

## Household Support Fund- Hardship Grant Community Fund

We are pleased to announce the opening of BVSC's Hardship Grant Community Fund, part of Birmingham City Council's wider Household Support Fund (HSF) activity for this Winter. BVSC will be distributing grants of up to £200 to Birmingham households currently facing hardship, intended for support with food and energy payments.

### When does it start?

Applications will commence from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February** and we will continue to accept applications until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, or all funding has been exhausted if sooner.

### Who is eligible?

- You must be a Birmingham Resident
- You must be experiencing hardship, particularly with regards to covering costs linked to food and energy
- You must not have received a hardship grant payment since June 2022

Please be aware that you will be expected to provide **proof of address and proof of means-tested benefits** (if you are in receipt of them) in the case that you are invited to apply.



### How do I apply?

To apply, potential applicants will be required to complete the form provided in the link below, asking questions aimed at determining their suitability for the grant. All applicants will be contacted via email on the outcome of their enquiry and next steps.

<https://forms.office.com/e/dVuG1h8NmC> (link opens 6th February)

If you are unable to access the form above, then please use the phone number provided below to progress your enquiry.

0121 634 7100 (line opens 6<sup>th</sup> February)

**Please be aware that your enquiry will be processed more quickly if you use the form, so we strongly encourage you to do so if you are able to.**