

Appendix 1 - Household Support Fund provision October 2021 to March 2023

Summary of provision October 2021-March 2023

* Please note, 'number of households assisted' represents the total number of times that a household was provided with assistance. Some households received assistance more than once across the different schemes and time periods, and therefore will be counted more than once in the table below.

Provision	Spend				Number of households assisted*			
	Oct 21 - Mar 22	Apr - Sep 22	Oct 22 - Mar 23	Total	Oct 21- Mar 22	Apr - Sep 22	Oct 22- Mar 23	Total
Supermarket vouchers for families	£1,090,045	£773,190	£774,193	£2,637,428	26,598	7,159	7,682	41,439
Discretionary grants - agency referral	£510,471	£234,386	£526,708	£1,271,565	810	1,312	2,935	5,057
Pensioner Energy Costs Payment	-	£602,900	-	£602,900	-	6,029	-	6,029
Grant funding for food support services	£23,100	£107,367	£170,145	£300,612	1,489	14,951	9,489	25,929
HSF Cost of Living Payment	-	-	£198,960	£198,960	-	-	1,658	1,658
Energy vouchers following agency referral	£197,178	-	-	£197,178	1,905	-	-	1,905
Measures to improve cold homes	-	-	£107,093	£107,093	-	-	61	61
Help with housing costs	-	£52,002	-	£52,002	-	139	-	139
Essential items for families	£4,421	£11,000	£12,809	£28,230	787	180	130	1,097
Council Tax exceptional hardship fund	£25,000	-	-	£25,000	11	-	-	11
Holiday Activities and Food	£16,335	-	-	£16,335	346	-	-	346
Rough Sleeping Pathway welcome packs	£5,000	£8,000	-	£13,000	136	217	-	353
Transport costs for young people in college	£4,785	-	£4,785	£9,570	29	-	29	58
Insolvency fees grant scheme	£680	£5,240	£2,825	£8,745	1	33	6	40
Affordable cooking project	-	-	£2,100	£2,100	-	-	36	36
Administration costs	£11,199	£94,129	£88,597	£193,925	-	-	-	-
Total	£1,888,214	£1,888,214	£1,888,215	£5,664,643	32,101	30,020	22,026	84,158

October 2021-March 2022

Scheme	Description	Eligibility	How funds were distributed	Spend
School holiday vouchers for early years, schools and colleges	£15 per week for each eligible child for Oct half term, Christmas, Feb half term, £25 per week for Easter	Parents of children attending school or childcare in Portsmouth, eligible for free school meals, 2 year old childcare funding, or Early Years Pupil Premium	Supermarket voucher codes	£1,090,045
Discretionary grants scheme	Referral scheme providing white goods and vouchers for food, clothing and other household essentials	Identified by a referral partner agency as requiring essential items or financial assistance to keep warm and well-fed, and maintain a reasonable standard of living	White goods, supermarket vouchers	£510,471
Energy voucher scheme	Key meter top up vouchers, supermarket vouchers for credit meter customers, heating charge payments	Identified by a referral partner agency as a vulnerable household requiring support with their energy costs	Vouchers	£197,178
Grants for foodbanks, community meals and larders	Funding to meet increased demand for food aid	By referral or open access depending on the service	Food parcels, prepared meals	£23,100
Food and other essentials for families in need	Provided by the council's Play and Youth services	Open access for children aged 6-13	Food parcels, prepared meals	£4,421
Welcome packs for people in the Rough Sleeping Pathway	Food, toiletries, bedding, kitchenware and other essentials	Sleeping rough or at risk of sleeping rough and receiving support from the Portsmouth Rough Sleeping Pathway	Items purchased and distributed	£5,000
Transport costs for young people from low income families in post-16 education	To cover the parental contribution to transport costs	Young people with additional needs in post-16 education who meet exceptional criteria for help with transport costs	Payment for service	£4,785

Holiday Activities and Food	February half term funded places with HAF partner providers	Children eligible for free school meals	Free holiday activities for children	£16,335
Council Tax exceptional hardship fund	For customers in financial hardship where all other forms of financial support have been exhausted	Vulnerable residents of Portsmouth in Council Tax arrears	Bill reduction	£25,000
Insolvency fees grant scheme	For people requiring a Debt Relief Order or Bankruptcy but unable to afford the fee	Residents of Portsmouth receiving specialist debt advice	Fee paid directly	£680
Administration costs	Including marketing and communication costs	N/A		£11,199
Total				£1,888,214

April - September 2022

Scheme	Description	Eligibility	How funds were distributed	Spend
Family vouchers for early years, schools and colleges	£75 per eligible child in July	Parents of children attending school or childcare in Portsmouth, eligible for free school meals, 2 year old childcare funding, or Early Years Pupil Premium	Supermarket voucher codes	£773,190
Discretionary grants scheme	Referral scheme providing vouchers for food, clothing and other household essentials	Identified by a referral partner agency as requiring essential items or financial assistance to keep warm and well-fed, and maintain a reasonable standard of living	Supermarket voucher codes	£234,386
Pensioner Energy Costs Payment	£100 per household	Pension age household in receipt of Pension Credit or Council Tax Support	Payment by BACS	£602,900
Grants for foodbanks, community meals and larders	Funding to meet increased demand for food aid	By referral or open access depending on the service	Food parcels, prepared meals	£107,367
Food and other essentials for families in need	Provided by local voluntary sector group	By referral from family support services	Food, clothing, nappies, cots and other essential items for babies	£11,000
Welcome packs for people in the Rough Sleeping Pathway	Food, toiletries, bedding, kitchenware and other essentials	Sleeping rough or at risk of sleeping rough and receiving support from the Portsmouth Rough Sleeping Pathway	Items purchased and distributed	£8,000
Insolvency fees grant scheme	For people requiring a Debt Relief Order or Bankruptcy but unable to afford the fee	Residents of Portsmouth receiving specialist debt advice	Fee paid directly	£5,240
Help with housing costs	Support for people at risk of homelessness to secure and maintain accommodation	Housing emergency, where existing housing support schemes do not meet this exceptional need	Direct payments of tenancy deposits and rent	£52,002

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Administration costs	Including marketing and communication costs	N/A		£94,129
Total				£1,888,214

October 2022 - March 2023

Scheme	Description	Eligibility	How funds were distributed	Spend
Family vouchers for early years, schools and colleges	£70 for each eligible child in December	Parents of children attending school or childcare in Portsmouth, eligible for free school meals, 2 year old childcare funding, or Early Years Pupil Premium	Supermarket voucher codes	£740,733
Family vouchers for other low income families	£70 for each eligible child in March	Parents of children who did not qualify for a voucher in December, who are eligible for healthy start vouchers or free prescriptions	Supermarket voucher codes	£33,460
Discretionary grants scheme	Referral scheme providing white goods and vouchers for food, clothing and other household essentials	Identified by a referral partner agency as requiring essential items or financial assistance to keep warm and well-fed, and maintain a reasonable standard of living	Supermarket voucher codes and other essential items purchased and distributed	£526,708
Cost of living payment	£120 per household	Households receiving Housing Benefit who did not qualify for the winter DWP cost of living payment	BACS or cheque payment	£198,960
Grants for foodbanks, community meals and larders	Funding to meet increased demand for food aid	By referral or open access depending on the service	Food parcels, prepared meals	£170,145
Food and other essentials for families in need	Provided by local voluntary sector group	By referral from family support services	Food, clothing, nappies, cots and other essential items for babies	£12,809
Support for people in fuel poverty	Boiler repair or replacement, energy pre-payment meter vouchers	Low income households at risk of fuel poverty or living without heating or hot water	Payment for boilers, energy top up vouchers	£107,093

Transport costs for young people from low income families in post-16 education	To cover the parental contribution to transport costs	Young people with additional needs in post-16 education who meet exceptional criteria for help with transport costs	Payment for service	£4,785
Insolvency fees grant scheme	For people requiring a Debt Relief Order or Bankruptcy but unable to afford the fee	Residents of Portsmouth receiving specialist debt advice	Fee paid directly	£2,825
Affordable cooking project	Providing slow cookers, ingredients and support to make affordable family meals	Parents of children accessing the Play service	Slow cookers and ingredients	£2,100
Administration costs	Including marketing and communication costs	N/A		£88,597
Total				£1,888,214