

Financial Support for Residents

Winter 2022

Helpful links:

- ❖ <https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support>
- ❖ <https://eastrencommunityhub.org.uk/warm-and-welcome-spaces/>
- ❖ <https://costofliving.campaign.gov.scot/>

	What is it?	What does it cover?	What does it not cover?	How to apply:
Section 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can only be made in exceptional emergency situations • To help promote the needs of the child if help is unable to be provided in some other way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of food, fuel, clothing or furniture • Vouchers to purchase any of the above • A payment to a third party In exceptional circumstances, cash • To support Immediate need that can't wait any length of time • No Recourse to Public funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular or ongoing costs • Items, goods or services that can be accessed within a reasonable time from another source (eg Sofa from SWF) • Higher amounts (without express approval of Head of Service) • Cannot be used for accommodation or maintenance of the child • Receiving Continuing Care payments from HSCP 	Via HSCP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A team manager can authorise payments of up to £50 • A Service manager can authorise payments from £51 - £500 • Anything over £500 must be approved by the Chief Social Work Officer
MART Discretionary Payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For those facing additional financial pressure as a result of Covid-19 and/or Cost of Living crisis • Need to be on a low-income, but does not 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide ranging discretionary fund to support household needs • No recourse to Public Funds • Can be used where savings are limited or 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items where a Section 22 payment would normally have issued for an identified Social Work need • Items, goods or services that are available free from another source e.g. Household goods from Scottish Welfare Funds 	Via Money Advice and Rights Team Call 0141 577 8420 mart@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

	<p>necessarily mean on benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds aren't available immediately and can take 7-10 days to be available in bank account 	<p>there is a regular but low income</p>		
<p>Scottish Welfare Fund Crisis Grant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given to cover the costs of an emergency (fire, flood, fleeing domestic abuse, facing gap in normal income etc) Need to be on a low-income, but does not necessarily mean on benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most urgent living costs including food and fuel Household goods and essential items including white goods, sofas, beds To remove exceptional pressure on families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not payable if there are any savings, disposable income Moving and removal fees To pay debt (excluding pre paid meters) Regular care or housing costs 'Normal' replacement of clothing Dental or any medical need Any work related expenses Any ongoing or regular payment No Resource to Public Funds Substantial home improvements 	<p>Via Scottish Welfare Fund Team Call 0141 577 3475 scottishwelfarefund@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>Scottish Welfare Fund Community Grant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To help with costs to live in the community if, for example, your family is under exceptional pressure or you need to move because of domestic abuse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> removal expenses bedding and clothing storage or connection charges for gas and electricity furniture such as sofa, armchair or bed household items such as a cooker or fridge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a need which occurs outside the UK Educational or training needs Expenses in connection with court such as legal fees, court fees etc Removal or storage charges Television or radio (except where an applicant has a particular need) Repair to a local authority property or the property of social landlords Rent in advance including rent deposits Debts 	<p>Via Scottish Welfare Fund Team Call 0141 577 3475 scottishwelfarefund@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any expense which the local authority or other organisation has a statutory duty to meet • Medical, surgical, optical or dental costs • Domestic assistance and respite care • Work related expenses • Investments • Holidays • On-going expenses • Travelling expenses for example for medical reasons • Help with expenses in pregnancy or having a new child • Costs relating to a funeral • No recourse to public funds • Costs associated with repatriation of a person from Scotland to their home county • Substantial improvements to a private property • Gardening tools 	
Fuel support payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To help with the cost of gas and electricity • Funds are issues via post office vouchers and available to residents immediately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client has to be on a qualifying income related benefit (however this will be flexible on a case-to-case basis) • Benefit check to be completed before receiving funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not support on going, regular payments • Not payable if receipt is not provided for any previous payment 	<p>Via CAB 0141 881 3660 or 0141 881 2032</p> <p>Referral Form to be requested and sent to ERCAB Energy Advisers:</p> <p>Stephanie.small@eastrenfrewshirecab.casonline.org.uk Grace.deighan@eastrenfrewshirecab.casonline.org.uk</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client should have applied for a Crisis Grant • £50 Maximum limit to be issued at any one time • Clients can only receive 2 per month 		
Carers winter grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To help with increased costs to Carers over Winter period • One-off payment of up to £250 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support increased energy costs, particularly for those associated with powering medical equipment • To purchase relevant bedding and associated items, particularly where medical need requires this to be changed frequently • To support increased food costs, particularly for young carers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not to pay debt • not to pay credit cards • not for laptops, IT equipment etc 	Via East Renfrewshire Carers Centre 0141 638 4888 www.eastrenfrewshirecarers.co.uk enquiries@eastrenfrewshirecarers.co.uk