









# Household Support Fund

Grants are available this winter for Bromley families and households in difficult financial situations to pay for food, utilities and other essentials.

The Council is allocating the Household Support Fund to vulnerable households and families, with or without children, who require support. This means they are struggling to afford essential food and utility bills and have no other available support.

Applications can be made by completing our online form at: www.bromley.gov.uk/HouseholdSupportFund

### What is the grant for?

- Food and utilities to buy food or help pay household energy and water bills.
- Other essentials like soap, sanitary products, freezer, heater or certain household items
- Warm clothing

Payments will be made electronically or by e-voucher.



## Can I claim this grant?

- You may be eligible for support if you are a resident of Bromley and your household is assessed as vulnerable.
- The Council will issue a maximum of one grant per household to eligible applicants during the grant scheme period. Grants are subject to fund availability.

#### How the scheme works

This is a Government scheme that gives local authorities discretion to provide support to families and households who need it.

We are accepting self-referrals or referrals made by any frontline professionals who provide support to your household. Supporting evidence should be provided when you apply to prevent a delay in processing your application.

If you are requesting assistance for food vouchers during school holiday time and your child attends a Bromley school, you should make contact with your child's school.

## How long will the scheme be available for?

The scheme is open from 8th November 2021 and is in operation until 31st March 2022 or until funds are exhausted.

## How are you managing the risk of fraudulent applications?

We must make sure that all applications are made legitimately. If you falsely declare your circumstances, provide a false statement, or provide false evidence in support of your application, you may have committed an offence under the Fraud Act 2006. We have a zero-tolerance approach to fraud and financial irregularity. Any suspicions of fraud relating to this scheme will be referred to Bromley Police.

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