

Round-table summary of London Council's Social Fund replacement schemes as of 4th February 2013 *

Authority	Contracting out?	Offering loans?	Application options	Local Connections Criteria	Cash?	Vouchers?
Southwark	No	Grants only	Online, telephone and referral	6 weeks with exemptions	In exceptional circumstances, via Credit Union	No
Barking & Dagenham		Grants only		6 weeks with exemptions	Yes	Yes
Barnet		Grants only		6 weeks with exemptions	Unknown	
Bexley	Yes	Grants only	Online and telephone	6 weeks with exemptions	In exceptional circumstances	Unsure
Brent		To be confirmed		Must reside in Borough		
Camden	Tendering	Grants only		6 weeks with exemptions		
City of London	No	Grants only	Online and paper	6 weeks	No	Unsure
Croydon		Grants only		3 Months with exemptions	No	
Ealing	No	Grants only	Online and telephone	6 months with exemptions	No	May consider as back up solution
Enfield	No	Grants Only	Online only	6 weeks with exemptions	Limited to small amounts	Yes
Greenwich	No	Grants only				
Hackney		To be confirmed	Email portal		Via Bacs or Post Office	
Harrow	No	Possibly through credit unions	Online and telephone	3 months with exemptions	In exceptional circumstances	Vouchers will be developed to refer to Foodbank that is currently being set up in Harrow
Havering	Yes	Loans (credit unions) and 'in kind' provision for food and furniture	Online, telephone, face to face	4 weeks with exemptions	BACS	Yes, for local foodbanks and furniture reuse providers
Hounslow	No	Grants only	On-line applications	Resident for at least 6 months or provide evidence of a secure tenancy	No	Being considered
Kensington & Chelsea	No	Grants only	Phone/ online	Must reside in Borough (apart from if placed outside by Housing Officer)	Generally non-cash but working with the Post Office	
Lambeth	Only the callcentre element to Capita	Yes, through credit unions (2% per month interest being charged)	Online and telephone	6 weeks with exemptions	Not if possible but if needed via Post Office pay Out	Food/Travel warrants and clothing vouchers
Lewisham	To be confirmed	Working with credit unions for loans. Grants in house	Online and telephone	6 weeks with exemptions	No	
Merton	No	Yes	Online and telephone	3 Months with exemptions	Post Office	Possibly
Newham		Yes, possibly loans only	Looking at Face-to-Face	Not yet considered	No	
Redbridge	Yes	Grants only	Online, telephone, face to face	6 weeks with exemptions	In exceptional circumstances	Possibly
Sutton	No	Yes	Online and telephone	6 weeks	In exceptional circumstances	Yes
Tower Hamlets	No	Grants only	Online and telephone	6 weeks - unless placed into current accommodation by the council	BACS (If no bank account available cash through Post Office Payout)	No
Waltham Forrest		Yes, through credit unions	Online or telephone	6 months with exemptions		
Westminster		Grants only		Must reside in Borough unless placed outside by a housing officer		

* This summary represents work in progress and the latest position as of the 4th February 2013. All councils are actively working on designing and implementing their local schemes. Gaps in the summary demonstrate that all authorities are working hard to meet challenging timescales