

Appendix A: LGA summary of flooding relief funding announcements

Initiative	Date	Funding, £m	Comments	Online link
<p>The government has announced a summary of recent flooding announcements. There is also separate detailed guidance for business rate relief, council tax discount, 'repair and renew' grants and the business hardship fund.</p>				
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
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 .	Link
Farming and forestry improvement scheme	04/02/2014	10	Not directly a flood relief initiative but flood affected applicants will receive priority. More information	Link
Emergency flood defence repairs and maintenance 2014/15	06/02/2014	130	£30m in 2013/14; £130m in 2014/15	Link
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 Tax deferral: HMRC has set up a hotline	Link
Support to farmers whose land has been waterlogged	12/02/2014	10	Link to guidance	Link
'Repair and renew' grants of £5,000 for affected homeowners and businesses to improve flood defences	12/02/2014	10	Guidance available here	Link
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	Link
Funding for councils that offer council tax rebates to affected households	19/02/2014	4	Guidance available here	Link
Support fund for tourism-oriented businesses affected by floods	01/03/2014	2		Link
Extra funding from the Severe Weather Recovery Fund for Somerset levels	06/03/2014	0.5		Link
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
£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