

Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant

Funding for people who are struggling to afford food and other essentials

South Gloucestershire Council now have access to just under **£211,000** from the government's **Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant**.

South Gloucestershire children and families in the greatest need can benefit from this funding, and below is information on the grant:

- Contact Citizens Advice, by calling 01454 334961.
Families **MUST BE**:
 - South Gloucestershire resident(s)
 - on a low income
 - in an emergency or crisis due to Covid-19. Examples of this could include that families are: Homeless or threatened with homelessness (ie. mortgage or rent arrears); unable to afford food; vulnerable due to health conditions (physical or mental); in a position where there is no alternative/existing support scheme available to support them with their circumstance(s), or going through bereavement.
- Citizens Advice will carry out brief checks and pick up any broader issues, advising and providing information to help people access longer term support they might need (such as benefits)
- Citizens Advice will then pass any families they feel are eligible to our Finance and Benefits Team
- Citizens Advice will determine the allocation of up to £500 per family, so this could mean only roughly 400 families across all South Gloucestershire communities will be given this help. The government anticipates that most of the funding will be spent within 12 weeks.

For help and support for all South Gloucestershire residents, including people who are vulnerable, visit www.southglos.gov.uk/coronavirus.