	Applications	Awards
Blaenau Gwent	717	184	821	165
Bridgend	852	245	1,124	273
Caerphilly	1,233	373	1,424	332
Cardiff	3,734	1,159	3,921	1,057
Carmarthenshire	1,124	378	1,320	363
Ceredigion	216	70	247	61
Conwy	675	199	762	190
Denbighshire	643	147	782	158
Flintshire	850	219	929	181
Gwynedd	615	232	793	219
Isle of Anglesey	389	125	531	159
Merthyr Tydfil	640	192	698	137
Monmouthshire	310	98	371	114
Neath Port Talbot	1,263	355	1,444	345
Newport	1,830	635	1,881	521
No Fixed Abode	1	0	0	0
Pembrokeshire	516	143	577	123
Powys	220	48	371	63
RCT	1,766	498	2,530	583
Swansea	1,570	493	1,708	335
Torfaen	910	276	1,051	272
Vale of Glamorgan	818	257	1,035	297
Wrexham	910	195	1,034	196
TOTAL	21,802	6,521	25,354	6,144

Breakdown of items awarded through the Individual Assistance Payment awards for August 2020. Unfortunately, we do not hold this information on an annual basis.

Product Fulfilment by IAP

2 Seater Sofa Vinyl Brown	73	£23,489.21
2 Slice Toaster	14	£178.36
3 Piece Pot and Frying Pan Set	295	£9,947.40
3 Seater Sofa Vinyl Black	50	£20,348.00
4 Place Crockery Set	280	£3,088.40
4 Place Cutlery Set	268	£2,261.92
Cot Blanket	32	£439.36
Cot Fitted Sheet	27	£336.96
Cot Mattress Hypo Allergenic	23	£667.46
Curtain FR 46x72 Natural	491	£23,366.69
Double Bed Base + Mattress Breathable	25	£5,115.50
Double Duvet Cover FR	49	£1,714.51
Double Duvet FR	47	£2,355.64
Double Fitted Sheet FR	48	£579.84
Double Mattress Breathable	11	£1,448.92
Double pushchair	3	£638.70
Electric Cooker Single Cavity 50cm	224	£72,576.00
Electric Cooker Single Cavity 60cm	191	£67,614.00
Electric Heater	6	£235.92
Floor Covering - BACS	1	£300.00
Fridge Freezer 50/50 55cm	377	£103,298.00
IAP Clothing	1	£80.00
Kettle	13	£140.92
Metal Bunk Bed	19	£3,257.36
Microwave 800W	10	£658.30
Pillow FR	392	£2,736.16
Pillowcase FR	343	£1,193.64
Set of 4 Baby Bottles	15	£162.60
Single Bed Base + Mattress W90 x L190	365	£47,044.85
Single Duvet Cover FR	333	£7,019.64
Single Duvet FR	332	£9,335.84
Single Fitted Sheet FR	317	£3,125.62
Single Mattress W90 x L190	41	£3,926.98
Single pushchair	10	£1,135.60
Stairgate	45	£1,769.40
Tumble Dryer Condenser 8kg	6	£1,584.00
Under Counter Freezer 50cm	31	£5,704.00
Under Counter Fridge 55cm	24	£4,656.00
Vinyl Armchair Black	179	£49,480.97
Washer Dryer 8kg/5kg 1400rpm Spin	11	£4,774.00
Washing Machine 6kg 1200rpm Spin	416	£122,304.00
Wooden Frame Cot (No Mattress)	21	£2,216.13