

MORE MONEY TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE

Older residents facing financial hardship could now be eligible to get more help from Folkestone & Hythe District Council.

The council has been allocated funding by Kent County Council from the Household Support Fund Extension (HSFE), which runs until 30 September 2022.

Unlike the original scheme, the HSFE will focus on energy bills and for people over pensionable age. F&HDC will be directly contacting households that could be eligible.

Food will also remain a priority, but the HSFE can be used to support households with wider essential costs.

Vulnerable households are defined as those that are struggling to afford essential food and utility bills and have no other available support.

Cllr Tim Prater, Cabinet Member for Revenues, Benefits, Anti-Fraud and Corruption, said: “The extension of the Household Support Fund is a welcome boost and will help some of the most vulnerable in our district who are struggling with the increased cost of living.”

Leader Cllr David Monk added: “We are pleased to be working with Kent County Council again to offer this extra support to those who most need it. Funds are limited so we encourage people to apply as soon as possible.”

Applications for an award may be made via a self-referral or via a request from a council officer, councillor, or voluntary/community organisation.

For full details of the criteria and to make an application, visit [folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/household-support-fund](https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/household-support-fund)

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