

# £63 million for local authorities to assist those struggling to afford food and other essentials

Press release

New funding confirmed for local authorities to help those struggling financially as a result of coronavirus.



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An additional £63 million has been confirmed by government today (Thursday 11 June) to be distributed to local authorities in England to help those who are struggling to afford food and other essentials due to coronavirus.

Local authorities are already working hard to support those who are vulnerable and this additional funding will contribute to that work.

Many have existing mechanisms to provide this support in a way that suits the needs of their community. This includes provision of cash payments, food vouchers, or alternative means of support.

This funding will sit alongside the alongside the [£6.5 billion of extra support](#) the government is providing through the welfare system to ensure the most vulnerable in our society are protected throughout this crisis.

Food Minister Victoria Prentis MP, who leads the cross-government Food and Essential Supplies to the Vulnerable Task Force, said:

“The extraordinary circumstances of this pandemic have meant real financial difficulty for many households, with people left facing hard choices.

“To help those who are struggling to afford food and other essentials, today we are announcing an additional £63 million which will be given to and

distributed by local authorities to those in need.

“Local authorities are already doing a brilliant job helping the most vulnerable in their communities and this extra money will enable them to help more families and individuals at this extremely difficult time.”

[Further government support](#) is available for those struggling as a result of coronavirus. If you need urgent help, [contact your local council](#) to find out what services are available in your area.

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