

Home For Ukraine: Financial Update

Introduction: The current homes for Ukraine programme attracts a grant of £10,500 per guest. There is also an additional payment to hosts which is a direct pass through to the host household and also funded from a separate government fund.

The Department for Education (DfE) will also allocate funding on a per pupil basis for the 3 phases of education at the following annual rates:

- Early years (ages 2 to 4) - £3,000
- Primary (ages 5 -11) - £6,580
- Secondary (ages 11-18) - £8,755

Main General Grant

A dedicated team is in place to coordinate the work ensuring all statutory requirements are fulfilled to hosts and sponsors. There is a strong focus on utilising volunteers wherever possible. The overall support includes the required suitability checks, practical resettlement work, ongoing support, and access to education, ESOL training, employment, and specialist services as required including mental health and behavioural support services. Wider support through the hub and meet-up sessions also puts a focus on ongoing advice to prevent arrangements breaking down and potential homeless applications and providing a forum for Ukraine households to meet other members of their community thus promoting support networks through the community. Set out below are high level summaries for the current financial position in respect of both the general and education grants showing the current position and projections based upon the numbers currently included in the Home Office Foundry database for numbers likely to be coming to Bromley. The figures are based on current projections of 822 guests coming through the system:-

<u>Main general costs</u>	£'000
Staffing	335
Other Costs	
DBS checks	30
Welfare fund payments	61
Travel Assistance	80
Interim payment	164
Translation services	10
Sundry payments	30
Adult ESOL	111
	821

If 822 guests arrived this would generate grant from government of £8,631k

NB: this covers basic costs, however there may be some additional expenditure in relation to accessing specific specialist services for some guests.

Education Grant

Latest projections indicate that of the 822 guests approximately 300 will be children arriving under Homes for Homes for Ukraine. The service has also seen significant numbers of children arriving under the family placement scheme, for whom grant funding is not received. The current estimation of costs for the 2022/23 financial year is as follows:-

Education costs	£'000
SEN assessment	101
Language outreach	24
Early Years	20
Access and inclusion	125
SEN Placements	80
	350

300 children arriving through the Homes for Ukraine is anticipated to attract £2.1m Education grant, based on an assumption of the age breakdown.

It should be noted that whilst costs are currently much lower than the grant there are risks of further costs such as homelessness, etc which may impact on the level of costs being incurred. Moreover there has not been any confirmation on the level of future grant payments and there is an assumption that costs may continue beyond 2022/23.