

FOI REF:	15207
RESPONSE SENT:	03/03/2025

Request:

I am interested in hearing more about the extension of the Household Support Fund (1 October 2024– 31 March 2025) and would like to know the following.

1. The number of applications to the Household Support Fund from 1 October 2024 – 31 January 2025.
2. The monetary amount of support provided to applicants to the Household Support Fund from 1 October 2024 – 31 January 2025.
3. The number of successful applicants to the Household Support Fund from 1 October 2024 – 31 January 2025.
4. What is the outstanding monetary amount from the Household Support Fund that is available before the scheme ends on the 31 March 2025.

Response

Winchester City Council was allocated funding from Hampshire County Council as part of the extended Household Support Fund to support households with food vouchers.

Residents did not apply for food vouchers they were sent a voucher automatically if they met the following eligibility criteria:

- Receiving Council Tax Reduction and/or Housing Benefit on 13 January 2025
- those in receipt of Council Tax Reduction were eligible for one voucher of £20.
- those in receipt of Housing Benefit, but not in receipt of Council Tax Reduction, were eligible for one voucher of £40.

These vouchers were issued w/c 27 January 2025. We issued 5757 (£20) vouchers to Council Tax Reduction claimants & 307 (£40) vouchers to Housing Benefit only claimants. This is £127,420 worth of food vouchers.

In respect of the Exceptional Housing Costs:

1. The number of applications to the Household Support Fund from 1 October 2024 – 31 January 2025 - 23

2. The monetary amount of support provided to applicants to the Household Support Fund from 1 October 2024 – 31 January 2025 - £25,780.55

3. The number of successful applicants to the Household Support Fund from 1 October 2024 – 31 January 2025 - 23

4. What is the outstanding monetary amount from the Household Support Fund that is available before the scheme ends on the 31 March 2025 - £13,077.53

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