| **Local welfare assistance scheme** |
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**The new and improved Local Welfare Assistance Scheme is available to assist towards increased costs such as: food, energy, clothing and other household costs.**

**Members of the public can now apply directly to LWAS via the SCC website on this link:**[**Apply for Local Welfare Assistance - Suffolk Council**](https://www.salc.org.uk/r/yof/m/79877)

**Please encourage those that you are supporting to apply themselves, alternatively you can also provide assistance to apply.**

**There is a two-step process for the new platform: 1) eligibility checks, and 2) uploading evidence to support an application.**

**There are two ways to make an application: 1) as a member of the public (which you can assist with) or 2) with support from Suffolk Citizens Advice or a Local Authority.**

**Successful applicants will be eligible for financial support via either a BACS transfer to the applicant’s bank account or a Post Office ‘cash out’ voucher sent by email and/or text.**

**The**[**Cost of living support | Suffolk County Council**](https://www.salc.org.uk/r/ECp/m/79877)**can also be viewed for wider forms of support in Suffolk.**