

APPENDIX A



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Current DWP Criteria	Proposed CBC Criteria
<p><u>Crisis Loans</u></p> <p>You may be able to get a Crisis Loan for day to day living expenses if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are aged 16 or over, and • In an emergency or because of a disaster, you do not have enough money to meet the immediate needs of yourself and your family, if you have one <p>And</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no other way to prevent serious damage or serious risk to the health, or safety of yourself or a member of your family <p>You may be able to get a Crisis Loan to help with paying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent in advance • Board and lodging in advance • Hostel charges <p>IF</p>	<p><u>Emergency Provision</u></p> <p>You may be able to get Emergency Provision for day to day living expenses if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are normally continuously resident in Central Bedfordshire; (6 out of last 12 months or 3 out of last 5 years) and • You are aged 16 or over, and • In an emergency or because of a disaster, you do not have enough money to meet the immediate needs of yourself and your family, if you have one <p>And</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no other way to prevent serious damage or serious risk to the health, or safety of yourself or a member of your family <p>You may be able to get Emergency Provision to help with paying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent in advance • Board and lodging in advance • Hostel charges IF <p>You are normally continuously resident in Central Bedfordshire</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are aged 16 or over • and • In an emergency or because of a disaster, you do not have enough money to pay rent in advance, advance board and lodging charges or hostel charges, and there is no other way to prevent serious damage or serious risk to the health, or safety of yourself or a member of your family, or • You are moving out of a care home or institutional care, and • Your new tenancy is not for local authority accommodation, and • You have a Community Care Grant to help you get established <p>You may be able to get a Crisis Loan for items and services other than day to day living expenses if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are aged 16 or over, and • Because of a disaster you do not have enough money to meet the immediate needs of your family for items other than day to day living expenses. A disaster includes the effect of a major fire, flood or explosion, but does not include less serious situations such as a small fire in one room or a leak from a washing machine 	<p>AND/IF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are aged 16 or over and • In an emergency or because of a disaster, you do not have enough money to pay rent in advance, advance board and lodging charges or hostel charges, and there is no other way to prevent serious damage or serious risk to the health, or safety of yourself or a member of your family, or • You are moving out of a care home or institutional care, and • Your new tenancy is not for local authority accommodation, and • You have a Community Care Grant to help you get established <p>You may be able to get Emergency Provision for items and services other than day to day living expenses if:</p> <p>You are normally continuously resident in Central Bedfordshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are aged 16 or over, and • Because of a disaster you do not have enough money to meet the essential needs of your family for items other than day to day living expenses. A disaster includes the effect of a major fire, flood or explosion, but does not include less serious situations such as a small fire in one room or a leak from a washing machine <p>You cannot apply again within 28 days of any successful application. If more than one successful application is made then a financial review will be triggered</p>
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<u>Community Care Grants</u>	<u>Grant Provision</u>
<p>To qualify you must get one of these benefits (or likely to get them in the next 6 weeks):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Support • Income-related Employment and Support Allowance • Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance • Pension Credit <p>Also, one of the following must apply to you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are leaving residential or institutional care – eg a care home or prison • Are being resettled into a new home by your council or a voluntary organisation following an unsettled period in your life • Are looking after someone who is ill, disabled or just out of prison • Need help to stay in your home and not go into residential care or hospital • Need help with expenses to go to a relative's funeral or visit someone who is ill • Need help because you or your family face exceptional pressure – eg because of a family breakdown or illness. <p>You cannot get a grant if you've already asked for help for the same things in the last 28 days.</p>	<p>To qualify you must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be normally continuously resident in Central Bedfordshire; and • be in receipt of one of these benefits (or likely to get them in the next 6 weeks): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Support • Income-related Employment and Support Allowance • Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance • Pension Credit • Universal Credit <p>Also, one of the following must apply to you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are leaving residential or institutional care – eg a care home or prison • Are being resettled into a new home by your council or a voluntary organisation following an unsettled period in your life • Are looking after someone who is ill, disabled or just out of prison • Need help to stay in your home and not go into residential care or hospital • Need help with expenses to go to a relative's funeral or visit someone who is ill • Need help because you or your family face exceptional pressure – eg because of a family breakdown or illness. <p>You cannot get a grant if you've already asked for help for the same things in the last 28 days.</p>

Changes in Criteria

Crisis Loans now Emergency Provision

- **You are normally continuously resident in Central Bedfordshire; (6 out of last 12 months or 3 out of last 5 years)**
- **You cannot apply again within 28 days of any successful application. If more than one successful application is made then a financial review will be triggered**

Community Care Grants now Grant Provision

- **You are normally continuously resident in Central Bedfordshire; (6 out of last 12 months or 3 out of last 5 years)**

Alternatives

Assistance can be provided through other Statutory Services such as

- Children's Services (S17 or S20 assistance (Children's Act 1989 & 2004));
- Social Care Services;
- Statutory Homelessness Services;
- DWP assistance in the form of budgeting loans or transitional funding
- Charity and voluntary sector
- Alternative Funding is available for assistance from DWP

To broaden out the eligibility criteria may require extra funding and that may have a negative affect on other front line services provided by the Council

All customers who are refused assistance will be given a right of review. 2 days response for Emergency Provision and 21 days for Grant Provision