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Department: **Benefits**
Title: **Discretionary Housing payment spend: 2020-21**
Description: **Discretionary Housing payment spend: 2020-21**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

1. The total Discretionary Housing Payment allocation for your authority for 2020/21
2. The equivalent figure for 2019/20
3. As at October 31 2020, the amount of this budget that has already been spent
4. For comparison, the amount of the 2019/20 budget which had been by October 31 2019
5. The number of applications for DHP received so far in 2020/21
6. The number of applications for DHP rejected so far in 2020/21
7. For comparison, equivalent numbers to (4) and (5) for the period April to October 2019

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

1. The total Discretionary Housing Payment allocation for your authority for 2020/21 **£348,911**
2. The equivalent figure for 2019/20 **£262,410**
3. As at October 31 2020, the amount of this budget that has already been spent **£239,931.55**
4. For comparison, the amount of the 2019/20 budget which had been by October 31 2019 **£179,883.74**
5. The number of applications for DHP received so far in 2020/21 **210**
6. The number of applications for DHP rejected so far in 2020/21 **49**
7. For comparison, equivalent numbers to (4) and (5) for the period April to October 2019 **234 received, 81 rejected**

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards
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