

DFG Capital Programme Budget Spend / Analysis

1. Blaenau Gwent Capital Programme (excluding Enable Funding delivered by Care and Repair)

Data	No.	Value	Total
Number of grants approved (committed, but not spent)	32	402,977	705,661
Number of referrals from Social Services approved and processed (estimated)	4	27,000	
Number of grants completed (spent)	40	275,684	
Estimated Salaries			110,000
Total Projected Spend on Grants / Salaries			815,661
Number of referrals not processed (estimated by average cost type of adaptation)	64	419,200	
Total Projected Spend 2023/24			1,234,861
Capital Budget			
Capital Programme Allocation			400,000
Carry Forward 2022/23			262,756
WG Enable Uplift Funding			46,386
Housing Care Fund (to be reclaimed for grants exceeding 36k)			96,260
Housing Care Fund (DFG top up grant)			112,000
Total Capital Budget 2023/24			917,402
Total Funding Remaining 2023/24 (when adding the 64 referrals that have not been processed to the total projected spend)			-317,459

Key Points:

1. As can be seen from the table above, combining the value of the grants completed, grants approved, the social services referrals processed and the expected cost of salaries for the financial year (£815,661) against the total capital budget (£917,402), this demonstrates that there will be an underspend of £101,741. However, there are also 64 referrals that have been received from social services that are currently on the waiting list and pending a visit from the Housing Surveyor. Therefore, adding the estimated value of these grants (£419,200) to the total projected spend (£815,661) amounts to £1,234,861 and will leave the total remaining budget for the financial year overspent by £317,459 (if all grants were to be completed by 31st March 2023).
2. However, this is deemed the worst case scenario, therefore in reality (availability of contractors, time to complete the works, surveys being carried out etc.) it is estimated (based on the type of the adaptation works) that of the 64 referrals, if half (32 - £209,600) of these grants that have not yet been processed, were to be approved and completed by the end of the financial year, alongside the current 76 grants that are likely to be completed, this would amount to an estimated overspend of £107,859. If additional resources cannot be identified, this overspend would need to be funded from the Council's 2024/25 capital allocation reducing the resources available in that year.
3. Taking this estimated overspend (£107,859) into account and combining this with salaries of an estimated £110,000 (pending pay award) and deducting the annual capital budget allocation (£400,000), the Enable uplift funding (£46,386) and HCF top up funding (£112,000), it is estimated that we could start the 2024/25 financial year with a reduced base budget of £340,527, compared to the base starting budget of £448,386 in 2023/24. Therefore, we are reliant on any previous grants being repaid in 2023/24, to reduce this estimated overspend so that the starting position in 2024/25 is improved. However, due to the lower number of grants that have been completed in recent years, this has an impact on

the number of grants repaid in future years (i.e., £19,553 in 2022/23), and so it isn't expected that the amount of repaid grants, will provide enough slippage to cover this estimated overspend. In addition, this analysis does not include the number of grant applications that will be received in Q3 and Q4 and which would add further pressure on the budget.

2. Enable Grant Funding (Care & Repair)

Data	No.	Value	Total
Number of grants completed	1	2,749	
Number of grants in progress	9	56,273	
Number of grants not started (based on average Enable C & R grant)	2	11,804	
			70,826
Total Projected Spend 2023/24			92,800
Total Budget 2023/24			92,800
Total Funding Remaining 2023/24			21,974

Key Point:

1. As can be seen above, although only 1 grant has been completed, a further 9 grants are in progress to the value of £56,273 and 2 other grants to the value of £11,804 are in the pipeline. This amounts to a committed spend of £70,826. The remaining funding (£21,974) will be committed and spent in Q3 and Q4.