

## Household Support Funding (HSF4) Delivery Plan

Gloucestershire County Council have allocated Stroud District £300,000 Household Support Funding from April 2023 to March 2024. The table below shows the SDC proposal for HSF4 delivery.

The current HSF model is based on working through partners in the community, either delivering specialist services like advice or household support or partners working in a specific geography or with a specific group of people, like families. Our partners are keen to keep working with us on HSF. In addition, this year for the first time, HSF is allowed to support additional money advice support. We have good partners already delivering this in some parts of the district. This HSF allocation would enable them to extend their delivery where demand is high.

Area of Household Support Funding	Planned activities	Budget Allocated
<b>Support for Food</b>	Supermarket vouchers available via partners across the district. Different partners have been invited to distribute vouchers to reach different groups, including Primary and Secondary Schools, Community Hubs and specialist support organisations.	£80,000
<b>Support for Energy and Water.</b>	Fuel Bank - Fast fuel payments available via Stroud District Foodbank through their partner provider Fuel Bank. NOTE: This is a district allocation to a fast, local organisation in addition to the county allocation of £300k to Severn Wye Energy Agency because SWEA has a slower process and they ran out of funding for a short time last year.	£20,000
<b>Support for Wider Essentials (Please specify in planned activities).</b>	Citizens Advice - Discretionary budget for wider essentials. The CA advisors are trained to deal with complex issues and sometimes a small discretionary grant is the best way to solve a crisis whilst providing ongoing support.	£20,000
	Furniture Bank - Household essentials. Support for households referred in need of furniture or white goods.	£20,000
	Home Start - Wider essentials for vulnerable families from pregnancy to age 5. Home Start provide groups in Hubs and long term, one to one support for young families. They are regular users of Food Hubs so a discretionary HSF allocation for their groups and mentors will reach vulnerable families.	£20,000
	Community Hubs network - Wider essentials for vulnerable residents. In addition to running outreach Foodbanks and Pantries, the Hubs provide access to advice workers and social support.	£60,000
<b>Other spend (Please specify in planned activities).</b>	Outreach Support to access money advice - To be allocated between P3, Clean Slate and GL11 Community Hub in partnership with GL1 Communities. These partners will deliver support in outreach venues like Community Hubs across the district for people needing access to money advice. Support staff will help people to work through paperwork and get themselves organised to make more better use of advanced money advice services like Citizens Advice.	£60,000
<b>Scheme Administration.</b>	SDC administration of HSF.	£20,000
<b>Overall.</b>		<b>£300,000</b>