

### Household Support Fund Overview Committee September 2023





# What is the Household Support Fund?

- Government fund made available to Local Authorities to support those most in need and to help with the significant rise in living costs
- Distributed through small grant payments to support vulnerable households to meet the cost of essentials and to assist in prevent an escalation of financial problems
- Allocated to County Councils guidance sets out requirement to collaborate with District Council and charities that have the reputation, knowledge and relationships that make them well placed to identify and help the most vulnerable residents



#### Household Support Fund Timeline

HSF 1 OCTOBER 2021 – MARCH 2022

£500 million (England)

£5464,685.20 (Lincolnshire)

HSF 2 APRIL 2022 – SEPTEMBER 2022

£421 million (England)

£5,464,685.20 (Lincolnshire)

HSF 3 OCTOBER 2022 – MARCH 2023

£421 million (England)

£5,464,685.20 (Lincolnshire)

HSF 4 APRIL 2023 – MARCH 2024

£842 million (England)

£10,929,370 (Lincolnshire)



#### Eligibility

- Not restricted to households in receipt of benefits
- Not conditional on employment or immigration status
- Expectation is that the fund should be used to support households in the most need; particularly those who may not be eligible for the other support government
- Prioritising households who do not benefit national 'cost of living support' payments
- Can be used to help vulnerable households with food, energy & household essentials



## Household Support Fund in Lincolnshire

- 1) Families with Children Eligible for Free School Meals/Early Years Pupil Premium vouchers via Lincolnshire County Council/Schools;
- 2) Low-income Households in receipt of Housing Benefit only vouchers via District Councils
- 3) Support for other households in need facilitated by District Councils



#### **District Council Allocation**

District Council	%
Boston	10%
East Lindsey	24%
Lincoln	16%
North Kesteven	11%
South Holland	12%
South Kesteven	14%
West Lindsey	13%

weighted based on population and deprivation



#### **S&ELCP Allocation**

	BOSTON	EAST LINDSEY	SOUTH HOLLAND	S&ELCP
HSF 1	£255,229	£612,551	£306,275	£1,174,055
HSF 2	£262,888	£684,190	£310,539	£1,257,617
HSF 3	£217,900	£502,959	£256,480	£977,339
HSF 4	£562,273	£1,333,614	£648,807	£2,544,694
TOTAL	£1,298,290	£3,133,314	£1,522,101	£5,953,705



#### **ELDC HSF 4**

	Housing Benefit only caseload	x £900 per eligible household
Boston	484	£435,600.00
<b>East Lindsey</b>	1144	£1,029,600.00
<b>South Holland</b>	552	£496,800.00
S&ELCP	2180	£1,962,000.00

ELDC allocation other households in need	100%	£304,014
Lincolnshire Community Foundation	40%	£121,605.60
Food Banks / Community Larders	30%	£91,204.20
Welfare needs winter 2023/24	20%	£60,802.80
Administration (staff/third sector/transaction charges)	10%	£30,401.40

























### DO YOU NEED HELP WITH HOUSEHOLD ENERGY OR FOOD COSTS?

- ARE YOU A PENSIONER OR IN WORK ON LOW INCOME, STRUGGLING WITH RISING BILLS, AND ARE NOT RECEIVING ANY BENEFITS OR COST OF LIVING SUPPORT?
- DO YOU LIVE IN BOSTON BOROUGH, EAST LINDSEY OR SOUTH HOLLAND?

Lincolnshire Community Foundation will be distributing the Household Support Fund on behalf of the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership, which means you may be eligible to apply for assistance.

#### PLEASE NOTE YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE IF YOU ARE ON ANY GOVERNMENT BENEFITS EGUNIVERSAL CREDIT

Applications and further details can be found on our website <a href="https://www.lincolnshirecf.co.uk">www.lincolnshirecf.co.uk</a> or by scanning the QR Code

For further details please contact the Lincolnshire Community Foundation Grants Team on 01529 305825, info@lincolnshirecf.co.uk









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