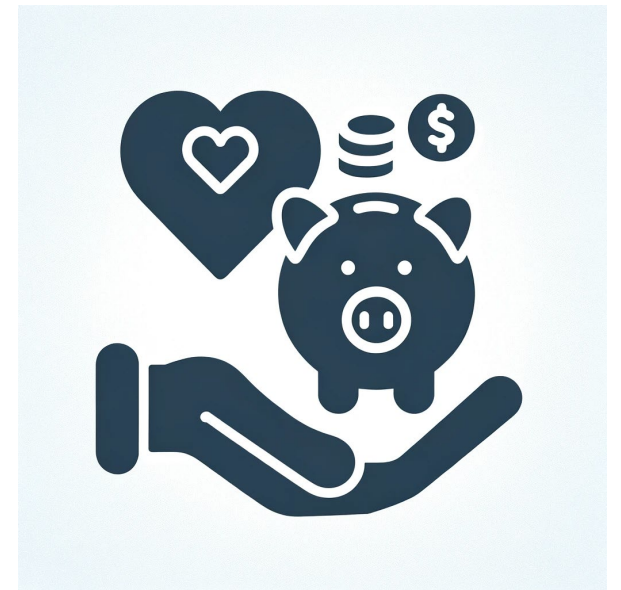


Derbyshire Discretionary Fund

- policy review consultation

Derbyshire Discretionary Fund (DDF)

- The Derbyshire Discretionary Fund (DDF) provides help for people who are struggling financially
- The DDF can make two types of awards:
 - Emergency Cash Payments
 - Exceptional Pressure Grants



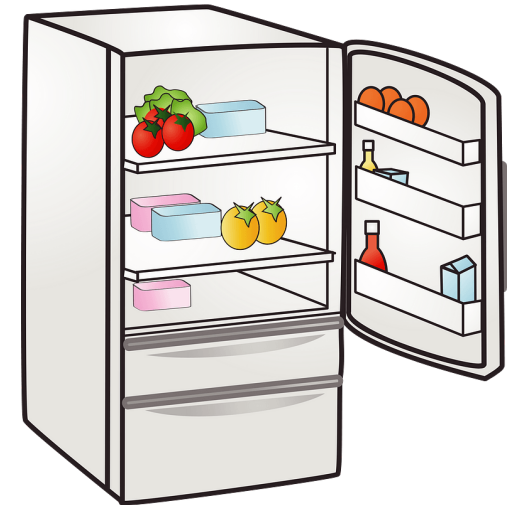
Emergency Cash Payments (ECPs)

- Payments for food, heating and emergency travel
- Paid when there is a risk to health and safety
- Payments are £54 plus £10 for other household members
- Payments do not have to be paid back



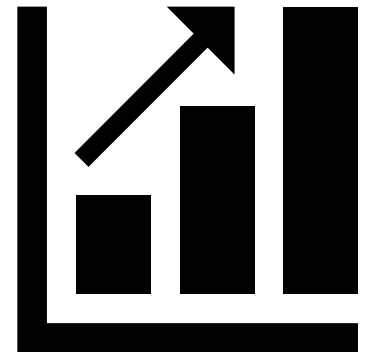
Exceptional Pressure Grants (EPGs)

- People have to be in receipt of certain benefits
- Grants can be made for people in certain situations, such as setting up home after being homeless or moving out of a refuge
- Awards are usually made by delivering the item to the person directly
- Payments do not have to be paid back



We need to make some changes

- The DDF started in 2013
- Every year the amount of people applying to the DDF has gone up
- The DDF budget is £1.3 million a year
- The budget has stayed the same
- We need to make some changes to stay in budget



We need to make some changes⁽²⁾

- We have some proposals (ideas) of how to change the DDF
- We want to find out what people think of these ideas
- There is a survey you can fill in from 22nd January to 17th March 2024



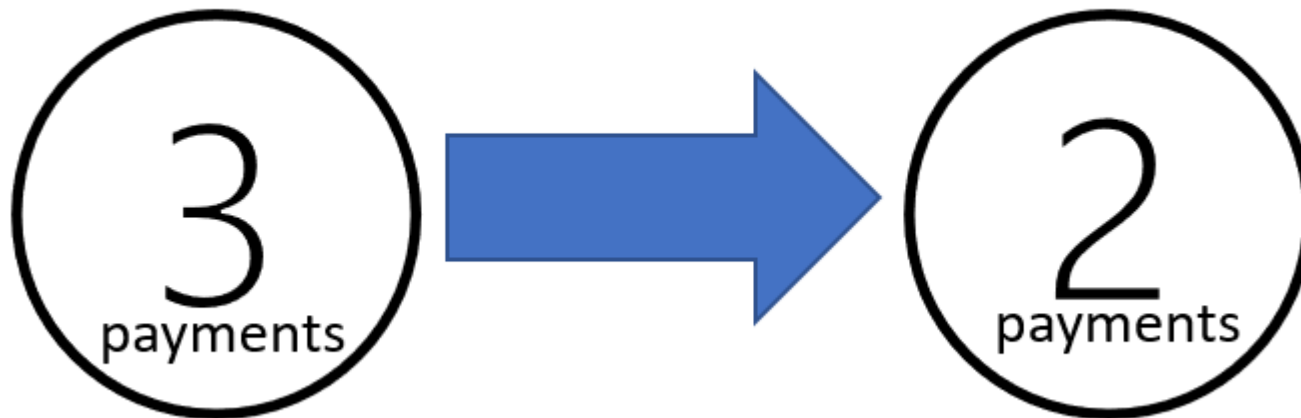
Proposal 1

- Introduce a way to prioritise applications when the budget is low
- People who are more in need are more likely to be paid
- This means that the DDF will pay less people if the money is low



Proposal 2

- Now, DDF can make 3 Emergency Cash Payments in a year
- Proposal 2 is to reduce this to 2 payments in a year



Proposal 3

- The amount of an Emergency Cash Payment has stayed the same since 2015
- A payment is £54 for a single person
 - Plus £10 for each extra person in a household
- We think this needs to increase
 - Either the same as the increase in benefits (£64)
 - Or, the same as inflation (£80)
 - Plus £20 for each extra person in a household



Proposal 4

- The DDF could reduce the types of things we make a payment for.
- We have three proposals (ideas)
 - Stop payments for rent in advance when someone moves into a new home
 - Stop payments for furniture and flooring when someone moves into a flat or house owned by a Council or Housing Association
 - Stop payments for travel



Have your say

- We want to hear what you think of the proposals
- There is a survey on our website
- The consultation is open from Monday 22nd January to Sunday 17th March 2024
- We can help you with the survey if you need help

