

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Social Fund**

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

### **You asked:**

#### **Question one**

**What provisions have been developed to replace the discretionary Social Fund in your area? You might want to consider the following:**

- **What emergency programmes are in place? E.g. for unexpected expenses or family crisis**

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Please see policy document on [www.leicester.gov.uk/csg](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/csg)

- **What longer term programmes are in place? E.g. for reintegrating individuals into the community**

The council has not directly funded from the local welfare provision any scheme intended to reintegrate individuals back into the community, however the fund does supply essential living items and promotes access to donated furniture items not funded through the Community Support Grant scheme for tenants.

- **Are these funded solely by the local authority replacement of the discretionary Social Fund? If not, from where else is funding received?**

Yes solely funded by local authority replacement of discretionary social fund.

- **Are any other organisations involved in these provisions? Who and how?**

Leicester Charity Link are assisting Leicester City Council evaluate the scheme demand and provision in order to inform future development of scheme.

- **What is the application process for these provisions?**

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- **What is the eligibility for these provisions?**

As above, please see policy document on [www.leicester.gov.uk/csg](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/csg)

#### **Question two**

**How much of the allocated funding for replacing discretionary Social Fund schemes is used for these provisions? Please state the following:**

- **The Social Fund budget allocation for your local authority in question**

Full amount of **£1,606,825**

- **What percentage of the budget is allocated to all Social Fund replacement provisions?**

100%

- **A breakdown of funding given to each of the programmes mentioned in question one from the Social Fund budget allocation**

Based on expenditure in quarter 1 (April to July) and quarter 2 (Aug to Dec)  
Crisis funding represents 76% of applications and 10% of expenditure  
With housing support presenting 24% of applications but 90% of expenditure

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