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INTRODUCTION

These notes provide instructions on the completion of form RA(G) covering budgeted specific and special government grants, which cover revenue expenditure. The RA(G) forms are for completion by Welsh county and county borough councils, Welsh police and crime commissioners, Welsh fire authorities and Welsh national park authorities.

The figures are used for modelling and calculations of standard spending assessments, and to make informed policy decisions. The figures are also used to derive answers to Assembly Questions; enquiries from the various committees of the Assembly; and official letters that request information on local authority spending.

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COMPLETION OF THE FORM

General

Record all specific and special government grants received as **NEGATIVE**.

All entries should be on an *accruals* basis, i.e. they should relate to grants which finance expenditure in respect of the financial year, regardless of when the grants will actually be received. Grants relating to a programme of work over a number of years should be recorded in respect of the expenditure incurred during the period covered by the form.

All expenditure recorded on the main RA form *should include* that financed by specific and special government grants. The grants used to finance spending against each line on the main RA form are also recorded on that form in column 7.

The RA(G) form gives a different analysis of grants, generally by grant name. Sub-totals of the figures entered on the RA(G) form are also passed through to the main RA form to be netted off gross revenue expenditure in order to achieve consistency with the budget requirement. The RA(G) sub-totals are also applied in checking off the total of grant figures recorded in column 7 on the main RA form. This check is made on the main RA form at line 150.

Specific and special government grants should be interpreted as including all revenue grants paid directly by the European Union, the Welsh Government, UK government departments, or by Welsh Government sponsored / non-departmental public bodies (for example the Arts Council), as support for the provision of a local authority service.

Care should be taken to *exclude* any *income* from such bodies as reimbursement for services carried out by local authorities *on their behalf*. Examples include work undertaken by local authorities under agency arrangements, for example work carried out on motorways and trunk roads; vehicle licence administration; supply of teaching staff and related services in penal establishments. It is appropriate to assume a net budget of zero for such arrangements.

TO NOTE

Revenue Support Grant

There is a continuing move to incorporate existing grants into the Revenue Support Grant.

Added in 2019-20	Added in 2020-21	Added in 2022-23
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher's pay grant.Free school meals grant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher's pension grant.Social care tasks performed by a registered nurse in nursing.In addition, £0.15M being transferred from Coastal Risk Management Programme to RSG.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Food and Residual Waste Treatment Gate Fee Support.

Other Grants

Removed in 2019-20

Line		Added to	See line
106	Families First – Spent on Education	CCG	168
123	Promoting Positive Engagement for young people	CCG	168
125	Pioneer Schools	RCSG	131
128	Modern Foreign Languages	RCSG	131
166	Communities First (Education)	CCG	168
167	Education Improvement Grant for Schools	RCSG	131
304	Families First: spent on education	CCG	168
310	Promoting Positive Engagement for young people	CCG	168
311	Supporting people (social services)	HSG	402
328	Flying Start (social services)	CCG	168
330	Communities First (social services)	CCG	168
335	Out of School Childcare	CCG	168
402	Supporting People (Housing)	HSG	402
702	Families First (other local services)	CCG	168
735	Single Revenue Grant	replaced by ENRaW	740

Added in 2019-20

Line 131	Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant (RCSIG).
Line 132	Local Authority Education Grant.
Line 402	Housing Support Grant (formerly supporting people – housing).
Line 740	Enabling Natural Resources and Well Being Grant (ENRaW).

Removed in 2020-21

Line 127	GCSE support programme grant.
Line 137	Communities for work (education).
Line 145	School uniform grant.
Line 320	Communities for work (social services).
Line 321	Community purposes (social services).
Line 403	Community purposes (housing).
Line 720	Community purposes (other).
Line 733	Town centre partnerships (now includes tidy town grant).

Added in 2020-21

Line 169	Reducing infant class sizes grant.
Line 415	Social care workforce and sustainability pressures grant.
Line 741	Food and residual waste treatment gate fee support.

Line 742 A healthier West Wales (supported programmes 1, 3, 7).

Removed in 2021-22

Line 737 Cardiff Capital Region City Deal – changed to Capital grant.

Line 742 A healthier West Wales (supported programmes 1, 3, 7).

Added in 2021-22

Line 170 Recruit, Recover Raise Standards - the Accelerating Learning Programme

Line 171 Additional Learning Needs

Line 172 Transition support for Minority Ethnic and Gypsy, Roma, Traveller learners

Line 173 School Essentials Grant, previously PDG Access

Line 313 Transformation Fund

Line 743 Sustainable Waste Management Grant

Line 744 Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Rates Relief Scheme

Line 745 COVID-19. Local Government Single Emergency Hardship Fund

Line 746 COVID-19 Bus Emergency Support

Line 747 COVID-19 Free School Meals

Line 748 COVID-19 Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP)

Removed in 2022-23

Line 745 COVID-19 Local Government Single Emergency Hardship Fund

Line 746 COVID-19 Bus Emergency Support

Line 747 COVID-19 Free School Meals

Line 748 COVID-19 Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP)

Added in 2022-23

Line 174 Universal Primary Free School Meals

Line 750 Coastal Risk Management Programme

Removed in 2023-24

Line 169 Reducing Infant Class Sizes Grant

Line 724 Community Cohesion Fund

Line 730 Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFA) Grant

Line 736 Waste Infrastructure Procurement Programme – Gate Fee Contributions

Line 738 High Street Rate Relief

Line 740 Enabling Natural Resources and Wellbeing Grant

Line 741 Food and Residual Waste Treatment Gate Fee Support

Added in 2023-24

Line 315 Homelessness - No One Left Approach

Line 316 Homelessness - Discretionary Homelessness Convention

Line 318 Support proposals relating to eliminating profit from the care of looked after children

Line 319 Support proposals relating to radical reform of the care of looked after children

OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS

Record the amounts of specific and special government grants received in respect of each of the schemes listed.

In some cases, the scheme appears more than once, to be disaggregated between different service headings. In these cases, record the appropriate share of the grant against each service area.

Education

Line 118 Post-16 provision in schools (also known as Sixth Form Funding)

To provide sixth form education provision in mainstream schools.

Line 131 Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant - NEW in 2019-20

To include the following grants:

Raising School Standards; Pioneer Schools; Pioneer Schools; The learning in digital Wales Continuing professional development programme (phase 2); Modern Foreign Languages; Mentoring and Networking Support for Head Teachers; National Numeracy Tests; Assessment for Learning; Welsh Language Charter.

To support regional education consortia and their related authorities in delivering our aspirations and priorities for schools and education outlined within our national strategy, Prosperity for All, and our plan of action for education, Education in Wales: Our national mission.

Line 132 Local Authority Education Grant - NEW in 2019-20

To include the following grants:

Additional support for Ethnic Minority, Gypsy Roma Traveller Learners; PDG Access; Additional learning needs; Elective home education.

To provide access to additional support for disadvantaged learners, fund professional learning to support and raise the quality of our teachers and to support additional costs and financial pressures on local authorities associated with the Teacher's Pay award 2019-20.

This included 15M from the 'Schools Funding Grant'. Not a grant but additional funding for professional learning to support and raise the quality of our teachers.

Line 133 Adult Community Learning (formerly Community learning)

To provide post-16 education provision in the form of Adult Community Learning.

Line 154 Youth Service

This should more accurately be called the Youth Support Grant, which encompasses the Youth Services and Youth Engagement and Progression Framework Grants.

Line 164 Pupil development grant (formerly Pupil deprivation grant)

To support regional education consortia, local authorities and schools in improving the educational attainment of children from deprived backgrounds.

Line 167 Education Improvement Grant

Previously part of Regional Consortia School Improvement Programme.

The aim of the funding is to improve educational outcomes for learners. Currently the EIG includes funding to support Foundation Phase, 14-19 Learning Pathways, School Improvement; and the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan.

Line 168 Children and Communities Grant - NEW in 2019-20

This replaces the Flexible Funding pilot grant and was rolled out across authorities from April 2019. It comprises the following grants: Flying Start, Families First, Legacy Fund, Promoting Positive Engagement for Young People at risk of offending, St David's Day Fund, Communities for Work Plus, Childcare and Play.

Line 170 Accelerated Learning Programme - NEW in 2021-22

The expectation of the funding is to help schools meet the demands of the Recruit, Recover, Raise Standards: Accelerating Learning Programme as announced by the Minister for Education on the 9 July 2020.

Line 171 Additional Learning Needs - NEW in 2021-22

The funding is for Local Authorities to increase provision of support for children and young people with ALN to deal with the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and is targeted towards the direct provision of enhanced and/or additional support for those learners, particularly learners with complex needs.

The funding is also intended to support local authorities, maintained nurseries, maintained schools, special schools, and PRUs to prepare for the phased commencement and full implementation of the ALN Act. The funding will be used to prepare the new system to enable children and young people to be moved from the old SEN system to the new ALN system.

Line 172 Transition support for Minority Ethnic and Gypsy, Roma, Traveller learners - NEW in 2021-22

The grant funds Traveller Education Services in Local Authorities, although not every LA has a TES. One of the key areas TES supports is transition from primary to secondary school as we recognise that this can be a challenging area for Gypsy and Traveller communities.

Line 173 School Essentials Grant, previously PDG Access - NEW in 2021-22

Provides financial support to families eligible for Free School Meals (eFSM) to help with the cost of school uniform and equipment. In 2021/22 the grant was extended to eligible children and young people in all compulsory school years, meaning that even more families can now benefit from this support. The grant is worth £125 per eligible learner (£200 for Year 7) and is paid to families via local authorities.

In recognition of the pressures facing families, on 14 March 2022 the Minister for Education and Welsh Language announced an additional one-off payment of £100 to every child or young person eligible for School Essentials. This takes funding up to £23m for 2022/23.

Line 174 Universal Primary Free School Meals - NEW in 2022-23

Welsh Government has committed to roll out free school meals to all primary pupils by September 2024 as part of a Co-operation Agreement with Plaid Cymru.

An important step to reaching our shared ambitions of tackling child poverty and ensuring that children have at least one meal every school day, particularly with the rising cost of living.

Line 198 Other education (including Emergency Financial Assistance)

Exclude any *income* from various bodies as reimbursement for services carried out by local authorities **on their behalf**. Examples include work undertaken by local authorities under agency arrangements, for example supply of teaching staff and related services in penal establishments. It is appropriate to assume a net budget of zero for such arrangements.

Roads and transport

Line 203 Concessionary fares re-imburement grant

To reimburse local authorities for the provision of the 'All Wales' Concessionary Bus Scheme.

Line 208 Bus Services Support Grant

Grant supports provision of local bus and community transport services across Wales within a sustainable transport network.

Line 209 Bus Revenue Support

Aim is to provide pump-priming on a tapered basis for services that may have potential, over time, to become fully commercial.

Line 210 Local Transport Fund (formerly Local Transport Grant)

Reflects Ministers priorities that transport investment leads to a measurable improvement in economic activity, access to employment, healthier travel and tackling poverty.

Line 212 Road Safety Grant

To support local authorities to deliver measures to improve road safety.

Line 298 Other Road and Transport

Repairs to non-trunk roads; Regional transport consortia.

Social Services

Line 311 Housing Support Grant (formerly supporting people - social services) – NEW in 2019-20

See line 402.

Line 313 Transformation Fund – NEW in 2020-21

Funding to support the scaling to regional level and beyond of transformative approaches to HSC in Wales/new seamless models of care and is paid directly to lead LA Banker.

Line 315 Homelessness - No One Left Approach – NEW in 2023-24

Line 316 Homelessness - Discretionary Homelessness Convention – NEW in 2023-24

Line 318 Support proposals relating to eliminating profit from the care of looked after children

To support your local authority to deliver the Programme for Government commitment to eliminate profit from the care of children looked after through development of inhouse/ not for profit fostering and residential provision.

Line 319 Support proposals relating to radical reform of the care of looked after children

To support your local authority to reduce the number of children looked after, to enable children and families to remain together and/or to improve service provision.

Line 331 Substance Misuse Action Fund

To help address priorities outlined in substance misuse commissioning strategies and tackle Welsh Government priorities such as waiting times, Tier 4 services and increasing children and young people's services.

Line 332 Domestic Abuse Service Grant - DAC & IDVA

Domestic Abuse Co-ordinators (DACs) support the implementation and delivery of strategic priorities of the Welsh Government within their respective areas through co-ordinator and collaboration. Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVAs) are trained specialists who provide a service to victims who are at high risk of harm from intimate partners, ex-partners or family members, with the aim of securing their safety and the safety of their children.

Line 333 Youth Crime Prevention Fund

The Purpose of this Funding is to provide projects aimed at preventing young people from offending and reoffending.

Line 336 ChildCare Offer

The Welsh Government has committed to offering working parents and registered guardians of three- and four-year-olds in Wales ,30 hours of government-funded childcare and early education for 48 weeks of the year by the end of this Assembly Term.

The Purpose of the Childcare Grant is to enable local authorities to deliver the provision of the childcare offer by funding the cost of that childcare.

Line 337 Children and Communities Grant (Social Services) - NEW in 2019-20 – see line 168

Line 398 Other Social Services (including Emergency Financial Assistance formally 'Bellwin')

Include any funding provided to local authorities to cover any lost income from waiving home care charges for up to six weeks following discharge from hospital.

Also include any provision for Emergency Financial Assistance scheme grants to be used to support emergency social services expenditure.

- European Community grants for Social Services – to support Social Service expenditure (Objective 1, etc.)
- Local Health Board (LHB)
- Food and fitness health promotion scheme
- SHARP.

Housing

Line 402 Housing Support Grant (formerly supporting people - housing)

Formerly supporting people but also brought together two other small grants in 2019-20: Homelessness Prevention; Rent Smart Wales Enforcement.

The change took place over two stages for the following reasons:

- WG intend to undertake a co-productive approach to developing the structure of the HSG and for this process to be robust we must allow sufficient time for stakeholders to contribute.
- The decision of Welsh Ministers to make a commitment that “local authorities should allocate funding to SP programmes at least at the level of their SP allocation unless they can demonstrate that they can be sure of delivering the same, or improved, services for less money as a result of efficiencies,” requires the identification of Supporting People spend from 2019-20.

Line 407 Rent rebates granted to HRA tenants

Record the subsidies received towards the cost of those tenants living in HRA accommodation who qualify for rent rebates, covering the whole or part of their rent.

Line 414 Children and Communities Grant (Housing) - NEW in 2019-20 – see line 168

Line 415 Social care workforce and sustainability pressures grant

The Purpose of the Funding is to facilitate the delivery of our Healthier Wales priorities by supporting local authorities' deliver their core social services (children's and adults')

Line 498 Other housing (including Emergency Financial Assistance formally 'Bellwin')

Include grants to be received in respect of *revenue* funding for homelessness schemes, social housing management and the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme.

Include any provision for Emergency Financial Assistance scheme grants to be used to support emergency council fund housing expenditure.

Social Housing management grant – to assist social landlords achieve high standards of housing management.

Include grants from European Community for housing – to support council fund housing expenditure (Objective 1, etc.).

Police and Home Office

Line 513 National Police Coordination Centre

This grant has three main functions:

- Assessing national capability and capacity in relation to the Strategic Policing Requirement and Police National Requirements
- Co-ordinating a continuous testing and exercising regime to ensure effective mobilisation of national assets in a crisis
- Brokering mutual aid in a crisis.

Line 516 Police community support officers grant from the Welsh Government (police only)

To undertake to fund the deployment of an additional 500 Community Support Officers across Wales as one of its 'Five for a Fairer Future' commitments in its Programme for Government.

Line 598 Other Home Office, Department for Constitutional Affairs and Unified Courts Administration

Police and crime commissioners should note that there is no line for principal police grant or floor funding grant. It forms part of the budget requirement and is therefore recorded on line 157 of the main RA form.

National Parks

Line 601 National Parks' Revenue Grant (national park authorities only)

Only National Park authorities should show an entry against this line.

Include only National Parks' Revenue Grant. **Exclude** any capital grant allocations, which should not feature anywhere on this return.

Other Local Services

Line 713 Recreation and sport

- Include grants associated with the development of sport in the community, including outreach work;
- Include grants relating to free swimming for Children and young people and for 60+.

Line 719 Waste grant

Also known as Sustainable Waste Management - To provide additional resources to local authorities for sustainable municipal waste management. It contributes towards local authority efforts to increase recycling and composting, which helps to divert waste from landfill.

Line 726 Community Fire Safety (fire authorities only)

To reduce deaths in fires and injuries through fire prevention activities, this includes initiatives across the three Fire & Rescue Authorities in Wales, including Home Fire Safety interventions, Arson Reduction and Youth Intervention.

Line 739 Children and Communities Grant (Other) - NEW in 2019-20 - see line 168

Line 743 Sustainable Waste Management Grant - NEW in 2020-21

To help local authorities continue their progress and put in place the infrastructure for collection, treatment and disposal that is required and to increase public awareness and participation in recycling.

Line 744 Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Rates Relief Scheme - NEW in 2020-21

To provide grant funding to the 22 local authorities in Wales to provide support to ratepayers by reducing the Non Domestic rates bill for eligible properties to zero. The scheme applies to all ratepayers occupying eligible properties with a rateable value of £500,000 or less.

Line 750 Coastal Risk Management Programme NEW in 2022-23

Line 798 Other (including Emergency Financial Assistance scheme grants covering OLS expenditure)

Include any provision for Emergency Financial Assistance scheme grants to be used to support emergency expenditure on other local services.

Exclude any *income* from such bodies as reimbursement for services carried out by local authorities *on their behalf*. Examples include work undertaken by local authorities under agency arrangements, for example work carried out on motorways and trunk roads; and vehicle licence administration. It is appropriate to assume a net budget of zero for such arrangements.

- Heritage Lottery fund
- Forestry Commission
- Environment Development fund (mainly to national park authorities)
- Environmental health (including SHARP)
- Repairs to non-trunk roads.

Section C: Specification of grants

Rows 198, 293, 398, 498, 598 and 798 are populated directly from the grants listed within this area. Please specify the details of any amounts entered. **RECS grants should be excluded.**