

# Financial support for low income households in Reading

If you are a Reading resident on a low income and struggling to make ends meet during the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, you may be eligible for financial support from Reading Borough Council.

The Household Support Fund provides cost-of-living support to households in the most need.

A payment of £125 per household is available from the Household Support Fund to help pay for essentials such as food, energy, water, and housing costs.

Applications can be made once between May and the end of July 2024.

Households who already receive means tested benefits or other related state benefits (such as a Personal Independence Payment) are automatically assumed to have a low income.

Find out more about the Household Support Fund and apply at [www.reading.gov.uk/household-support-fund](http://www.reading.gov.uk/household-support-fund)

**Apply here**



Before starting an application, you will need some, or all, of the following information:

- Your Council Tax account number (starts with a 6 and can be found on your Council Tax bill)
- National Insurance number for you and your partner
- Details of income/benefits for you and your partner
- Details of essential expenditure for you and your partner
- Details of any savings you and your partner have

For more cost-of-living advice and support, please visit the Council's Money Matters advice webpage:  
[www.reading.gov.uk/housing/money-matters](http://www.reading.gov.uk/housing/money-matters)

The Council also funds local voluntary and community sector organisations to provide cost of living support:

#### **Debt Advice**

**Citizens Advice Reading**

Advice line: 0808 278 7819



#### **Tackling Poverty Partnership**

**CommuniCare**

Advice line: 0118 926 3941

Email: [office@communicare.org.uk](mailto:office@communicare.org.uk)



Support is being prioritised to households who fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Residents above state pension age
- Carers
- Care leavers
- People with disabilities
- Families with children receiving Pupil Premium
- People living alone
- Residents with unsecure employment
- Large households
- People with energy inefficient homes
- Households with prepayment energy meters
- Residents in private rented accommodation
- Victims of crime
- Veterans
- Residents with English as a second language
- Residents with ethnically diverse heritage