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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI461709265**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Household Support Fund scheme.

You have requested the following information:

**1. How much money was your local authority allocated under the UK Government's Household Support Fund scheme for the period 6 October 2021 to 30 September 2022?**

£3,224,222.30

**2. By 1 October 2022, how much of this money was distributed to households (whether in the form of cash, vouchers or any other way)?**

£3,224,222.30

**3. As of 28 October 2022, how much of the money allocated to your local authority under the Household Support Fund scheme for 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023 has been distributed to households (whether in the form of cash, vouchers or any other way)?**

£437,959

**4. What support is currently available through the Household Support Fund for households in your local authority (for example, cash payments, fuel vouchers, food, etc)?**

We can confirm that we hold this information and it is accessible to you via the Council website, please use the following link:-

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/householdsupportfund>

We therefore do not have to provide the information as per Section 21 of the FOIA.

## **5. What is the eligibility criteria for the Household Support Fund in your local authority?**

Please refer to the DWP guidance which is accessible to you via the Government's website. Please use the following link:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/household-support-fund-guidance-for-local-councils/household-support-fund-final-guidance-for-county-councils-and-unitary-authorities-in-england>

## **6. Do individuals have to apply for your local authority's Household Support Fund or is it automatic?**

If individuals require support they are asked to complete an on-line request for support or if they have any difficulties applying online they can call to receive support with making an application. In the previous period of Household Support Fund and the October half term just gone, children who were eligible for Free School Meals were automatically eligible for supermarket vouchers to cover the school holiday periods.

### **a. If individuals need to apply, how can they do this? Please provide postal address, phone number, email and/or URL for application, as relevant.**

Please see the website page provided in Question 4.

### **b. If individuals need to apply, what evidence do they have to provide with their application?**

When required, an up to date bank statement as evidence of income and outgoings, evidence of means tested benefits and evidence of meter readings for fuel.

### **c. If individuals need to apply, what is the deadline for applications (if any)?**

At this point in time, there is no deadline.

7. Can households access support from your local authority's Household Support Fund more than once?

Yes.

### **a. If so, are there any restrictions on this?**

It would depend on the individual circumstances, for example we would not provide support for another large item from the white goods range, when one has already been provided.

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Yours faithfully

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