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If the amount of Housing Benefit or the housing costs element of your Universal Credit you receive does not cover your full rent you may be able to apply for a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) to help you pay the shortfall.

If you need extra help towards your council tax you may qualify for a Council Tax Discretionary Discount.

You will need to complete an online application form and we will look at your personal and financial circumstances.

For example:

- Your income
- Whether you have any savings
- Whether anyone else in the house is able to help you pay your rent
- Whether you have any loans or debts still to pay
- Whether you could manage your money better to ease the situation
- Whether you or your family are ill or disabled

If when we look at your application we need more information from you we will let you know.

Payment policies

Blackpools benefit service has a discretionary housing payment policy that provides further information regarding who the scheme has been designed to offer extra financial support to.

You can request this by emailing discretionarysupport@blackpool.gov.uk

For more information about a Council tax discretionary discount please read [Blackpool Council's policy document \[PDF 721 KB\]](#)

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