



**Local Full Fibre Networks Programme
Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme
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Introduction

In previous Bulletins we said we would provide regular updates about the remaining value of the LFFN fund. At 25 February 2020 around £6m remains available for new vouchers supported by this fund. The Scheme has delivered over 20,000 connections to date.

We have committed around £12m of the rural fund which is part of the £200m Rural Gigabit Connectivity programme.

Suppliers are again encouraged to focus their attention on developing projects which qualify for the ongoing Rural Gigabit Voucher part of the scheme. This change in focus is consistent with Government's commitment to ensure the hardest to reach parts of the country receive gigabit-capable broadband at the same time as the rest of the UK as described in the Future Telecoms Infrastructure Strategy published in 2018. We hope that suppliers continue to sell gigabit capable connections to customers in the whole of the UK.

Notice Period

You are reminded that it is our intention to provide at least 2 day's notice that we will cease to accept requests for vouchers funded from the LFFN part of the Scheme. We will provide this notice in a bulletin like this one. We will issue vouchers up to the maximum value of the fund. Suppliers are reminded that the Scheme may be closed without notice, as per the Scheme terms and conditions.

For the avoidance of doubt, this is **not** a notice to cease the request of vouchers for LFFN funding at this present time

Projects in Rural Areas

Please note that projects which are taking place in qualifying rural locations will continue to be able to request vouchers for eligible rural premises after the LFFN part of the scheme has closed to new voucher requests. This is irrespective of which part of the fund the supplier identified in the PRP application. The maximum value of vouchers remains the same as the maximum value that was approved in the PRP application, irrespective of which fund the voucher is requested from.



New Project PRP Applications

Reminder that Friday 14th February 2020 was the last date for submission of new Project PRPs containing LFFN vouchers which are eligible only in accordance with the eligibility rules that were in place before the changes announced in Bulletin#24. Requests for LFFN vouchers within Project PRPs received or registered before this date will be assessed in accordance with previous eligibility parameters.

If you have any questions about the Scheme please contact us using the support function when signed in on the website.