

Lewes District Council Cost of Living Emergency Fund LOCAL ELIGIBILITY FRAMEWORK

Introduction

Lewes District Council have, along with other measures, set aside £500,000 as a fund to support residents in managing the cost-of-living crisis.

Eligibility criteria

- Applicants must be over the age of 18 and have recourse to public funds.
- Resident in the Lewes District Council area.
- Have less than £6,000 in capital.
- Not be in receipt of one of the following means tested benefits –
 - Universal Credit
 - Pension Credit
 - Working Tax Credit
 - Child Tax Credit
 - Income Support
 - Income Based Job-Seeker's Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Be in receipt of Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction but not in receipt of one of the benefits listed above; or
- Not eligible for a means tested benefit but have a weekly net income below the following levels
 - Single person - £320.00
 - Lone parent - £370.00
 - Couple - £420.00
 - Couple with children - £470.00

Income and capital will be calculated in line with the Housing Benefit regulations

Scheme awards

There will be one award of £400 to a household during the lifetime of this scheme which will be paid directly into the applicant's bank account.

Applications

Will be made through an on-line application process.

Multiple Applications

Households will be able to make one application during the life of the scheme. Any further applications made will not be considered.

Additional Information

In some circumstances it may be necessary for additional information or evidence to be supplied, this will be requested and need to be supplied through the on-line application portal.

Complaints and appeals

Complaints will be dealt with under the Council's Complaints procedure.

<https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/about-the-councils/make-a-complaint/>

There is no right of appeal under this scheme. All decisions are final.