

## Criteria for Healthy Homes Hardship Fund

Healthy Homes for Wellbeing offers a discretionary hardship fund of up to £250 for individuals to finance either of the following:

- A long-term improvement (e.g. new kitchen appliance, repair to the property)
- An opportunity which in itself may not be long lasting but would have a significant impact to the household (e.g. funding for counselling or respite care, paying a utility debt)

To apply the following need to be met

- A HEA has identified extreme hardship/poverty/vulnerability during a home visit.
- Such assistance can provide significant relief from ongoing hardship OR will improve conditions within the home
- No other funding can be found to meet these needs

The following criteria will be used to assess the hardship/poverty/vulnerability

- The household is in receipt of an income-related benefit or income falls below the amounts in the table below

Household	0 child	1 child	2 Children	3 children	4 children
One adult	£14,520	£19,140	£23,760	£28,380	£33,000
Two adults	£21,780	£26,400	£31,020	£35,640	£40,260

- Members of the household are suffering the effects of living in a cold, damp home with high energy costs
- A member of the household suffers from a long-term illness (mental or physical) or disability (physical, sensory, learning)
- There is a child in the property (under 16 years old)
- Hardship is being experienced due to other vulnerabilities

Applications are normally restricted to once per year

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