

<b>Circular Reference:</b>	<b>S1/2010</b>		
<b>Subject:</b>	Discretionary Housing Payments	<b>Effective Date:</b>	<b>Financial year 2009/10</b>
<b>Summary</b> <p>This circular contains details of the Government contribution (not subsidy) to DHPs and the DHP overall expenditure limits for 2010/11.</p> <p>The amounts are the same as for 2009/910 with the government contributing £20m of the overall £50m total. The overall limit is set as 2.5 times the central government contribution.</p> <p>Although concerns had been raised by LAs about the validity of the distribution formula since the boundary changes to the Broad Rental Market Areas, the existing formula continues to be used for the current year as certain key data for the new formula has yet to be sufficiently tested.</p> <p>Allocations for individual Local Authorities are contained in the Appendix to the circular. (The allocation for each Local Authority is half-way between what it spent on DHPs in the last 'reliable' financial year and its' contribution for that year.)</p>			
<b>Suggested Action</b> <p>Ensure all staff involved in subsidy compilation and DHP decision making are made aware of the information contained in this circular.</p>			
<b>Other References:</b>	Discretionary Finance Assistance Regulations 2001 DHP (Grants) Order 2001		