

# Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire  
County Council

## Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Grant Programme

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### Description of current service/policy

The Department for Education (DfE) has provided every local authority in England funding to coordinate free holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities, for children eligible for benefits related free school meals. The programme covers the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays in 2021. Hampshire County Council have been awarded a total of £3,319,940. This EIA covers Summer 2021 provision.

Geographical impact: All  
Hampshire

### Description of proposed change

Hampshire County Council are distributing their DfE allocation via two grant streams for summer provision;

Grant Type A – For childcare places in existing schemes/clubs or new schemes/clubs being proposed in priority and rural areas;

Grant Type B – For Summer holiday events, short activities, innovative projects and initiatives targeting priority and rural areas, older children & young people (11–16 year olds), and families.

### Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

### Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

Yes

Market engagement was undertaken with a range of providers to ensure that they were aware of the opportunity for funding and could apply for a grant. Particular focus was given to areas with known gaps in provision such as rural areas.

Successful applicants will receive a briefing on the HAF principles and other key topics such as safeguarding.

<b>Statutory considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Age:</b> Positive	Children and young people (and their families) will benefit from the HAF grant programme as the funding is directed at school age children and young people.	
<b>Disability:</b> Positive	Organisations funded by HAF are expected to offer inclusive provision so that children and young people with additional needs can attend.	
<b>Sexual orientation:</b> Neutral		
<b>Race:</b> Neutral		
<b>Religion and belief:</b> Neutral		
<b>Gender reassignment:</b> Neutral		

<b>Gender:</b> Neutral		
<b>Marriage and civil partnership:</b> Neutral		
<b>Pregnancy and maternity:</b> Neutral		
<b>Other policy considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Poverty:</b> Positive	The HAF funding is directed at children who are benefits eligible for Free School Meals. The funding will mean that they will be able to access free holiday activities and food during Summer 2021.	
<b>Rurality:</b> Positive	The HAF funding is to support holiday activities throughout the county. This includes rural areas where activity schemes may not have traditionally operated. Funding will be used to prioritise these areas to encourage organisations to deliver in pockets of the county where there is a lack of existing provision.	

**Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)**

**Any other information**

N/A