



Use this table to find out if your council offers a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme...

(Disclaimer: please note the information below is subject to change and if you need to access a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme you should get in contact with your council)

Council name	LWA Scheme	Find out more
Barking and Dagenham	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Barnet	Yes	https://www.barnet.gov.uk/benefits-and-grants/grants-and-funding/apply-barnet-crisis-fund
Barnsley	Yes	https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/advice-benefits-and-council-tax/benefits-help-and-support/local-welfare-assistance-scheme/
Bath And North East Somerset	Yes	https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-welfare-support
Bedford	Yes	https://www.bedford.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/benefits-council-tax-support/local-welfare-provision/
Bexley	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Birmingham	Yes	https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/public-health/coronavirus-information-and-support
Blackburn With Darwen	Yes	https://mybwd.blackburn.gov.uk/Pages/Form%20Pages/Request-Local-Community-Care-Grant.aspx

Blackpool	Yes	https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Advice-and-support/Discretionary-support-scheme.aspx
Bolton	Yes	https://www.bolton.gov.uk/benefits/help-crisis-emergency
Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Bracknell Forest	Yes	https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/benefits/local-crisis-and-emergency-housing-grants
Bradford	Yes	https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/assisted-purchase-scheme/
Brent	Yes	https://www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/benefits-and-money-advice/claim-local-welfare-assistance/
Brighton & Hove	Yes	https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/benefits/help-and-support/get-emergency-help-food-energy-bills-and-other-essentials
Bristol	Yes	https://www.bristol.gov.uk/benefits-financial-help/apply-for-an-emergency-payment
Bromley	Yes	https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200008/benefits/1024/bromley_welfare_fund
Buckinghamshire	Yes	https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/business-and-benefits/apply-for-local-emergency-support/
Bury	Yes	https://www.bury.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=10774
Calderdale	Yes	https://calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/local-welfare-assistance/emergency-living-support
Cambridgeshire	Yes	https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/parenting-and-family-support/cambridgeshire-local-assistance-scheme

Camden	Yes	https://www.camden.gov.uk/benefits-support-available#oqnc
Central Bedfordshire	Yes	https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/53/benefits/9/welfare_reform/7
Cheshire East	Yes	https://livewellservices.cheshireeast.gov.uk/Services/666
Cheshire West & Chester	Yes	https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/housing-benefit-council-tax/help.aspx
City of London	Yes	https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/housing/financial-help-benefits/Pages/emergency-support-scheme.aspx
Cornwall	Yes	https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/crisis-and-care-awards/?page=33460&page=33460
Coventry	Yes	https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/3056/community_support_grants/3
Croydon	Yes	https://www.croydon.gov.uk/advice/benefits/discretionary-support/croydon-discretionary-support
Cumbria	No Scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Darlington	Yes	http://darlingtoncab.co.uk/initiatives/community-support-scheme/
Derby	Yes	https://www.derby.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/the-single-discretionary-award-scheme/
Derbyshire	Yes	https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/adult-care-and-wellbeing/benefits-debt-and-legal-matters/managing-money-and-debt/derbyshire-discretionary-fund/derbyshire-discretionary-fund-ddf.aspx
Devon	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.

Doncaster	Yes	https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/council-tax-benefits/local-assistance-scheme
Dorset	Yes	https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-community/community-safety/emergency-local-assistance-fund.aspx
Dudley	Yes	https://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/benefits/local-welfare-assistance-scheme/
Durham	Yes	http://www.durham.gov.uk/welfareassistance
Ealing	Yes	https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201073/health_and_adult_social_care/1532/local_welfare_assistance
East Riding Of Yorkshire	Yes	https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/living/emergency-assistance/
East Sussex	Yes	https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/socialcare/benefits/desss/desss-food-utilities/
Enfield	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Essex	Yes	https://www.livingwellessex.org/money-and-legal/managing-your-money/budgeting-loans-and-local-support-payments
Gateshead	Yes	https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/1842/Local-Crisis-Support
Gloucestershire	Yes	https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/gloucestershire-welfare-support-scheme/
Greenwich	Yes	https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200246/benefits_advice/1376/emergency_support_scheme
Hackney	Yes	https://hackney.gov.uk/discretionary-crisis-support-scheme
Halton	Yes	https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/CouncilandBenefits/Discretionary-Support.aspx

Hammersmith and Fulham	Yes	https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/help-residents https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/benefits/help-paying
Hampshire	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Haringey	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Harrow	Yes	https://www.harrow.gov.uk/downloads/file/22894/hardship-fund-scheme-application-form
Hartlepool	Yes	https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/info/20127/benefits_and_grants/473/local_welfare_support/1
Havering	Yes	https://www.dabd.org.uk/help-and-advice/help-with-money/havering-emergency-assistance-scheme
Herefordshire	Yes	https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200207/family_support/56/support_in_an_emergency_-_welfare_support
Hertfordshire	Yes	https://www.hertshelp.net/Our-services/Support-in-a-crisis/Support-in-a-crisis.aspx
Hillingdon	No scheme	https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/benefits
Hounslow	Yes	https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20058/benefits/1493/discretionary_local_crisis_payments
Isle Of Wight	Yes	https://islehelp.me/help-through-crisis/
Isles of Scilly	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Islington	Yes	https://www.islington.gov.uk/advice/resident-support-scheme
Kensington and Chelsea	Yes	https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/benefits/benefits-provided-council/local-support-payments

Kent	Yes	https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/care-and-support/benefits/home-essentials-in-a-crisis
Kingston upon Hull	Yes	http://www.hull.gov.uk/community-crisis-loans
Kingston upon Thames	Yes	https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200298/benefits/188/help_in_a_crisis/2
Kirklees	Yes	https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/benefits/local-welfare-provision.aspx
Knowsley	Yes	https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/benefits-and-grants/emergency-support-scheme
Lambeth	Yes	https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/apply-for-emergency-support
Lancashire	Yes	https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/practitioners/health-and-social-care/crisis-support-scheme-approved-partners/
Leeds	Yes	https://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedsmic/local-welfare-support
Leicester	Yes	https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-community/benefits-and-support/community-support-grant/
Leicestershire	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Lewisham	Yes	https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/benefits/local-support-scheme/about-our-local-support-scheme
Lincolnshire	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Liverpool	Yes	https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/help-in-a-crisis/liverpool-citizens-support-scheme/
Luton	Yes	https://www.luton.gov.uk/Benefits/Pages/local-welfare-assistance.aspx

Manchester	Yes	https://www.manchester.gov.uk/downloads/download/5237/welfare_provision_scheme_policy
Medway	Yes	https://www.medwayadvice.org.uk/page-local_welfare_provision.html
Merton	Yes	https://www.merton.gov.uk/council-tax-benefits-and-housing/benefits/money-advice/local-welfare-support-scheme
Middlesbrough	Yes	https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/community-support-and-safety/community-support-scheme?articleid=6800
Milton Keynes	Yes	https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/benefits-council-tax/welfare-reform/what-is-local-welfare-provision-lwp
Newcastle Upon Tyne	Yes	https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/welfare-benefits/crisis-support
Newham	Yes	https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Newham-community-and-crisis-support.aspx
Norfolk	Yes	https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/support-for-living-independently/money-and-benefits/norfolk-assistance-scheme
North East Lincolnshire	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
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North Somerset	Yes	https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/benefits-and-support/about-the-welfare-provision-scheme/
North Tyneside	Yes	https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/foi/25739/foi1847-local-welfare-assistance-scheme
North Yorkshire	Yes	https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/local-assistance-fund
Northamptonshire	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.

Northumberland	Yes	https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Benefits-support/Local-Welfare-Provision-NETS.aspx
Nottingham	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Nottinghamshire	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Oldham	Yes	https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/100001/benefits_and_money/1837/emergency_support_-_local_welfare_provision
Oxfordshire	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Peterborough	Yes	https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/council/benefits/community-assistance-scheme
Plymouth	Yes	https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/benefitsandgrants/crisissupport
Portsmouth	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Reading	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Redbridge	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Redcar And Cleveland	Yes	https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/resident/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits-and-support/Pages/Discretionary-Social-Fund.aspx
Richmond upon Thames	Yes	https://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/housing/housing_grants/apply_for_a_local_assistance_scheme_grant
Rochdale	Yes	http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/council-tax-benefits-and-money/discretionary-crisis-fund/Pages/apply-for-an-award.aspx
Rotherham	Yes	https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/emergencies-1/coronavirus/7?documentId=464&categoryId=20115

Rutland	Yes	https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-services/benefits/financial-crisis-support/
Salford	Yes	https://www.salford.gov.uk/advice-and-support/welfare-rights-and-debt-advice-service/salford-assist/
Sandwell	Yes	http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200145/benefits_and_grants/2576/local_welfare_provision
Sefton	Yes	https://www.sefton.gov.uk/advice-benefits/emergency-limited-assistance-scheme.aspx
Sheffield	Yes	https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/benefits/local-assistance-scheme
Shropshire	Yes	https://shropshire.gov.uk/benefits/what-help-can-i-claim-from-the-council/local-support-and-prevention-fund/
Slough	Yes	http://www.slough.gov.uk/benefits-and-money/local-welfare-provision.aspx
Solihull	Yes	https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Portals/0/BenefitsAndGrants/Discretionary-Crisis-Fund-Policy.pdf
Somerset	Yes	https://www.somerset.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/help-with-basic-household-essentials/
South Gloucestershire	Yes	https://www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/welfare-rights-and-financial-advice/welfare-grant-scheme/
South Tyneside	Yes	https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/35031/Crisis-support
Southampton	Yes	http://www.southampton.gov.uk/benefits-welfare/benefits-advice/benefit-changes/support--crisis.aspx
Southend-On-Sea	Yes	https://www.southend.gov.uk/info/200288/extra_financial_help/69/essential_living_fund
Southwark	Yes	https://www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/emergency-support

St. Helens	Yes	https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/benefits/welfare-assistance-scheme/
Staffordshire	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Stockport	Yes	https://www.stockport.gov.uk/stockport-local-assistance-scheme
Stockton-On-Tees	Yes	https://www.stockton.gov.uk/environment-and-housing/housing/welfare-assistance-for-vulnerable-customers/
Stoke-On-Trent	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Suffolk	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Sunderland	Yes	https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/article/12921/Crisis-support
Surrey	Yes	https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/surrey-crisis-fund
Sutton	Yes	https://www.sutton.gov.uk/info/200468/council-tax-and-benefits/1559/crisis-loans-and-grants
Swindon	Yes	https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20013/benefits-and-swinton-money-matters/542/emergency-assistance-fund
Tameside	Yes	https://www.tameside.gov.uk/Benefits/Tameside-Resettlement-Scheme
Telford And Wrekin	Yes	https://telford-gwa.egovhub.net/Gwa/launch
Thurrock	Yes	https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/essential-living-fund/applying-for-an-essential-living-fund
Torbay	Yes	https://www.torbay.gov.uk/benefits/other-help/crisis-support/

Tower Hamlets	Yes	https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lqnl/advice_and_benefits/Residents_Support_Scheme.aspx
Trafford	Yes	https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/benefits-and-council-tax/benefits/trafford-assist.aspx
Wakefield	Yes	http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/housing/rented-homes/information-for-tenants/need-help-rent/local-welfare-provision
Walsall	No Scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Waltham Forest	Yes	https://walthamforest.gov.uk/node/1110
Wandsworth	Yes	https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/housing/benefits-and-support/discretionary-support-grants/
Warrington	Yes	https://www.warrington.gov.uk/localsupportscheme
Warwickshire	Yes	https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme
West Berkshire	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
West Sussex	No scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Westminster	Yes	https://www.westminster.gov.uk/local-support-payments
Wigan	Yes	https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Benefit-Grants/Welfare-Reform/Local-Welfare-Support.aspx
Wiltshire	Yes	http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/benefits-help-crisis
Windsor And Maidenhead	Yes	https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200123/benefits/341/local_welfare_provision

Wirral	Yes	https://www.wirral.gov.uk/benefits-and-money/local-welfare-assistance
Wokingham	Yes	https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/benefits/local-welfare-provision/
Wolverhampton	No Scheme	Your council does not operate a Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, get in touch with them to find out what other support they offer.
Worcestershire	Yes	https://www.worcester.gov.uk/housing/benefit-advice/discretionary-welfare-assistance-scheme
York	Yes	https://www.york.gov.uk/benefits/york-financial-assistance-scheme-yfas/1

Per capita spend across UK – before Covid-19 crisis

Country	Spend on scheme (2018/19)	Population (2018)	Per capita spend
England	£40,794,467	55.98m	£0.73
Wales	£10,577,817	3.138m	£3.37
Scotland	£35,285,712	5.438m	£6.49
Northern Ireland	£13,765,000	1.882m	£7.31

Expected per capita spend across UK – Covid-19 crisis spending

Country	Spend on scheme (2018/19)	Population (2018)	Per capita spend
England	£40,794,467	55.98m	£0.73
Wales	£21,577,817	3.138m	£6.88
Scotland	£80,285,712	5.438m	£14.76
Northern Ireland	£18,765 000	1.882m	£9.97

To find out more about or research on this issue read our latest report '[Leave No Family Left Behind: Strengthening Local Welfare Assistance Schemes during Covid-19](#)'.