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Providing the spark that makes a difference for those who are,
or have been, in care.



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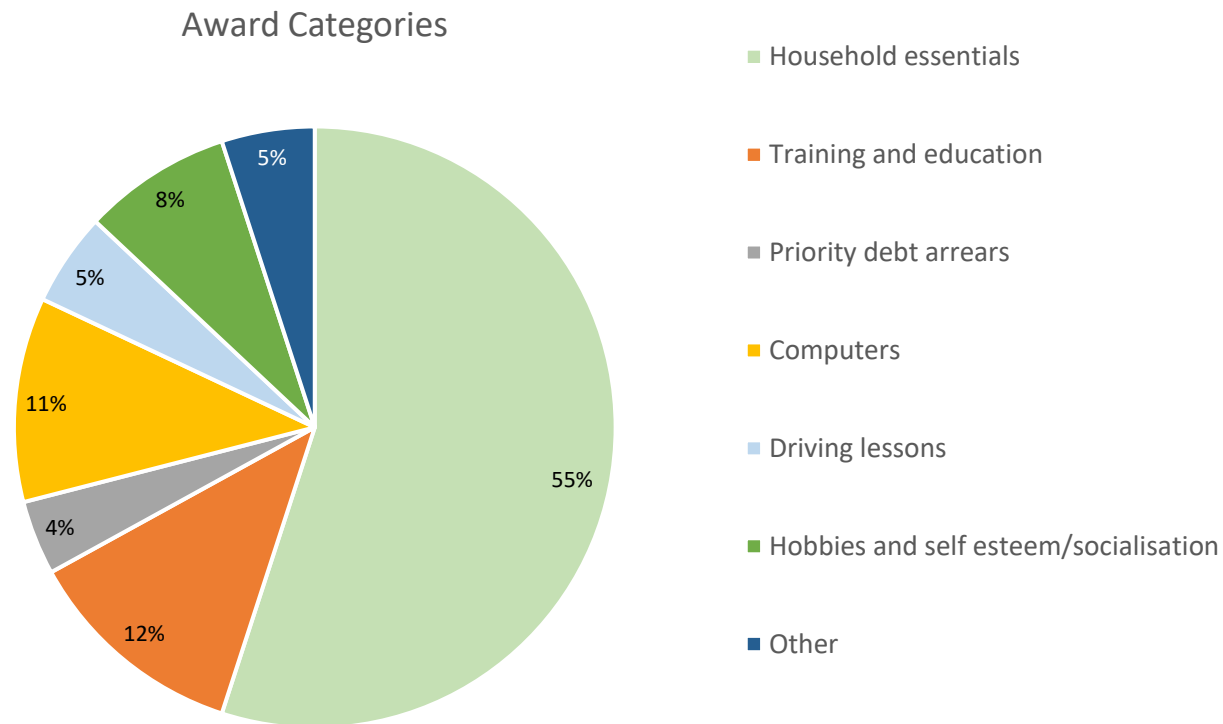
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Who we are and what we do

- The Kent based fostering agency ISP (Integrated Services Provision) founded a Children's Foundation in 2003. By 2015 its success had grown and it was re-launched as a charity on a nationwide basis, entitled The Spark Foundation.
- The Spark Foundation runs a small grants programme for young people up to the age of 26 who either are or who have been in care in England and Wales.
- The aim of the grants is to help with education or training, encourage hobbies, skills and social interaction, and provide those who are leaving or who have left care with those essential domestic items that families normally provide.

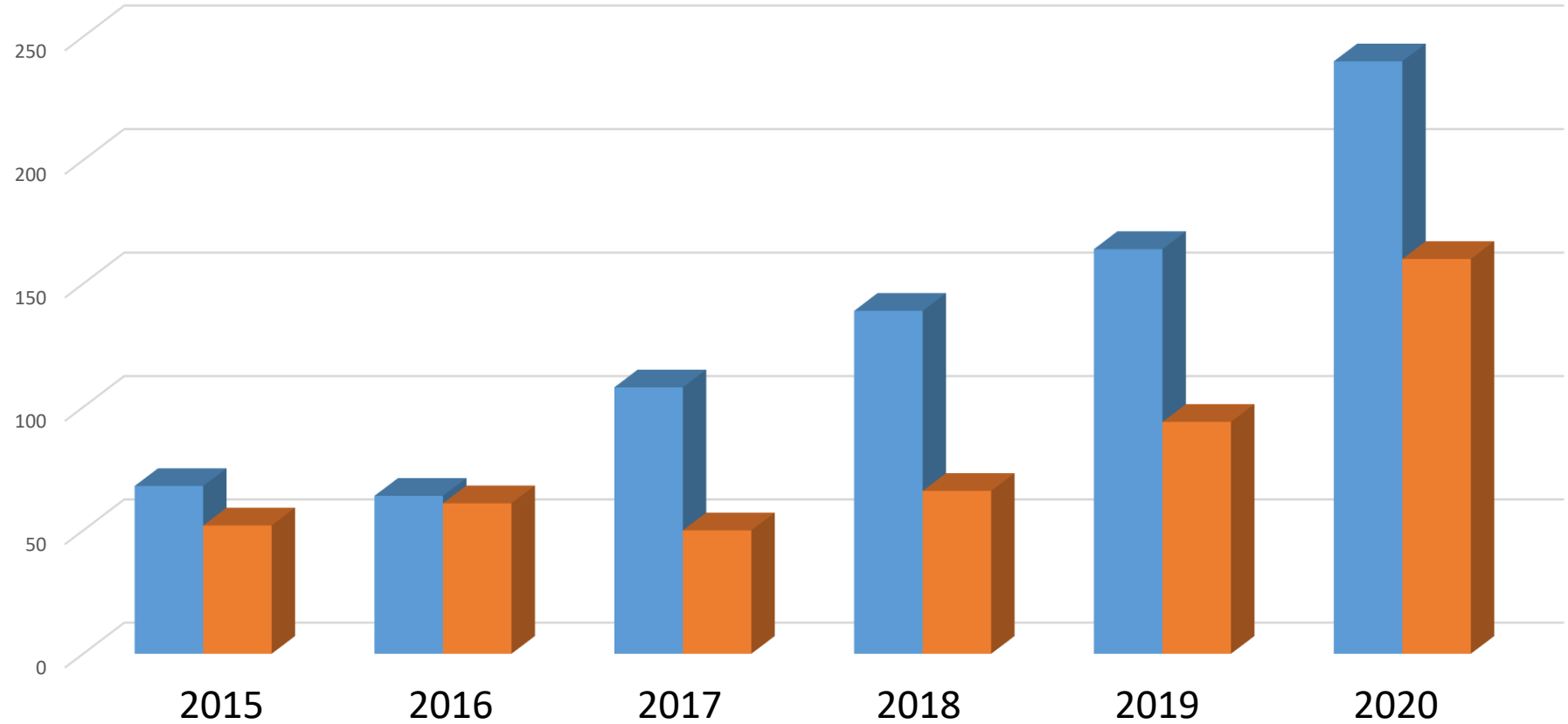
The needs we meet

In 2020 we made grants amounting to £53,483.00, meeting needs as follows:



Numbers applying for and receiving grants

■ Applications Received ■ Grants Awarded



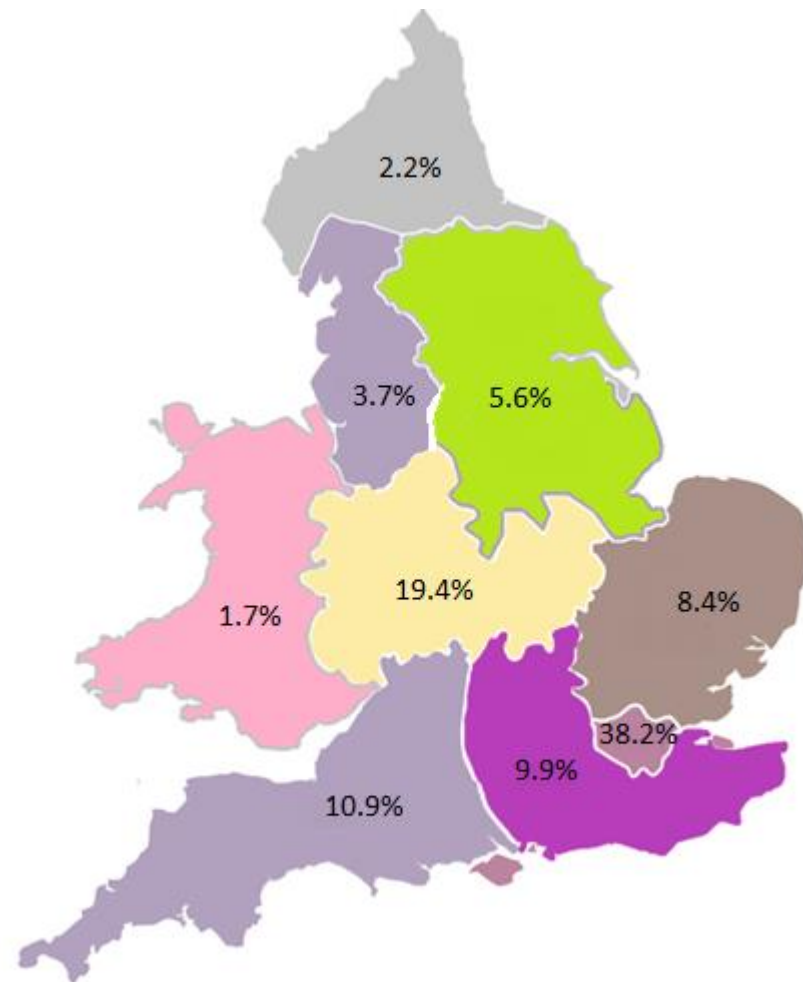
Note: Monitoring data is also maintained on age, gender, ethnicity, nationality, and disability

Note: We have had to reduce the size of grants to make funds go further

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Coverage

In 2020, we made grants to young people from 61 Local Authorities/Organisations across England and Wales



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Some comments from grant recipients

- *'I am really happy to be able to get help'*
- *'I am really grateful for Spark Foundation's help.....My house is going to feel like a home again'*
- *'Just wanted to say a very big thank you and that I couldn't of done it (passing driving test) without the extra financial help. I am so grateful and it has made me more independent.'*



Our ambition is to be able to give these essential grants to all those whose applications meet our criteria

We estimate we need to find another £20,000 annually to keep pace

Can you become one of the fostering agencies that donate regularly?

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Thank you for taking the time to read this slide deck.

We'd love to hear from you!

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