



South Hams  
District Council

# Advance Rental Loan Scheme for Homeless People

## What is it?

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A scheme set up by South Hams District Council to help homeless people get private rented accommodation where they can not afford the rent in advance required by landlords. The Council will provide an **interest free loan** to applicants by way of paying the first months rent directly to landlords.

The homeless person agrees to **repay the loan** to the Council over the period of the tenancy. The homeless person would be required as a condition of receiving the loan to accept that taking up the private rented accommodation would discharge this Councils duty to assist them as a homeless person.

## Who is entitled to use the scheme?

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- Applicants must have been accepted by South Hams District Council as homeless and owed the full re-housing duty in accordance with the homelessness legislation.
- Applicants will not be entitled to the rental loan if they have money owing to the Council through this scheme or the deposit guarantee scheme.

## **Landlords/ladies must:**

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- Offer at least a six month Shorthold Tenancy.
- Not be resident in the property or providing bed and breakfast or board and lodgings.
- Have property which conforms to Health & Safety Standards.

## **How do I apply?**

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### **Contact:**

#### **South Hams District Council**

Housing Advice Section

Follaton House

Plymouth Road

Totnes

TQ9 5NE.

Tel: **01803 861234**

**Please note that this scheme is subject to limited funding, so please check with a Housing Advisor before negotiating with landlords.**

To get this information in another format or language, tel. 01803 861123.



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