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Household Support Fund 7

Fund Amount £5,354,902

Spending 1st April 2025 – 31st August 2025

Payment Proposal	HSF Allocation	Total Expenditure Incurred	Remaining funds available
Money and Debt			
1. Local Assistance Scheme (LAS) top up. Annual HCC LAS budget £350k consisting of Community Crisis Loans and Community Support Grants.	£1,000,000.	£453,064 (45%)	£546,936
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 3,840 households have received support from this scheme during this period. ➤ The average spend per household is £117 ➤ The area receiving the most amount of support is HU9 with spending at £95,671 and 790 households helped in this area. 			
2. School Uniforms – funding to support low-income residents with the purchase of school uniforms based on circa 1,400 awards of £40	£56,000 +£14,000 Total £70,000	£0.00 (0%)	£70,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Decision Record MR/050/2025 to increase the allocation of funding up to £70K from the current £56K (additional £14K) due to the rise in costs of school uniforms. This will provide an additional £10 per award, giving a total award of £50 per Year 7 eligible pupil. Vouchers will be issued in October. 			
3. Supporting pensioners affected by the loss of Winter Fuel payments. Using targeted approach of pensioners entitlement to Council Tax Reduction (CTR) to provide allocation of £200, for those receiving CTR awards between 80% and 99%, against their Council Tax.	£375,500	£0.00 (0%)	£375,500
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4. Supporting pensioners via Age UK to provide an advice and advocacy service effectively supporting more pensioners with applications for welfare benefits and the move to Pension Credit.	£65,000	£27,083 (42%)	£37,917
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Food			
5. Food vouchers to approximately 16,100 Free School Meal recipients for 11 weeks holiday periods (1 week May half term, 6 weeks Summer	£2,656,500	£1,677,195 (63%)	£979,305

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holidays, 1 week October half term, 2 weeks Christmas, 1 week Feb 2026 half term) at £15/week			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 16,008 households have received support from this scheme during this period. ➤ The average spend per household is £104 ➤ The area receiving the most amount of support is HU9 with spending at £309,810 with 2,960 households helped. ➤ Balance in fund will cover the remaining school holidays upto February 2026 half term 			
6. VCS community food distribution to maintain food distribution that supports the needs of all community groups through VCS organisations including community kitchen, food pantry, food bank.	£84,000	£0.00 (0%)	£84,000
EMS Ready Meals – provision of microwave ready meals to enable residents with no oven to have a hot meal. Developed to divert food from waste by creating ready meals with surplus and bought produce, meals sold (subsidised) to community food providers.	£72,000	£0.00 (0%)	£72,000
	Total £156,000	£0.00 (0%)	Total £156,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Decision Record DLSP/2025/016 provides for agreements with Hull VCS ➤ Community food distribution involves 27 different organisations arranged by our VCS partner Hull Food Inequalities Alliance (HFIA) operations are due to start October. ➤ EMS ready meals project started on 22nd September. 			
Fuel and Energy			
7. Support for Low Income households to improve energy efficiency, including insulation improvements and boiler replacements.			
And	£400,000	£141,936.94 (35%)	£258,063
Warm Homes funding for smaller items to improve energy efficiency. Including smaller insulation improvements and domestic appliances.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 56 households supported ➤ 51 boilers replaced, 47 heating programmers, 101 radiator controllers, 14 radiators, x5 lofts insulated. ➤ The average spend per household is £2,534 ➤ The area receiving the most amount of support is HU5 with spending at £32,950 and 13 households helped in this area. 			
Health			
8. VCS warm spaces support	£50,000	£0.00 (0%)	£50,000

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Due to commence in October. ➤ Decision Record DLSP/2025/018 provides arrangement with Northbank Forum for bid awards to the local voluntary community sector. This enables the provision of warm spaces. 			
Health, Money & Debt			
9. Combined with warm space grants, the Money Matters approach to provide proactive debt advice support – targeted, increased advice across communities who are hardest hit by the cost of living.	£280,000	£0.00 (0%)	£280,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Due to commence in October. ➤ Decision Record DLSP/2025/018 provides arrangement with Northbank Forum for bid awards to the local voluntary community sector for the provision of money matters, debt and budgeting service. 			
Housing			
10. Tenancy Support and Sustainment for those renting homes.			
£90,000 to support those in the private sector	£90,000	£78,815 (88%)	£11,185
£60,000 to support those in Council housing	£60,000	£0.00 (0%)	£60,000
	Total £150,000		Total £71,185
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Both schemes operated to support applicants using the same criteria. Each successful applicant received between £75 and £200 depending on needs and after having received money advice. ➤ Private renters - 453 applications were made (23 refused due to being owner occupiers, living out of the area or had already received help from this round of funding). ➤ Categories supported: 110 families, 7 pensioners, 190 disabled, residing in private rented and housing association properties. ➤ 430 households have received support from this scheme during this period. ➤ The average spend per household is £183 ➤ The area receiving the most amount of support is HU3 with spending at £29,605 and 164 households helped in this area. ➤ HCC housing – no spend reported for this period currently using HCC budget. 			
Administration			
Administration costs to distribute HSF funding, 4 temporary staff in place to process applications for direct financial support through the LAS scheme.	£165,000	£45,704 (27%)	£119,296
Total	£5,354,000	£2,423,798	£2,930,202

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