**Before you continue**

Emergency financial support is only for individuals and families who are in urgent need where they are struggling to:

* buy food
* heat their homes
* pay their bills

We will ask you about your circumstances and your financial situation so that we can help you. If you are having problems topping up your gas and electricity as a result of financial hardship, you should contact your energy supplier first. We can only help with your gas and electricity if your need is extremely urgent. If this is the case, let us know in the form.

**Are you:**

[ ]  1. A resident in need of emergency support

[ ]  2. Acting on behalf of someone else

**(If you select 1)**

**Personal details**

Title:

First name:

Surname:

Date of birth:

**Property details**

Address:

City:

Postcode:

**Contact details**

Phone number:

Email address:

**Household details**

Please enter the number of people in these categories, not the ages, including yourself. This information will help us provide the right amount of food or other support.

**Number of people**

[ ]  Older persons: 70+ years old

[ ]  Adults: 18 - 69 years old

[ ]  Teenagers: 13 - 17 years old

[ ]  Children: 3 - 12 years old

[ ]  Infants: 2 years old and under

**Status**

Select from one of the following options:

[ ]  Previously written to by the government and asked to shield

[ ]  High risk group

[ ]  Self-isolating

[ ]  None of the above

**What emergency support do you need? (tick all that apply)**

[ ]  Financial assistance for food

[ ]  I can pay but need help with food shopping

[ ]  Just gas or electric

[ ]  Financial assistance for food AND gas/electric

[ ]  None of the above

**Do you need supplies that meet any of these cultural/religious needs?**

[ ]  African

[ ]  Arabic

[ ]  Chinese

[ ]  Ethnic

[ ]  Halal

[ ]  Indian

[ ]  International

[ ]  Kosher

[ ]  Polish

[ ]  Other

[ ]  No

### Financial situation

We now need some information about your financial circumstances.

**Reason for hardship**

[ ]  Benefits sanction or awaiting DWP payment

[ ]  Loss of income for the self-employed

[ ]  Loss of income for the employed

[ ]  Recently unemployed

[ ]  Struggling with the cost of living

[ ]  Other financial hardship

**Please enter more information about your reason for financial hardship, for example let us know the date of your last salary payment and/or the status of any benefit claims you may have made (1000 characters maximum).**

This information will help us assess your claim.

**Support Received**

Have you received Local Welfare Assistance support in the last month from the [Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/parenting-and-family-support/cambridgeshire-local-assistance-scheme)?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

**Have you visited a foodbank / food hub in the last month?**

[ ] Yes [ ] No

**Have you received a supermarket voucher in the last month?**

[ ] Yes [ ] No

Please state your supermarket voucher reference number:

**Are you currently in receipt of universal credit or other DWP benefits?**

[ ] Yes [ ] No

**Please give us the date of your last benefit payment** (if applicable)

Date:

**Are you currently in receipt of or claiming Housing Benefit or Council Tax support?**

[ ] Yes [ ] No

**Supermarket voucher**

We may issue you with a supermarket voucher for the purchase of food based on the information you have provided. Where you have specific needs in relation to food or are unable to use a supermarket voucher based on the information you have given us, we may provide you with cash that you can use in other supermarkets or shops.

**Are you able to use a supermarket voucher?**

[ ] Yes [ ] No

Please tell us which supermarket is nearest to you:

#### **Gas or electric**

If you cannot top up your electricity or gas supply due to financial hardship at this time, you should first contact your supplier. If you have been unable to get help from your supplier and have no other means to top up your supply, please select ‘Yes’ below and provide further information as requested. We may be able to help with a one-off payment.

**Do you need help with your gas/electric supplier?**

[ ] Yes [ ] No

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