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Crisis and Resilience Fund

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The Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) was introduced on 1 April 2026, replacing the Household Support Fund and Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs). It is a £1 billion government fund running until March 2029, administered by local councils, designed to help low-income households manage unexpected financial crises and essential costs.

The Crisis and Resilience Fund has three main objectives:

- **Effective crisis support** – providing timely, needs-based assistance to address financial crises, including housing support for those facing shortfalls in rent or essential costs. Applications for crisis or housing cost support can be made below
- **Improving financial resilience** – helping individuals and families better manage future financial shocks, reducing the likelihood of recurring crises
- **Strengthening local support networks** – coordinating local services and resilience programs to ensure accessible, joined-up support for communities. Details of all organisations providing support services through CRF funding will be published shortly

Support is available

CRF funding is delivered across four strands.

Crisis payments

Needs based help for low income households suffering financial hardship with essential costs in an emergency.

Apply for a crisis payment

Or phone 0800 6940 100. The service is open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm, (excl. bank holidays).

If there is a real risk to health or safety or for services out of hours you can call the social services emergency duty team on 01253 477600.

For any housing related financial support please use the housing payment application form link below

Housing payments

Help towards housing costs (e.g. rent shortfall or rent bonds) for eligible residents.

Apply for a housing payment

Residents can apply for crisis payments and housing payments direct or with the help of a trusted partner agency.

Alternative formats are available on request such as, Braille, Easy Read and large print by emailing crf.crisissupport@blackpool.gov.uk



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