

Discretionary Housing Payments

If you need help to pay your housing costs, you might qualify for help from a council fund called Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP).

Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) are administered by Glasgow City Council on behalf of the Government.

Each Scottish local authority administers Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) for their own area.

These are not a type of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit Housing Cost. They are extra payments made to help with housing costs (like rent payments or a new tenancy deposit).

They provide a short term solution to financial difficulties, as the DHP budget is limited each year.

People can apply to the fund if they are:

- **entitled to Housing Benefit or Universal Credit Housing Costs**
- **able to show us they need help meeting their housing costs**

The payment could cover some or all of your rent shortfall for anything from 4 weeks to all 52 weeks in the current financial year.

If you wish assistance to make an application for Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) please contact one of our Welfare Rights Officers who will be happy to help you to complete a [Discretionary Housing Payment \(DHP\) application form](#).

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