

Redditch Borough Council
Household Support Fund (HSF)
Grants Awarded October 2021 to March 2024

Funding from Central Government was made available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England to support those most in need to help with significantly rising living costs. Local Authorities had discretion on exactly how this funding was used within the scope set out in the guidance provided. Details within the guidance was amended by Government for each phase but the general expectation throughout has been it should primarily be used to support households in the most need with food and energy bills, and other related household essentials, covering a range of low income households.

Latest guidance for 23/24 can be found at:

[1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024: Household Support Fund guidance for county councils and unitary authorities in England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/1-april-2023-to-31-march-2024-household-support-fund-guidance-for-county-councils-and-unitary-authorities-in-england)

The information below relates to District-level support provided through the Household Support Fund and does not include details of the Countywide support administered by Worcestershire County Council.

Household Support Fund PHASE 1

1st October 2021 to 31st March 2022 (6 months)

- Total allocation to Redditch Borough Council: £260,345
 - Total paid out to local voluntary and community sector organisations: £88,000
- Breakdown provided below:

Group / Organisation (including Registered No where applicable)	Project	Grant Award
Redditch Foodbank – Acts of Kindness (Reg No 1157916)	Foodbank & Household Essentials	£15,000
Batchley Support Group (Reg No 1106022)	Food Pantry	£3,000
Sandycroft (Reg No 1169610)	Food Vouchers	£60,000
Citizens Advice – Bromsgrove & Redditch (Reg No 1117552)	Local HSF scheme with Redditch Borough Council (RBC)*	£10,000

In addition to the above:

- *RBC spent £18,027 on a brand new local HSF scheme (working with Citizens Advice B&R) which was spent directly on households.
- RBC Housing Teams spent £49,136 on tenants with £46,961 being used for a Hardship Scheme and Tenant startup packs and the remainder spent on homelessness prevention and rough sleepers.
- RBC also allocated £91,490 for food vouchers for local schools and college and Holiday Hunger Scheme for children, young people and families.
- RBC used £13,692 (approx. 5% of the allocation) towards delivery/admin costs

Household Support Fund PHASE 2

1st April 2022 to 30th September 2022 (6 months)

- Total allocation to Redditch Borough Council: £146,200
- Total paid out to local voluntary and community sector organisations: £35,965
Breakdown provided below:

Group / Organisation (including Registered No where applicable)	Project	Grant Award
Redditch Foodbank – Acts of Kindness (Reg No 1157916)	Foodbank & Household Essentials	£15,000
Batchley Support Group (Reg No 1106022)	Food Pantry	£10,000
Citizens Advice – Bromsgrove & Redditch (Reg No 1117552)	Local HSF scheme with Redditch Borough Council (RBC)*	£10,965

*In addition to the above:

- The remaining RBC allocation (£110,235), with the exception of spend by RBC housing to assist tenants directly (£6,786), RBC spent the rest (£103,449) on a new streamlined local HSF scheme (working with Citizens Advice B&R), with £100,886 being spent directly on households and the balance of £2,563 (approx. 1.75% of the allocation) was put towards RBC admin costs.

Household Support Fund PHASE 3

1st October 2022 to 31st March 2023 (6 months)

- Total allocation to Redditch Borough Council: £170,021 (which includes an additional allocation midway through phase 3 from the County Council of £23,821 specifically for foodbanks and warm spaces).
- Total paid out to local voluntary and community sector organisations: £62,130
Breakdown provided below:

Group / Organisation (including Registered No where applicable)	Project	Grant Award
Redditch Foodbank – Acts of Kindness (Reg No 1157916)	Foodbank & Household Essentials	£38,630
Batchley Support Group (Reg No 1106022)	Food Pantry	£7,000
Building Bridges (CIC No 13511011)	Food – Community Supermarket	£1,500
Citizens Advice – Bromsgrove & Redditch (Reg No 1117552)	Local HSF scheme with Redditch Borough Council (RBC)*	£15,000

*In addition to the above:

- The remaining RBC allocation (£107,891), with the exception of a 'Warm Spaces' allocation (£4560) as agreed with County Council plus spend by RBC housing to assist tenants directly (£1,500), RBC spent the rest (£101,831) on a local HSF scheme (working with Citizens Advice B&R), with £100,000 being spent directly on households and the balance of £1,831 (approx. 1% of the allocation) put towards RBC admin costs.

Household Support Fund PHASE 4

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 (12 months)

- Total allocation to Bromsgrove District Council: £398,595 (which includes an additional allocation near the end of the Phase from the County Council of £10,000 specifically for foodbanks).
- Total paid out to local voluntary and community sector organisations: £117,127
Breakdown provided below:

Group / Organisation (including Registered No where applicable)	Project	Grant Award
Redditch Foodbank – Acts of Kindness (Reg No 1157916)	Foodbank & Household Essentials	£61,127
Batchley Support Group (Reg No 1106022)	Food Pantry	£14,000
The Old Needle Works Foundation (Reg No 1181832)	Food provision within Warm Space	£2,250
Citizens Advice – Bromsgrove & Redditch (Reg No 1117552)	Local HSF scheme with Redditch Borough Council (RBC)*	£39,750

*In addition to the above:

- The remaining RBC allocation (£281,468), with the exception of spend by RBC strategic housing on vulnerable residents directly (£5,572.55), RBC spent the rest (£275,895.45) on a local HSF scheme (working with Citizens Advice B&R), with £264,950 being spent directly on households and the balance of £10,945.45 (approx. 2.7% of the allocation) put towards RBC admin costs.