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## Universal Credit

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### Information Request and Response by Lewes District Council

- a) *Any estimate of the total monetary cost to your authority of the introduction of Universal Credit since its inception in 2013 (ideally broken down by municipal year and including 2018/19 to date).*

**The council is not able to estimate this with any degree of accuracy.**

- b) *The total monetary value of any crisis loans funded by yourselves and given to Universal Credit claimants since January 1 2013.*

**NIL – The council does not do crisis loans**

- c) *The total funding given by yourselves to third-sector organisations for the purpose of supporting Universal Credit claimants since January 1 2013.*

**In 2018/19 the council made a grant of £30,000 to Brighton Housing Trust for them to support UC claimants. Apart from that we have not made any grants for the specific purpose of Universal Credit.**

- d) *The cost to yourselves of offering support or advice to Universal Credit claimants who are in financial difficulty or struggling with the process of claiming Universal Credit since January 1 2013.*

**The council is not able to estimate this with any degree of accuracy.**