

## Government Support Schemes statistics

### Covid-19 Support Schemes delivered by the Council

<b>Scheme name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Number who received support</b>	<b>Total Paid out</b>
Test & Trace Support Payments	Isolation support payments	1,600 households	£830,000
Household Support Fund – Scheme 1	Open application – payments for food, utilities, crisis support	793 households	£243,000
Covid-19 Wellbeing Support Fund	Open application – payments for food, utilities, crisis support	776 households	£160,953
Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund -CARF	Discretionary scheme to reduce business rate chargeable amounts for businesses who did not qualify for mandatory relief	1,003 businesses	£4,645,170
Small Business Grant – scheme 1a	Business grant	1,282 businesses	£12,820,000
Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Grant - schemes 2a and 2b	Business grant	708 businesses	£13,995,000
Discretionary Grant	Business grant	217 businesses	£1,341,750
LRSB Closed Addendum – 5 Nov to 1 Dec'20	Business grant	941 businesses	£1,667,641
LRSB Closed – tier 2 and tier 3 schemes combined	Business grant	203 businesses	£100,629
Christmas Support Payment for wet-led pubs	Business grant	63 businesses	£63,000
LRSB Closed Addendum: 5 January onwards	Business grant	1,897 businesses	£5,041,608
Closed Businesses Lockdown Payment	Business grant	973 businesses	£5,113,000
LRSB Open	Business grant	488 businesses	£597,309
Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme - ARG	Individual business grants and wider business support	3,795 businesses	£3,795,376
Restart Grant – Non-Essential Retail Sector	Business grant	333 businesses	£1,287,383
Restart Grant – Hospitality, leisure, Accommodation, Gym & Sports, Personal Care Sectors	Business grant	521 businesses	£5,330,000
Omicron Hospitality & Leisure Grant (OHLG)	Business Grant	246 businesses	£904,038

Cost of Living Support Schemes being delivered by the Council

<b>Scheme name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Number of households receiving support</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Scheme period</b>
Household Support Fund Scheme 2.1	£90 post office voucher to pensioners in receipt of council tax support	2,770	£249,300 paid out	April 2022 to September 2022
Household Support Fund Scheme 2.2	£65 post office voucher to working age council tax support households including a dependent child	1,578 will receive support	£102,570 will be paid out by 30.9.22	April 2022 to September 2022
Council Tax £150 Energy Rebate – mandatory scheme	£150 payment to eligible households in council tax bands A to D (not means tested)	41,523* so far	£6.2m* paid out so far	April 2022 to September 2022
Council Tax Energy Rebate – discretionary scheme	£129 payment to eligible households in council tax bands E to H (not means tested)	1,440 will receive support	£185,760 will be paid out by 30.11.22	April 2022 to November 2022
<b>Total helped as at 6.9.22</b>		<b>44,293</b>	<b>£6.47m</b>	
<b>Total who will receive help by 30 November 2022</b>		<b>52,499</b>	<b>£7.1m</b>	

\* There are 44,968 eligible households so 92% have claimed and been paid. Some have opted out and do not wish to receive the payment. There's 2,594 eligible customers who still haven't claimed, despite prompting. So that they don't miss out on their entitlement, staff are now crediting the £150 to their council tax bills daily in batches in order to meet the 30 September deadline. A revised council tax bill is sent and those customers then have the choice to leave the credit on their bill or request a refund.

For information, other national support available includes:

- £400 energy bill grant – if residents are liable for their own electricity bill

- £650 means tested benefit Cost of Living payment – if residents receive Pension Credit / Universal Credit
- £300 pensioner Cost of Living Payment – if residents already receive Winter Fuel Payment, this will be increased by £300
- £150 disability Cost of Living Payment

#### Homes for Ukraine payments made so far to guests and hosts

Each guest, including children, received a one-off payment of £200 in cash. Every host receives a monthly £350 'thank you' payment up to a maximum of 12 months.

As at 6 September 2022 we have made cash payments to 164 guests totalling £34,410 and paid £62,650 in 'thank you' payments to hosts.

#### Summary

Exeter City Council has given £56.4 million in Covid-19 Support across households and businesses:

- £1,233,953 to 3,169 households
- £55,201,024 to 12,670 businesses

As at 6 September 2022, the Council has already paid out £6.47 million in cost of living support to 44,293 households and this will rise to £7.1 million to 52,499 households by 30 November 2022.

Draft guidance has just been released for Household Support Fund Scheme 3. This is to be delivered by the Council on behalf of the Department for Works and Pensions, between October 2022 and March 2023. The funding allocation has not yet been agreed to allow us to design a scheme however the expectation is the scheme should be used to support households in the most need, particularly those who may not be eligible for the other support government has recently made available, including the Cost of Living Payments.

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