

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
- 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 or a Council Tax reduction but not in receipt of one of the benefits listed above; or
- 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 £(to be decided) to a household during the lifetime of this scheme.

Applications

Will be made through an on-line application process.

Complaints and appeals

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

There is no right of appeal under this scheme.