

Household Support Fund - HSF 5 final closure

Dear Trusted Partners,

Following on from our last briefing, I am writing to provide you with an important update regarding the national Household Support Fund (HSF) and our Trusted Partner Network.

Current Situation:

Since its extension in March 2024, HSF has experienced significant demand for support, both through direct applications and via our Trusted Partner Network. This demand has led to substantial expenditure; we now need to take steps to effectively manage the funding allocated for Cambridgeshire to ensure the scheme does not become overspent.

Confirmed Closure Date:

We can confirm that the closure date for both direct and Trusted Partner applications will be 9am on Friday 26 July 2024.

If, after all applications have been processed, funding remains the scheme may reopen for a short period; any decision to reopen will be communicated to partners.

The closure of applications for direct awards does not impact upon the issuing of school vouchers for families in receipt of free school meals, which will continue as planned.

The Council's website will be updated to reflect the closure of the direct application scheme and includes links to other sources of support [Household Support Fund | Cambridgeshire County Council](#). The Council will also issue formal communications to notify residents of the closure of the scheme.

Administration of HSF would not have been possible without the ongoing support of the Trusted Partner network. Since April 2024, the scheme has provided financial support to approximately 9000 Cambridgeshire residents – we are sincerely grateful for your support in delivering the fund.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Kind regards,

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