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# Big Local funding and the EU Settlement Scheme

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The UK is leaving the EU. The end of the transition period is 1 January 2021 and shortly after in June 2021 is the application deadline for applying to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS), but businesses may be affected before this as trade rules between the UK and EU change.

Big Local funding can be used for the benefit of the community and to meet the [Big Local outcomes](#). This might include:

- Support/ general advice for people whose right to stay in the UK might be affected
- Digital support to enable people to use online services
- Providing access to a trusted person / interpreter to explain the process
- Financial advice for people whose income is affected
- Linking people or local businesses to the advice and support that is available to them.

It's up to you as a partnership to decide. You could look at what the changes might mean for people in your area, and think how you can plan and work with services that are already set up. If your area has a high number of EU citizens you might think about how awareness can be raised locally to ensure people check their circumstances and don't get caught out. Speak to local services and charities about their plans. Local community organisations, such as hubs, foodbanks and faith communities, may need funding or support to manage the demand for advice and signpost, as people come in with questions at the places they trust.

Although Big Local funding can be used towards community support, there are some things that Big Local funding cannot be used for, and these include:

- The cost of individual application fees for citizenship, or any visa or travel document (it's now free to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme)
- Legal advice on personal immigration matters
- Political activities (see our guidance on [Political activities and Big Local areas](#))
- What is already funded by government or other sources

If you're in doubt about what Big Local funding can be used for do speak to your rep or contact Local Trust's funding team at [programmes@localtrust.org.uk](mailto:programmes@localtrust.org.uk)