

Funds for Unforeseen Events

Funds from the budget programme "Funds for Unforeseen Events" (hereafter – FUE) are allocated to the expenditure measures of national importance, unforeseen expenditure in the state basic budget appropriations resulting from the elimination of the consequences of catastrophes and natural disasters and other unforeseen events. Funds are requested by ministries, incl. also if the beneficiary is not a public institution, the funds required for specific expenditure measures are requested by the relevant line ministry.

The local government may request funds for the unforeseen expenditure in the state basic budget appropriations for the elimination of the consequences of catastrophes, natural disasters and fire, the compensation of losses and damage caused to municipal infrastructure, as well as unforeseen events defined in legal acts. The Ministry of Regional Protection and Regional Development (hereafter – MEPRD) makes requests on behalf of municipalities¹.

Requests are reviewed by the Cabinet of Ministers. In exceptional circumstances when funds have to be granted immediately and the request cannot be reviewed at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers, the decision is made by the Minister of Finance.

The Minister of Finance may decide to allocate funds from the FUE budget programme without consideration to the Cabinet of Ministers also in cases where (i) the ministry is required to compensate natural and legal persons for the damage caused in accordance with the Law on Compensation for Damage Caused by Public Administration Institutions and the Law on Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing; (ii) the Treasury shall pay compensation to politically repressed persons and persons subject to increased taxes and duties, followed by deprivation of property, eviction from homes or apartments, and (iii) if the amount of funds requested by the ministry shall not exceed 10 000 euro.

The law "On the state budget for 2018" for the budget programme FUE has been allocated 63 736 659 $euro^2$, which compared to the amount adopted in the first edition of the Law (43 545 932 euro) increased by 46.4%.

Resource Allocation from FUE in the 2018

| Institution | Number of requests | Total sum |
|---|--------------------|------------|
| Ministry of Transport | 13 | 26 885 735 |
| Ministry of Health | 10 | 7 801 803 |
| Ministry of Defence | 2 | 5 746 057 |
| Targeted Grants to Local Governments | 2 | 4 289 196 |
| Ministry of Agriculture | 15 | 2 875 945 |
| Cabinet of Ministers | 31 | 2 505 945 |
| Ministry of Education and Science | 10 | 2 170 196 |
| Ministry of Interior | 18 | 1 692 565 |
| Ministry of Culture | 4 | 884 008 |

In 2018 a total **58 870 804 euro** was granted from FUE to satisfy **172 requests**.

¹ Procedures by which Changes in Appropriations Set in the Annual Budget Law shall be Performed.

^{17/07/2018,} Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers, Nr. 421, available at: https://likumi.lv/ta/id/300437-kartiba-kada-veic-gadskarteja-valsts-budzeta-likuma-noteiktas-apropriacijas-izmainas#p41, accessed on 23/01/2019.

http://fdp.gov.lv/files/uploaded/LNG_palielinajums.xlsx, accessed on: 23/01/2019.



Summary of resource allocation from "Funds for Unforeseen Events" in of 2018

| Institution | Number of requests | Total sum |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Ministry of Justice | 9 | 879 666 |
| MEPRD | 8 | 865 072 |
| Radio and television | 2 | 734 847 |
| Ministry of Foreign Affairs | 17 | 530 905 |
| Central Election Commission | 1 | 225 786 |
| Ministry of Finance | 14 | 190 195 |
| Chancery of the President of Latvia | 1 | 158 385 |
| Prosecutor's Office | 3 | 157 146 |
| Ministry of Welfare | 8 | 153 157 |
| Ministry of Economics | 4 | 124 195 |
| Total: | 172 | 58 870 804 |

In the last quarter of 2018, 32 requests above 100 000 euro were satisfied.

- 1. Funds granted to the Cabinet of Ministers (226 926 euro).
- 2. Funds granted to the Cabinet of Ministers (139 481 euro).
- 3. Funds granted to the Cabinet of Ministers (136 517 euro).
- 4. Funds granted to the Cabinet of Ministers (138 026 euro).
- 5. Funds granted to the Cabinet of Ministers (313 368 euro).
- 6. Funds granted to the Cabinet of Ministers (181 513 euro).
- 7. Funds granted to the Cabinet of Ministers (175 000 euro).
- 8. Funds granted to the Cabinet of Ministers (100 750 euro).
- 9. Funds granted to the Ministry of Defence (5 723 503 euro).
- 10. Funds granted to the Ministry of the Interior (107 622 euro) to cover expenses related to the development and verification of data of minors' support and criminal information systems (40 648 euro) and to cover the costs of developing interfaces for the provision of information from the Register of Asylum Seekers and the Population Register and the development of unique and specific data selection solutions (66 974euro).
- 11. Funds granted to the Ministry of the Interior (162 183 euro) to cover the costs of extinguishing fires in Valdgale parish of Talsi region and in Ramata parish of Mazsalaca region.
- 12. Funds granted to the Ministry of Agriculture to cover the costs of extinguishing fires in Valdgale parish of Talsi region and in Ramata parish of Mazsalaca region (126 180 euro).
- 13. Funds granted to the Ministry of the Interior (Information Center of the Ministry of the Interior) to cover expenditure related to the improvement of the Integrated Home Affairs Information System and the verification of data included in the system (134 721 euro).
- 14. Funds granted to the Ministry of the Interior (State Border Guard) to ensure the purchase of a spare part (main transmission) for the aircraft at the disposal of the State Border Guard (659 466 euro).
- 15. Funds granted to the Ministry of Education and Science for the transfer to the association "Latvian Hockey Federation" to cover the costs related to the preparation of the 2021 World Hockey championships for men (110 000 euro).
- 16. Funds granted to the Ministry of Education and Science for transfer to Ventspils University Institute of Engineering Science "Ventspils International Radio Astronomy Center" to ensure the establishment of Irbene radio telescopes (RT-16 and RT-32) (339 000 euro).



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- 17. Funds granted to the Ministry of Education and Science (243 094 euro) to provide funding to the Association of Latvian Higher Education Sports (40 000 euro) to cover the costs of participation of Latvian students in hockey at the 29th World Winter University in Krasnoyarsk (Russia) from 2 March to 12 March 2019, and participation of Latvian students in basketball at the 30th World Summer University in Naples (Italy) from 3 July to 14 July 2019, and to the Latvian Tennis Association to cover the costs of organizing the Federation Cup (FED CUP) competition in Latvia from 9 February to 10 February 2019 (203 094 euro).
- 18. Funds granted to the Ministry of Education and Science to provide cash prizes for outstanding achievements in XXIII Winter Olympics in Phoenix (Republic of Korea) and outstanding achievements in sport at the end of 2017 and 2018 (1 240 050 euro).
- 19. Funds granted to the Ministry of Agriculture in accordance with the Cabinet of Ministers Regulation No 177 of 15 March 2005 "Procedure for granting and receiving compensation to the owner of the animal in case of an outbreak of an infectious animal disease or epizootic under state supervision" so the Rural Support Service would provide compensation for animal owners for losses caused by the eradication of African swine fever (1 115 059 euro).
- 20. Funds granted to the Ministry of Agriculture (599 500 euro) to prevent violations of fire safety requirements for the Latvian University of Agriculture (302 000 euro) and for a limited liability company Bulduri Gardening Secondary School (297 500 euro).
- 21. Funds granted to the Ministry of Transport (6 000 000 euro), including to cover the expenses specified in regulatory enactments for Riga Municipality for 2017 (626 679 euro; to ensure the reimbursement of expenses prescribed by regulatory enactments to the cities of the republic importance for the transportation of passengers on the routes of city significance in 2018 (102 773 euro); to provide for the reimbursement of the expenses stipulated in the regulatory enactments to public transport service providers for the transportation of passengers on regional routes with buses and trains in 2018 (5 270 548 euro).
- 22. Funds granted to the Ministry of Transport to ensure reimbursement of expenses specified in regulatory enactments to joint stock company "Pasažieru vilciens" for the use of railway infrastructure (12 741 613 euro).
- 23. Funds granted to the Ministry of Transport (6 533 771 euro), including for passenger public transport service (buses and train service) providers in regions in 2018 (4 474 070 euro) and to joint stock company "Pasažieru vilciens" for public transport services provided in regional transport in 2017 (2 059 701 euro).
- 24. Funds granted to the Ministry of Justice for the transfer to the Aglona Basilica congregation of the works actually completed by 24 September 2018 in connection with the provision of a national event His Holiness Pope Francis' Pastoral Visit to Latvia (254 776 euro).
- 25. Funds granted to the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development on the basis of the Cabinet of Ministers Protocol No. 50 of 30 October 2018 "Informative Report" On Evaluation of the Latvian Digital Transformation of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development" (453 000 euro).
- 26. Funds granted to the Ministry of Culture to provide the necessary funding in 2018 to raise the minimum wage for teachers up to 710 euro by 1 September 2018 (467 824 euro).
- 27. Funds granted to the Ministry of Education and Science (62 budget line programme "Targeted Grants to Local Governments") to provide the necessary funding in 2018 for raising the minimum wage for teachers up to 710 euros with effect from 1 September 2018 (2 844 345 euro).
- 28. Funds granted to the Ministry of Health to cover the costs incurred by the National Health Service for establishing a database of recipients of healthcare services (1 090 839 euro).
- 29. Funds granted to the Ministry of Health to cover the costs of establishing a database of recipients of healthcare services (482 349 euro).



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- 30. Funds granted to the Ministry of Health for the National Health Service to pay for the health care services provided by the European Union social security system in accordance with the invoices submitted by the competent institutions of the European Union Member States, the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation (6 124 233 euro).
- 31. Funds granted to the Ministry of Transport (139 312 euro). Classified.
- 32. Funds granted to the Ministry of Transport (539 878 euro). Classified.