

I'm writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. How much money was your local authority allocated under the UK Government's Household Support Fund scheme for the period 6 October 2021 to 30 September 2022? £2,818,234.30
2. By 1 October 2022, how much of this money was distributed to households (whether in the form of cash, vouchers or any other way)? £2,818,717.67
3. As of 28 October 2022, how much of the money allocated to your local authority under the Household Support Fund scheme for 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023 has been distributed to households (whether in the form of cash, vouchers or any other way)? £1,438,569.10
4. What support is currently available through the Household Support Fund for households in your local authority (for example, cash payments, fuel vouchers, food, etc)? *Please provide as much detail as possible, including a link to your website, if available* Details of the support are available on our website [Household Support Fund \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk) These include payments into bank accounts, cash vouchers and Food Pantry vouchers
5. What is the eligibility criteria for the Household Support Fund in your local authority? The eligibility criteria can be found on our website [Household Support Fund \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk)
6. Do individuals have to apply for your local authority's Household Support Fund or is it automatic? Individuals can apply through our website [Apply for welfare support \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk) or face to face at our Life Centres or via the phone.
 - a) If individuals need to apply, how can they do this? Please provide postal address, phone number, email and/or URL for application, as relevant. The form collects any evidence that is required but our Welfare Team will phone to provide support and understand individual circumstances to provide a holistic service
 - b) If individuals need to apply, what evidence do they have to provide with their application? There is no deadline for applications
 - c) If individuals need to apply, what is the deadline for applications (if any)? Some awards are made without an application process like families in receipt of means tested free school meals.
7. Can households access support from your local authority's Household Support Fund re than once? Yes people can make more than one application for support and an award can be made each month.
 - a) If so, are there any restrictions on this?