



Household Support Fund

Support with housing costs

Cost of living support for tenants

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are supporting tenants impacted by the cost of living crisis with help to pay their rent and service charges.

The Councils' Household Support Fund, is discretionary financial support for tenants who are struggling with their housing costs.

In addition to rent and service charges, the fund can also assist with the reduction of rent arrears where appropriate.

To be eligible for support households must

- Live in the district of either Mid Suffolk or Babergh
- Be having difficulty affording their rent or service charges
- Have already attempted to resolve their situation through traditional means such as benefit applications, or a Discretionary Housing Payment.

All applications are assessed on a case by case basis, with households also being directed to other support for their issues.

To apply please visit the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils website, or by calling 0300 123 4 000, option 3.

Unfortunately the fund cannot support with mortgage costs, or households without recourse to public funds. For information on other support with housing costs, please visit our [website](#).

[More information on the Household Support Fund](#)

Other Support with the Cost of Living

Support with the cost of essentials

The Local Welfare Assistance Scheme can provide financial support to help with the cost of essentials including water, fuel, food, clothing, white goods and more. If you are struggling financially you can make an application online via the Suffolk County Council [website](#), or visit your local [Citizens Advice](#) for support.

For more information on the support available for essentials please see our [website](#).

Support with energy costs

The Government have announced several additional payments to support people with their energy costs, check to make sure you are getting everything you are entitled to [here](#).

[Surviving Winter](#) can provide financial support to households struggling to heat their homes, including support with oil.

Many energy providers offer grants to clear energy debt for customers in hardship, find a list of grants [here](#).

If you are at risk of disconnection, or are unable to heat your home, contact your local [Citizens Advice](#) or call the Citizens Advice Suffolk Advice Line on 0808 278 7868 for emergency assistance.

For further information on support with energy costs please visit our [website](#).

Other Support

Citizens Advice are able to offer information and advice on a range of issues, contact your [local office](#) to discuss the support available to you.

For more information on the support available to help with the increase in the cost of living please visit our [website](#).

