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Subject: FW: HPG Usage

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Subject: RE: HPG Usage

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Hi Brett,

As you know very much a local decision on HPG priorities, providing it is spent in line with the grant conditions (set out in the attached GD letter) but overall where you are looking at supporting homelessness prevention aims (addressing rent arrears and on-going affordability) and helping to achieve new / alternative settled accommodation to prevent and relieve homelessness (rent in advances, rent deposit, top-ups etc) this would be very much supportive of the key principles and I am aware of other LA's with similar arrangements in place. Wherever possible looking to exhaust DHP first but as this is the case it seems reasonable to look at HPG – all I would say was in some areas benefits teams can adhere quite strictly to the guidance so if you are using HPG make sure your service is getting the outcomes you want for those households you are working with.

Hope that is helpful (I am also conscious I have an outstanding query from you on frameworks / gold standard which I'll come back to you on but the short answer is no nothing similar currently in place)

Thanks,



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Dear ,

Pleased to hear you had a good break.

Our DHP pot is likely to be expended long before year end, so I would like to top up the pot with HPG funding. Would this give you any concerns?

Many thanks,
Brett

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