



# Cost of living briefing for private tenants

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# How Camden helps



- Camden continuing to invest £2.25m into Cost of Living Crisis Fund - £2m for **crisis awards** and £.25m for **resettlement grants**
- Universal **free school meals** in primary schools – Camden has committed to extend beyond next year, this is a discretionary scheme
- Household Support Fund – further £4m. Looking to continue **supermarket vouchers for families in hardship**, targeted support at those households missing out on government support and a specific hardship scheme for **pensioners, disabled people**, just housing benefit and only carers allowance. **If you fall in this category please email [hsf@camden.gov.uk](mailto:hsf@camden.gov.uk)**
- New **Money advice self-referral pathway** is live where people in crisis can come forward for money and benefit advice. They will be assessed for other forms of financial support that are available. Means tested so we need 1 month bank statement and will need to provide a benefit calculator reference. Apply at [www.camden.gov.uk/refer-yourself-for-money-advice-and-support](http://www.camden.gov.uk/refer-yourself-for-money-advice-and-support)
- **Outreach** begins in **Family Hubs** in June in partnership with **Early Years** and **Welfare Rights** and we are working with **Adult social care**, Camden Carers and other organisations that work with vulnerable groups.

# Money advice self-referral form

- New self-referral form now live from June 2023
- For those in financial hardship and crisis need
- Will be supported with budgeting advice and energy efficiency tips.
- Assessing for wider support with DHP, discretionary council tax reduction, CTS and Cost of living support
- Referrals to specialist support for benefit and debt advice



[www.camden.gov.uk/refer-yourself-for-money-advice-and-support](https://www.camden.gov.uk/refer-yourself-for-money-advice-and-support)

# Cost of Living Crisis Fund

£2m fund to provide support for those in severe financial hardship

Up to 2 awards a year, prioritising those who haven't received financial support (6 months apart)

Benefits, budgeting and energy advice supported with a grant

Resident in Camden for 6 weeks and can evidence

Can be 16 and older, living independently  
Must be main tenant

No requirement to be on benefits but severe hardship must be evidenced



# DHP Discretionary Housing Payment

- Eligible: when benefits for rent reduced due to benefits cap, bedroom tax (social tenants), local housing allowance (private renters) or your income and you are in hardship
- DHP does not cover; water, meals, fuel or other ineligible charges included in your rent; a reduction in HB caused by recovery of an overpayment, or a DWP sanction.
- You can apply via [www.camden.gov.uk/refer-yourself-for-money-advice-and-support](http://www.camden.gov.uk/refer-yourself-for-money-advice-and-support) or <https://tinyurl.com/camdenref>



# Where to go for support for private tenants

- Self-referral form <https://tinyurl.com/camdenref>
- Camden Advice Network – free independent advice across a range of specialist subjects [www.camden.gov.uk/camden-advice-network](http://www.camden.gov.uk/camden-advice-network)
- Camden federation of private tenants [www.cfpt.org.uk](http://www.cfpt.org.uk)
- Good Work Camden [www.goodwork.camden.gov.uk](http://www.goodwork.camden.gov.uk)
- Camden Welfare Rights Teams; Adult social care and Early years (Email: [IEYSWelfareRights@camden.gov.uk](mailto:IEYSWelfareRights@camden.gov.uk))

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# What else is happening?



Check for help and support you're eligible for:

- Visit our website: [camden.gov.uk/costofliving](https://camden.gov.uk/costofliving)
- Benefits calculator – [benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk](https://benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk)
- Budgeting Loans [Check if you're eligible and apply at GOV.UK](https://tinyurl.com/govbudge) <https://tinyurl.com/govbudge>
- Find your nearest 'warm welcome' space to speak to someone [camden.gov.uk/warmwelcome](https://camden.gov.uk/warmwelcome)
- [Download and read our help and support booklet](https://tinyurl.com/suppbk) <https://tinyurl.com/suppbk>
- **Energy Bills Support Scheme vouchers** for prepayment meters -you have until 30 June 2023 to cash in up to £400 from the government. Find out more [gov.uk/cost-of-living](https://gov.uk/cost-of-living)

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# What else is happening?



## If you have children:

- Lone parent? Looking to re-enter employment or start a training or education course, get up to £1,500 for childcare costs. Check eligibility and [apply for childcare grants](#) or <https://tinyurl.com/emsupo>
- Pregnant? £500 Sure Start Maternity Grant. Check and [apply at gov.uk](#) or <https://tinyurl.com/sursta>
- Additionally, if you're pregnant or have children under 4, check if you're eligible and apply for the [NHS HealthyStart scheme](#) for help to buy milk and food <https://tinyurl.com/healst>
- School-age children? Check if they're eligible for free school meals and apply today at [camden.gov.uk/free-school-meals](https://camden.gov.uk/free-school-meals) or by calling 020 7974 5771 - it could save you over £500 a year.

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# Any Questions?



All the information will be sent out to you in a pdf document and is available on our website.

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