## **Tenancy Sustainment**

#### Help to pay your rent



Are you struggling to pay your rent? Ochil View's Tenancy Sustainment Team can carry out a benefit check for you and see if you are entitled to help. We can also help you to apply should you be entitled. You may be entitled to, or already receiving, one of the following benefits:

#### **Universal Credit**

<u>Universal Credit</u> is a payment t to help with your living costs. It is paid monthly or twice monthly. You may be able to get it if you are on a low income or are out of work. You could get money to help pay your housing costs. How much you get depends on your age and circumstances.

Weblinks:

For more information: <u>Universal Credit</u>

To apply: <u>Universal Credit online - Universal Credit</u>

### **Housing Benefit**

There will no longer be any new claims for housing benefit, however tenants of pension age and over will still receive housing benefit as usual.

Weblinks:

For more information: Housing Benefit

In Clackmannanshire: Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction

In Fife: Housing Benefit



#### **Discretionary Housing Payments**

Discretionary Housing Payments can provide extra money when your council decides that you need extra help to meet your housing costs.

Your council will look at your circumstances to see whether you are eligible for a Discretionary Housing Payment. They will decide whether to award, how much you will be paid and for how long you will receive the payment.

To claim a Discretionary Housing Payment you must be in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit with housing costs towards rental liability. Discretionary Housing Payments can be used to offset reductions to Housing Benefit or Universal Credit housing costs due to the benefit cap and/or removal of the spare room subsidy (better known as the bedroom tax)

#### Weblinks:

For more information: Applying for a Discretionary Housing Payment

In Clackmannanshire: Discretionary Housing Payments

In Fife: Discretionary Housing Payment

# Contact Our Tenancy Sustainment Officer:





