

Household Support Fund

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Household Support Fund will run until 31 March 2024. During this time Cheshire East will receive a total of £4.4m to provide support to households, who would otherwise struggle to buy food or pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living costs or housing costs (in exceptional cases of genuine emergency), to help them with significantly rising living costs.

Since October 2022, with the help of schools, colleges, early years settings and other family support services, we have provided the following support:

- Over 65,000 vouchers in total have been provided to support the most vulnerable households across the county
- Over 55,000 food vouchers have been provided
- Over 9,200 utilities vouchers have been provided
- Over 300 people were supported through wider cost of living support
- Over 2,700 people were supported through the enquiry form

Cost of living

Many of us are concerned about the increased cost of living and how we can maximise our income and manage our money effectively.

Cost of Living Crisis Team

The Cost of Living Crisis Team are available on **0300 123 5024** between 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

The team can advise you on what support is available in and where to get it.

If you are aware of any other Cost of Living schemes or information available to residents of Cheshire East that are not stated below or if there is anything else you would like to see on this page, e-mail us at costoflivingsupport@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Key help and information

[Help for Households - Get government cost of living support](#)

[Winter wellbeing guide \(PDF, 5MB\)](#) - Cheshire East help and information about foodbanks, warm places, other practical help and guidance.