

Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund is provided by the Government to local authorities to support families with children and individuals most in need. It replaced the Covid Local Grant Scheme (CLGS).

Support available

Food vouchers

- Households with children - £20 per adult per week, £15 per child per week (for maximum of 2 weeks)
- Single households - £25 per week (for maximum of 2 weeks)
- Multiple adult households - £20 per adult per week (for maximum of 2 weeks)

Fuel vouchers

- Family household - £98
- Single household - £56

Eligibility

We recognise that all households may potentially be suffering hardship due to the cost of living crisis and we are seeking to provide support from the Household Support Fund to any household that meets its criteria.

Those who may be eligible include:

- families that have received Free School Meals (FSM)
- families with vulnerable children aged 0-5 or that may not qualify for FSM that are known to social workers and Children and Family Wellbeing Service, but are not accessing FEEE
- vulnerable families with or without children

- clinically extremely vulnerable people
- gypsy, traveller or show persons and other vehicle dwelling communities

Criteria

Applications must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. The applicant must be a resident of Leicestershire over 16 years old
2. A family/household with or without children who are experiencing financial hardship, which means that they are struggling to feed their family, to heat their home, or with other household/utility costs etc.
3. Had their and/or their children's identity verified by the professional submitting the application, for example, by using a form of photo ID (confirming the lead claimant's identity) e.g., driving licence, passport, birth certificate, marriage certificate.
4. Had their pensionable age verified by the professional submitting the application, for example by using a form of photo ID (confirming the lead claimant's identity) e.g., driving licence, passport, birth certificate.
5. Had their proof of address verified by the professional (confirming their residence) e.g., benefits letter, bank statement, utility bill, Council Tax bill. If homeless confirmation that they are currently homeless in Leicestershire (from a professional)
6. Eligibility confirmed by the suitable professional making the application. Evidence of financial hardship could include but is not limited to: difficulties and/or arrears due to inflationary energy costs those who have been made redundant and have not yet received universal credit, or other loss of household income.

Applications

No direct applications will be accepted. **A referral must be made on behalf of applicants**, from school. Please contact the School Office on 01858 462528, Toni Merriman 07932 622989, Kathy Garrod 07837 972351.