

Appendix 1 Criteria for Application Process

- North Tyneside Borough Resident.
- No savings.
- Previous applications to Household Support Fund will be taken into consideration.
- Only one application between April 2024 and March 2025
- Minimum Income Standards (MIS) by households – providing budget lists of various households as a guide for low income households.
- Experiencing significant hardship, which means the applicant is unable to meet the immediate short terms needs of their household.
- In deciding whether to make a Housing Support Fund award we will consider:
 - Evidence of exceptional hardship for example struggling to afford food and/or utilities when household is reasonably budgeting.
 - A pressing need that is different from the pressures generally associated with managing on a low income.
 - Where the need poses an immediate risk to health, safety or wellbeing.
 - Any help which is likely to be available from other funds.
 - Consideration of other government support received, including Cost of Living Payments.
 - The income and expenditure of the applicant and their household.
 - Level of household debt.
 - Any medical issues, or other exceptional needs of the household (such as disability or caring responsibilities).
 - Preventative measures taken by the applicant.
 - Willingness to engage with support from advice agencies such as CAB.
 - The budgetary situation of the fund.
 - Previous applications and advice and award given.
 - Previous support and advice from welfare provision.