

Policy 25 LA Threshold Sum

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1.0 Background

One of the eligibility criteria for Group 2 candidates is that a Local Authority (LA) must be providing services or funding of at least a specified value (the Threshold Sum). This LA provision must consist of Qualifying Support and Services (QSS).

The ILF Threshold Sum (inherited from the previous ILF organisation 'ILF UK') was first set in 1993 and was increased in 2008 and 2010 so that are 3 levels of ILF Threshold Sum.

2.0 Policy

2.1 Threshold Sum £200

The Threshold Sum is £200 for any application received prior to 1st April 2008, and where no request had been made to ILF UK or ILFS for an increased award based on increased need for Qualifying Support and Services (QSS).

2.2 Threshold Sum £320

The Threshold Sum is £320 for any application made to ILF UK between 1st April 2008 and 30th April 2010.

For applications made to ILF UK prior to 1st April 2008, requests for an increased award based on increased need for QSS received on or before 30th

April 2010 required LA input of at least £320. In any such case where ILF UK had agreed to a care needs increase the Threshold Sum is now £320.

The Threshold Sum for these cases remains at £320, unless ILF UK or ILFS have since agreed an increased award based on increased need for QSS.

In that event the £340 Threshold Sum in the following paragraph will apply.

2.3 Threshold Sum £340

The threshold sum for applications or increased requests based on increased need for QSS, that have been received by ILF UK or ILFS on or after 1st May 2010 is £340 per week.

3.0 Regularity of payments

The Local authority has to meet a minimum of the threshold sum per week averaged over the year (or relevant period that payments are required), however the regularity of those payments is not relevant.

4.0 Fixing the Threshold Sum

LA input can never fall below the Threshold Sum applicable at the date of application.

Additionally in any case where the Threshold Sum has increased (to £320 or £340) because ILF UK or ILFS had agreed to increase an award based on increased need for QSS, that new Threshold Sum applies to that case on an ongoing basis and can never reduce.

4.1 New Employer costs

Where an ILF award was increased only to incorporate employer costs as outlined in the Increase Requests policy, the Local Authority Threshold sum will not need to increase as these costs will be paid in relation to the existing support only.

4.2 Funding from 2 LAs

Very occasionally funding is provided by 2 LAs. The funding from both LAs may be aggregated to meet the Threshold Sum. Such cases are very unusual and may need to be referred to the senior management team if changes occur in the funding arrangements.

4.3 Movement from between Local Authorities

Where a user moves from one Local Authority to another then the user will only remain eligible providing that the existing threshold sum is maintained.

4.4 Changes in financial circumstances

If the user's financial circumstances change, with the result that the user's Available Income decreases, ILFS can make the corresponding increase to the ILF award without additional LA input.

5.0 Source

6.0 Cross References

Use of funding policy
Increase Requests policy

7.0 History Date Reviewed

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