

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

### You asked:

- 1. I understand that Community Care Grants and Crisis Loans for general living expenses (including rent in advance) have been abolished from April 2013 and that "new local provision will be administered by local authorities in England and the devolved administrations in Scotland and Wales." ([www.dwp.gov.uk](http://www.dwp.gov.uk)). Can you tell me how much this new local provision amounts to in 2013/2014 in this local authority?**

[Leicester City Council has £1,606,825.](#)

- 2. What, if any, proportion of this provision has been allocated to church projects for 2013/2014? (for example, *The Guardian* has reported that Darlington council plans to invest £58,000 in a church food bank)**

[The policy to introduce this scheme has been designed to support vulnerable people, experiencing financial difficulties. The strategy for delivery will evolve overtime. Currently there is no allocation to church projects. Leicester City Council is looking to develop this scheme throughout 2013/14.](#)

- 3. Please provide any information you have on allocation of the provision to churches including:**

- a) How much has been allocated to each church project**

[Please see above.](#)

- b) What the funding is for in each case (eg: food bank)**

[Not applicable.](#)

- c) Please specify whether each allocation to a church project is a continuation of funding from previous years or a new investment. If it is a continuation please state how much was allocated in the previous year.**

[Not applicable.](#)

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