



Help with money

The corona virus pandemic may mean you are having some difficulties with money or have more costs than you did before.

If you have any queries about this information or who can help you, **please contact the Edinburgh Carer Support Team on 0131-536-3371.**

Support	Details	More information
Adult Carer Support Plans and Young Carer Statements	<p>Adult Carer Support Plans and Young Carer Statements can help support you in your caring role in a variety of ways.</p> <p>Sometimes, part of this help can be a financial payment towards something which will help you in your caring role.</p>	<p>Adult Carer Support Plans: T: 0131-536-3371 (Edinburgh Carer Support Team)</p> <p>Young Carer Statements: <i>North West Edinburgh:</i> 0131 315 3130 (Capital Carers) <i>South West Edinburgh:</i> 0131 455 7731 (Space & The Broomhouse Hub) <i>City Wide:</i> 0131 475 2322 (Edinburgh Young Carers)</p>
Carers Allowance	<p>Some unpaid carers receive a benefit called Carers Allowance for the care they provide to a relative friend or neighbour. This now includes remote support such as cooking and delivering meals or emotional support over the phone.</p> <p>If you are unsure if you can claim Carers Allowance please contact VOCAL or the Carers Allowance Unit.</p> <p>The Scottish Government have decided to increase this benefit due to the Coronavirus with a Carer's Allowance Supplement, by way of an extra payment for people who get Carer's Allowance on a particular date.</p> <p>Carers due to get a payment will receive a letter from Social Security Scotland, before the payment is made, as this will come directly from the Department of Work and Pensions.</p> <p>The Carer's Allowance Supplement will be paid 2 times a year and from April 2020, the supplement will be £230.10 per payment.</p> <p>The next 2 rounds of supplement payments are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £230.10 in June 2020 – Carers will get this payment if they get Carer's Allowance on 13 April 2020 • £230.10 in December 2020 – Carers will get this payment if they get Carer's Allowance on 12 October 2020 	<p>General enquiries: Telephone: 0800 731 0297 Textphone: 0800 731 0317</p> <p>Online (if you cannot hear or speak on the phone): 18001 then 0800 731 0297 Monday to Friday, 10am to 2pm</p> <p>Call charges may apply. You can find out more about call charges from your telephone provider.</p> <p>Online</p> <p>Online</p>
Citizens Advice Scotland	<p>Local Citizens Advice Bureaux are not offering face to face advice. You can get advice by phone or email.</p>	<p>T: 0800 028 1456 (Scotland) T: 0131 510 5510 (Edinburgh)</p> <p>Online</p>

<p>Council tax</p>	<p>It's important that, if your circumstances haven't changed, you continue to pay your Council Tax.</p> <p>However, if you are experiencing financial difficulties which affect your ability to pay please contact Edinburgh City Council to discuss this.</p> <p>You can also let them know if you are going to miss a payment, you can't pay the full amount or there is a change in your circumstances.</p> <p>Make sure you've claimed all the benefits you're entitled to. For working age families this is Universal Credit from the DWP and Council Tax reduction from the Council.</p>	<p>Edinburgh Council request you use the e-mail or web page if possible.</p> <p>Email: incomeandbenefits@edinburgh.gov.uk</p> <p>Online</p> <p>In an emergency ;</p> <p>T: 0131 608 1111</p>
<p>Home Energy Scotland</p>	<p>Free, impartial advice on grants, loans, incentives, reducing your energy bills and switching supplier.</p>	<p>T: 0808 808 2282</p> <p>Online</p>
<p>Scottish Welfare Fund</p>	<p>Crisis Grant – if you're in crisis because of a disaster (like a fire or flood), or an emergency (like losing your money or an unexpected expense)</p> <p>Community Care Grant – to help you or someone you care for to start to live, or to carry on living, a settled life in the community</p> <p>These grants do not have to be repaid and carers can apply if they are: age 16 or over and on a low income or receiving benefits (Universal Credit, Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance or Pension Credit)</p>	<p>T: 0131 529 5299</p> <p>E: welfarefundteam@edinburgh.gov.uk</p> <p>Online</p> <p>Online</p>
<p>Short Breaks Fund (VOCAL)</p>	<p>Getting a short break as a carer is important and can help you to look after the person you care for. This can be difficult during 'normal' times and even more difficult during the coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>Carers can apply for a grant of up to £500 which can be used flexibly and creatively, especially at the moment. Some people have applied for grants for garden sheds, exercise equipment, transport costs, technology to help stay connected, and many other options.</p>	<p>T: 0131 622 6666</p> <p>E: centre@vocal.org.uk</p> <p>Online</p>
<p>Take A Break Scotland (Family Fund)</p>	<p>Take a Break is Scotland's short breaks scheme to support the carers of disabled children, young people and their families. The fund aims to provide families with the choice and opportunity to access a single or ongoing break from caring.</p> <p>This grant scheme will open for 2020 applications on 18th May 2020.</p>	<p>T: 01904 571093</p> <p>E: info@takeabreakscotland.org.uk</p> <p>Online</p>