

## **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.