



UK Government

**Help for
Households**

Cost of Living help from your local council

**Easy
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**HOUSEHOLD
SUPPORT FUND**
EXTENDED

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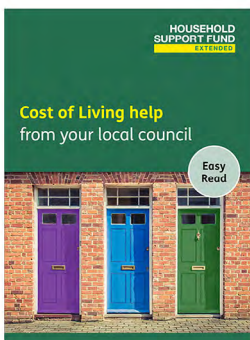
Introduction



You may be able to get help with **essential costs** through your local council.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND EXTENDED

This is sometimes known as the **Household Support Fund** and comes through the UK Government.



This Easy Read guide tells you what the Household Support Fund is and who could get it.

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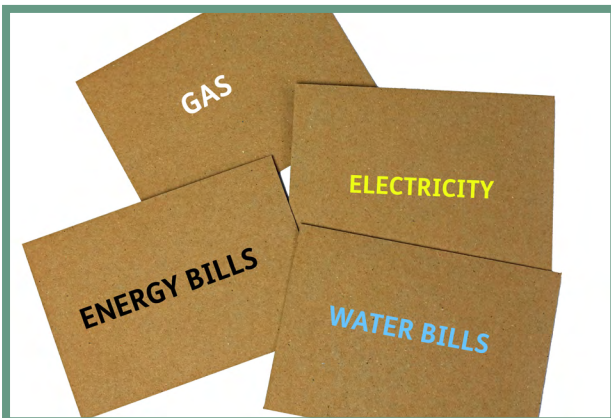
The Household Support Fund



The Household Support Fund is available to people living in England.



It could help if you are struggling to pay for:



- Energy and water bills



- Food



- Essential items.



Your local council may also offer **food vouchers** to families during the school holidays.

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Who the fund is for



You could get help from the Household Support Fund if you:

- Are vulnerable
- Cannot pay for essential items.



You **do not** have to be getting benefits to get the fund from your local council.



If you do get benefits, they will not be affected by the Household Support Fund.

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Find out more



Your local council look after the funds for your area. They decide how to use the fund.



Your local council may share funds using local charities, or groups in your local community.

To find out what support is available from your council, go to [gov.uk/find-local-council](https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council)

Enter your postcode to find your local council website, then search for **Household Support Fund**.