

## East Devon Discretionary Funds for Supporting Low income households

No	Name of Fund	Purpose of fund	How scheme is funded - within agreed budget, externally funded	Annual / one off fund including if applicable deadline for when scheme ends	Funding available/ Budgeted amount	Funding balance	Link to policy / scheme procedures Other comments
Service area administering fund: <b>Revenues &amp; Benefits</b>							
1	Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP)	To provide extra financial support towards housing costs where there is a liability to pay rent & is in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit Housing costs.	DWP funded. EDDC can top up by an additional 150%	Annual	£211,157.00 for 21/22 (DWP funded amount)	£87,578	<a href="#">Discretionary Housing Payment policy - East Devon</a>  Any spend in excess of the DWP funding level is met by EDDC up to a maximum of an additional 150%.
2	Exceptional Hardship Fund for Council Tax	Provides extra help for council tax payers who are experiencing exceptional financial hardship	Forms part of the council tax base calculation. Cost to preceptors in proportion to the amount of Council Tax they receive.	Annual	£56,353  Cost to EDDC @ 7%  £3,945	£12,702	<a href="https://eastdevon.gov.uk/media/3720048/ehf-policy.docx">https://eastdevon.gov.uk/media/3720048/ehf-policy.docx</a>  Any overspends in excess of budgeted amount form part of the tax base/collection fund outturn.
3	Housing Support Fund (HSF)	To provide immediate need for people struggling to afford essentials this winter	Government funded via Devon County Council	One off fund scheme ends 31 March 22	£142,286	£122,092	<a href="#">Household Support Fund - East Devon</a> Approved 134 cases. Spend is capped at this level unless further funding is provided. County have indicated that further funding may be available should this run out before the scheme ends.
4	Financial Hardship Support –	Help to provide support with essentials including support with council tax arrears	Funding from County &	One off – commenced May 2020	£192,100 plus £100,000	£27,251	Approved 1,092 awards up until November 21

	originally set up for Covid hardship	Also covering grants paid under the Coronavirus Community Food Fund	replaced & topped up DEFRA. EDDC also set aside £100K			plus £100,000*	*£100,000 allocated from EDDC (following recommendation from Poverty panel 18 January 21 meeting).  Coronavirus Community Food Fund where we've spent £4,928 is included in the balance of £27,251.
5	Test & Trace Support Payment Discretionary scheme	This scheme supports low income households who have to self-isolate, will be financially affected & aren't eligible to claim under the government standard scheme.	Funding from Public Health Scheme.	Funding reviewed periodically	<b>£430,000</b>	£140,500	<a href="#">Test &amp; Trace Support Payment - East Devon</a>  Running since 28 September 2020 and will continue to be funded until 31 March 2022 when it's due to end. 579 approved cases
6	Council Tax Reduction (CTR) Scheme for working age	Council is required by law to have a scheme for working age but the amount of funding it provides and the scheme design is predominately at the discretion of the council although there are certain statutory conditions that must be met –equalities duties, incentivise work, etc. Pension age scheme is prescribed by law.	Scheme is funded through the council tax base by preceptors in proportion with the amount they receive. For East Devon this equates to 7%.  The maximum support available is 85% off the council tax charge.	Annual expenditure of working age scheme is currently £4,625,587	£4,625,587  £323,791 cost to East Devon (within the tax base calculation).	N/A	<a href="#">Policy relating to Council Tax Reduction awarded during 2021/22 - East Devon</a>  4,733 working age low income households currently in receipt of CTR.
Service area administering fund: <b>Housing</b>							
7	Rough Sleeper Prevention Fund	Funding made available to assist rough sleepers to achieve positive outcomes	Funding received via Dept for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities	Annual (subject to bidding process).	£15,000	£5,632 (at end of November)	Included as part of the Rough Sleeper Initiative Funding from the Department for Levelling Up. Housing and Communities.

			through the Rough Sleeper Initiative (RSI)	Ends March 2021			
8	Winter Prevention Grant 2021	Funding made available to prevent applicants from the private sector becoming homeless	Funding received via Dept for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	One off fund, scheme ends March 2021	£54,804	£41,952 (at end of November)	A one off payment from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in response to the number of applicants under threat of homelessness following the pandemic
9	Homelessness Prevention Fund	Funding available to prevent homelessness and assist homeless applicants into accommodation (i.e. payment of deposits, travel warrants)	Funds made available through the annual Homelessness Prevention Grant rec'd from Dep't of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	Funding reviewed periodically	£35,060	£17,425 (at end of October)	.
10	Rent Deposit Bond and Loan scheme	Bonds and loans to assist applicants from homeless situations into the private sector	General Fund	Funding reviewed periodically	£35,000	n/a – cost effective process as loans are repaid over years	<a href="#">Private Rented Sector - Rent Deposit Scheme - East Devon</a> 48 households have been helped with this scheme to date so far this year.
Service area administering fund: <b>Environmental Health – Private Sector Housing</b>							
11	As part of the Better Care Fund the Council provides discretionary funding for:	Better Care Fund (BCF) from Central Government primarily covers the Disabled Facilities Grant scheme but can be used for wider purposes that cover warmer, safer & healthier homes.	Central Government – funding determined on annual basis allocated to EDDC & DCC. Underspends can be carried over.	2021/22 BCF £1,046,237. EDDC receives £795,813. Majority of funding is used for Disabled Facilities	£795,813 for 21/22 but primarily covers cost of DFG. (£488,617 on DFG)	Balance £265K as at end of Qtr 2.	See schemes below:

11 A	Energy Company Obligation 3 (ECO 3) Flexible top ups	A top up of £2,000 to support eligible applicants energy efficiency measures such as upgrade or boiler replacement or first time central heating & retrofit projects.	See above	Grant (gov't led scheme). On going	Provisional budget of £20K allocated from BCF.	See above	<a href="#">Grants and loans - Local Authority Flexible Eligibility Statement of Intent - East Devon</a>  <a href="https://eastdevon.gov.uk/media/3723551/000-published-data-report-export-12-11-21.pdf">https://eastdevon.gov.uk/media/3723551/000-published-data-report-export-12-11-21.pdf</a> Spend to date £22K
11B	Lendology CIC	The Council's loan company will provide eligible applicants with low cost loans for home improvements. £500 to £15000 per eligible applicant. Lendology Lite loans of £500 - £1000 for home improvements are being piloted.	BCF	On going	N/A	See above	<a href="#">Grants and loans - Loans for repairs to your home - East Devon</a>  <a href="#">Lendology   Your Community Lender</a>  Qtr 1& 2 – 2 applications approved totalling £2,500. 3 applications pending.
11C	Healthy Homes Grant	Discretionary flexible fund for eligible applicants (Owner occupiers that are unable to obtain a Lendology Loan and on means tested benefits) The fund is for up to £5,000 and is for urgent and essential repairs to the property to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the occupiers. Eligible for owner	BCF	On going	£20K ring fenced for HHG. Up to £5,000 for eligible applicant	See above	<a href="#">devon-wide-housing-assistance-policy-jan-2018.pdf</a> <a href="#">(childrenandfamilyhealthdevon.nhs.uk)</a>  Qtr 1&2 = 7 grants approved totalling £13,204

		occupier only and a land charge applies for 5 years.					
Service area administering fund: Countryside & Leisure							
12	Passport to Leisure (PTL)	This scheme supports low income households to enable affordable access to our leisure centre	Forms part of the management fee agreement with LED	Annual	£64,639.62 This is the cost to LED compared to standard pricing. There are 564 members claiming PTL	N/A	This is agreed as part of the annual management fee negotiations with LED as a social value cost to providing leisure services on behalf of EDDC.
Service area: Housing & Finance							
Funding provided to the Voluntary Sector – supporting low income households/vulnerability/ independent money advice, etc – Housing & Finance							
13	Citizens Advice East Devon	Grant funding for Citizens Advice East Devon	General Fund (within base budget)	Annual	£61,577	N/A	
14	Homemaker South West	Money advice for Homeless & Housing Tenants	General /HRA (within base budget)	Annual	£46,000	N/A	
15	Community Transport schemes – contribution towards running costs	East Devon Trip, Honiton Trip Community Transport, Axe Valley Ring and Ride, & Exmouth & District Community Transport Group	General Fund (within base budget)	Annual	£18,200	N/A	
16	Action East Devon	Contribution to running costs	General Fund (within base budget)	Annual	£10,000	N/A	
17	Devon Communities Together	Contribution to running costs	General Fund (within base budget)	Annual	£6,000	N/A	

18	Coronavirus Community Food Fund	Grants of up to £2,500 are available for funding for any projects relating to providing food to residents of East Devon who are in food poverty during Coronavirus. Grants are for the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector groups and not for individuals		Available for the financial year during the pandemic	Up to £50,000 to be funded from the Hardship Support scheme	£45,072	<a href="#">Coronavirus Community Food Fund - East Devon</a>
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