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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 21/22-297 please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Please can you provide information on the following questions regarding access to the Self-Isolation Support Grant in the local authority of East Cambridgeshire during the Covid pandemic.

All questions refer to the time period between March 2020 and up to the latest available data.

1. How many individuals have applied for the Self-Isolation Support Grant of £500? Please include a month-by-month breakdown. –
2. How many of those applications were made by self-employed people?
3. How many of applications made by self-employed people automatically received the payment due to being on existing benefit schemes such as Universal Credit, Pension Credit, Working Tax Credits, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, and Housing Benefit?
4. How many self-employed people who were not on benefits received the Self-Isolation Support Grant of £500?
5. How many applications for the Self-Isolation Support Grant of £500 made by self-employed people were rejected and what were the top three reasons for rejection in these circumstances.
6. What was the total expenditure on Self-Isolation Support Grant of £500 made for self-employed people?

Response:

1. Please see table attached
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5. Please see attached table for numbers rejected. The top three reasons for rejections were:
 - Could not demonstrate financial hardship so therefore did not meet the Council's discretionary payment criteria
 - Did not provide the evidence requested to support their claim
 - Applicant submitted multiple applications for the same period. (Duplicate claims)
6. The total expenditure on self- isolation grants for self employed people for the period:
March 2020 – December 31st 2021 = £46000.00

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 21/22-297

If information has been refused please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

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