

Information about how you can get funding to help following the floods

Funding for properties that have been flooded from the Government

The government is providing local authorities with Community Grants as part of the Communities and Business Recovery Scheme. This will be equivalent to up to £500 per household affected by flooding. It will help with recovery costs such as provision of temporary accommodation.

In Cumbria this will mean a fixed payment of £500 for a property that has been flooded.

For those properties that already pay their council tax by Direct Debit the good news is that you don't need to do anything! This payment will be paid directly into your bank account and the payment will show up as a payment from your local district council who are administering the scheme.

If you do not pay your council tax by direct debit then please contact your local district council who will be happy to help you apply for the payment.

Allerdale Borough Council customer.service@allerdale.gov.uk or call 01900 702 600

Carlisle City Council at customerservices@carlisle.gov.uk or call 01228 817200

Copeland Borough Council info@copeland.gov.uk or call 01946 598300

Eden District Council customer.services@eden.gov.uk or call 01768 817817

South Lakeland District Council customer.services@southlakeland.gov.uk or call 01539 733333

Barrow Borough Council customerservices@barrowbc.gov.uk or call 01229 876543

Funding for individuals and families from the Cumbria Community Foundation

The Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund 2015, which is being run by the Cumbria Community Foundation will provide financial assistance to help individuals and families who have been affected.

There is help available for individuals and families whose homes have significant structural damage from flooding and for employees who have lost work or income because of storm or flood. Please go online to apply at www.cumbriafoundation.org.

Help for voluntary and community groups

Voluntary and community organisations also play a vital role in supporting communities during times of need and grants will be made available to them also.

Support is available to voluntary and community groups who are providing immediate relief to people and longer term community rebuilding projects. Support will also be provided to flood affected community facilities. Please apply on line at www.cumbriafoundation.org or call 01900 825760

Funding for Businesses affected by flooding

Funding is now available to support businesses severely affected by the recent flooding – whether flooded directly or affected less directly through, for example, extended road closures.

Grants are available to non-farming small and medium sized businesses (up to 250 full time equivalent employees). Support for farming businesses is being arranged separately through Defra.

Grants can be used for a wide range of activities to support survival and recovery such as marketing, interest payments on new and existing loans, specialist advice, training, equipment and other activities supporting implementation of a recovery action plan.

Growth Hub advisers are available free of charge to assist with development of action plans and help put together the application. All applications must be reviewed and signed off by a Growth Hub adviser.

They can also provide other practical advice and support and link businesses into other advice, support and funding available to them.

Application packs, including guidance notes on the scheme, are available to download at www.cumbriagrowthhub.co.uk.

The application process is simple and 75% of the grant will be paid up front within days of approval. To apply contact Cumbria Business Growth Hub, 0844 257 8450 or info@cumbriagrowthhub.co.uk.

Coming Soon.....

The government will also be making available up to £5000 per affected property for **flood preventative work**. This funding is available for works associated with flood protection of properties affected by the flooding. We will announce details of this scheme as soon as it becomes available but this is likely to be the new year. We are also expecting details coming about council tax and business rate discounts and as soon as we have this information this will be communicated widely.