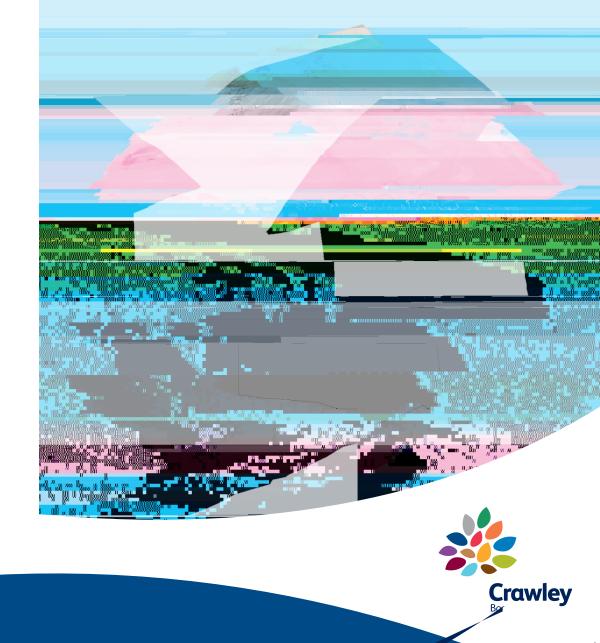
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Housing Bene t A guide to Discretionary Housing Payments



What are Discretionary **Housing Payments** (DHPs)?

The Government gives the council a limited amount of money each year to provide DHPs.

DHPs are used to provide further nancial help with rent costs for Housing Bene t i H\Yh\fYUhcZYj Mjcb claimants who are suffering hardship because of unusual or dif cult circumstances.

The payments are designed to help with the shortfall between rent costs and Housing Bene t. The aim is to prevent homelessness, so DHPs can also be used to cover rent arrears, rent deposits and rent in advance.

Each case will be considered on its own merits.

How does the council decide if I can have a DHP?

Each application will be circumstances but there are a number of things that will be taken into account when making a decision.

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