

# Scottish Welfare Fund

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# Background to the Fund

- Replaced elements of Social Fund - April 2013
- Funding transferred from DWP (24 million)
- Scottish Government topped up fund (9 million)
- Local authorities to administer (33 million in total)
- Guidance agreed SG/COSLA

# Scottish Welfare Fund – what is it?

- Community Care Grant/Crisis Grants
- No longer requirement to repay
- Holistic approach
- Eligibility for grant
- Exclusions and Repeat Claims

# Scottish Welfare Fund – How does it work?

- Application process
- Processing Times
- Fulfilment methods
- Review Process

# Scottish Welfare Fund – Looking forward

- The Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill and supporting Regulations
- Change to Review Process under permanent scheme
- Improvement work moving forward
  - Accessibility
  - Application Form
  - Housing and Social Work Links strengthened

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Questions



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For further information:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/welfarereform/scottishwelfarefund>

OR

Contact your local council