

Household Support Fund

Households on low incomes can get help with food and utility costs this winter via the government's new Household Support Fund, which Devon County Council is administering locally. This new grant, totalling £500m nationally, is available until Thursday 31 March 2022, and Devon's allocation of it is a little over £5 million.

The grant will be distributed through small payments to support vulnerable households, to help individuals and families meet daily needs such as food, clothing, and utilities. It can also be used to help households with things like emergency boiler and heating repairs, winter clothing and blankets, purchasing white goods and housing costs.

Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) scheme – children currently receiving benefits-related free school meals and their families can also take part in our Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) scheme for free over the Christmas break. The HAF scheme aims to provide a wide range of fun and enriching activities and nutritious food in a safe and sociable environment for children and young people to develop new skills or knowledge and try out new experiences, make friends and have fun. [More information about the Holiday Activity and Food \(HAF\) scheme, on our website.](#)

Team Devon District/City Council Household Support Schemes – to provide rapid short-term financial support to meet immediate needs and help those who are struggling to afford food, energy and water bills, and other related essentials this winter. [Visit the Household Support Fund page on our website for more information.](#)

Citizens Advice Devon: Energy Relief Scheme – to help eligible households using pre-paid meters who are struggling to meet their fuel bills. [For more information please visit the Citizens Advice Devon website.](#)