**Appendix A: LGA summary of flooding relief funding announcements**

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| **Initiative** | **Date** | **Funding, £m** | **Comments** | **Online link** |
| **The government has announced a** [**summary of recent flooding announcements**](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/287393/Flood_Support_Schemes.pdf)**. There is also** [**separate detailed guidance**](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flood-support-package-for-homeowners-and-businesses) **for business rate relief, council tax discount, ‘repair and renew’ grants and the business hardship fund.** |
| Severe weather recovery scheme for most affected councils, including DfT funding for fixing potholes arising from flooding (closing date – end of May for impact from 8 February onwards) | 17/01/2014 | 37 | Apply here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/severe-weather-recovery-scheme> | [Link](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-flood-support-from-government) |
| Local authorities will be reimbursed for 100% of the costs above the threshold to claim for the emergency response and clean-up following recent storms, as opposed to the previous 85%. In addition, the threshold at which claims can be made – currently set at spending of more than 0.2% of their calculated annual revenue budget on exceptional costs – will be reduced for county councils and unitaries. Upper tier authorities with responsibility for fire will be able to claim on a comparable basis to standalone fire authorities. | 06/02/2014 | N/A | The period for eligible spending will be to late May.The government has committed to pay the majority of Bellwin compensation (up to 80 per cent) up front – councils can apply now. This includes the cost of sandbags.The application form can be found by following [this link](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bellwin-scheme-emergency-financial-assistance). | [Link](https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/flood-response) |
| Farming and forestry improvement scheme | 04/02/2014 | 10 | Not directly a flood relief initiative but flood affected applicants will receive priority. [More information](http://rdpenetwork.defra.gov.uk/funding-sources/farm-and-forestry-improvement-scheme) | [Link](http://rdpenetwork.defra.gov.uk/funding-sources/farm-and-forestry-improvement-scheme) |
| Emergency flood defence repairs and maintenance 2014/15 | 06/02/2014 | 130 | £30m in 2013/14; £130m in 2014/15 | [Link](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-no-restrictions-on-help-for-those-affected-by-storms) |
| 100 per cent business rate relief the ability to defer tax payments to businesses hit by flooding – both for three months | 12/02/2014 | 9 | Rate relief: [Guidance available here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flood-support-package-for-homeowners-and-businesses)Tax deferral: [HMRC has set up a hotline](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-helpline-launched-to-support-people-affected-by-flooding) | [Link](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-measures-to-help-communities-hit-by-flooding#repair-renew) |
| Support to farmers whose land has been waterlogged | 12/02/2014 | 10 | [Link to guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/farming-recovery-fund-guidance-for-applicants)  | [Link](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/farming-recovery-fund-guidance-for-applicants) |
| ‘Repair and renew’ grants of £5,000 for affected homeowners and businesses to improve flood defences | 12/02/2014 | 10 | [Guidance available here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flood-support-package-for-homeowners-and-businesses) | [Link](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-measures-to-help-communities-hit-by-flooding#repair-renew) |
| Hardship funding for SME businesses in areas affected by the floods. Both businesses that have been flooded, and businesses that are in affected areas and have suffered significant loss of trade, will be able to apply for support. | 17/02/2014 | 10 | [Guidance and initial allocations available here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flood-support-package-for-homeowners-and-businesses) | [Link](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-floods-10-million-support-scheme-for-flood-affected-businesses) |
| Funding for councils that offer council tax rebates to affected households | 19/02/2014 | 4 | [Guidance available here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flood-support-package-for-homeowners-and-businesses) | [Link](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-announces-council-tax-refunds-for-flood-hit-households) |
| Support fund for tourism-oriented businesses affected by floods | 01/03/2014 | 2 |  | [Link](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/2-million-puts-boots-on-the-ground-to-help-tourism-businesses-affected-by-floods) |
| Extra funding from the Severe Weather Recovery Fund for Somerset levels | 06/03/2014 | 0.5 |  | [Link](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-action-plan-to-protect-somerset-from-flooding) |
| Support for fishermen to replace fishing gear; payment of lighthouse dues | 06/03/2014 | 0.6 | £0.5m to replace fishing gear, £0.14m lighthouse dues | [Link](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-action-plan-to-protect-somerset-from-flooding) |
| £140m funding package to support repairs of roads affected by flooding | 09/03/2014 | 140 | £103.5m allocated to councils directly, to be used in 2013/14 | [Link](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-boost-for-roads-hit-by-bad-weather) |