

Winter Grant Scheme

East Riding of Yorkshire Council have received funding to support those most in need with the cost of food, energy (Heating, cooking, lighting), water bills (including sewerage) and other essentials over the winter months.

To be eligible for the grant, parents/guardian must meet the criteria below:

- Be in receipt of a benefit which entitles you to free school meals
- Have claimed universal credit since 23 March and whose income is less than £16,000 annually

Where an applicant is successful, they will receive:

- £45.00 for food per child
- £30.00 per household for utilities
- Where an application is submitted for essential items, this will be determined on a case by case basis. The Council will not award grants where funds are no longer available to do so.

Many parents/guardians have already received funding from the scheme, but we are aware that some have still not received this funding. Applications for the grants are open from **15 February 2021 and will close 28 February 2021. This is for new applicants only and not for parents/guardians who have already received a payment.**

To check if you are eligible and to make a claim visit www.eastriding.gov.uk/housing/housing-benefit-and-council-tax-support/coronavirus-benefits-and-financial-support. If you cannot make this claim yourself, please call [01482 393939](tel:01482393939) and a member of the Council will assist you.

Benefit Advice

The Council are aware that millions of pounds in benefits goes unclaimed each year, this might be because people don't know about the benefit or that they can't claim themselves. The Council has a FREE tool which lets you check that you are getting all of the benefits which you are entitled to, and provide advice on how to make a claim. Go to <https://eastriding.entitledto.co.uk/home/start> to check if you can get any financial support today. If you can't do this yourself, the Council have a helpful team of welfare visiting officers, who can support you through this process, email: benefit.takeup@eastriding.gov.uk to make a **FREE and CONFIDENTIAL** appointment today.

Budgeting

The Council has a FREE budgeting tool, this allows you to enter in all of your money coming into and out of the household, tells you where you are spending your money and provides tips on how to reduce your outgoings, such as changing Utility Suppliers. Have a go today, it's confidential and you can use it as many times as you want, you'll be surprised at when your hidden expenses are. Go to <https://budget.entitledto.co.uk/default>

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