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Housing Services Update

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Shifting Legislative Context

Federal

- National Housing Strategy
- Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy 2019 (replaces Housing Partnerships Strategy – HPS)



Shifting Legislative Context

Provincial

- *Residential Tenancies Act, 2005 (RTA)*
- *Housing Services Act, 2011 (HSA)*
- *Community Housing Renewal Strategy, 2019 (replaces Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy – LTAHS)*
- *Bill 108, More Homes More Choice Act, 2019 (MHMCA) (Housing Supply Action Plan)*
- *Bill 184: Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020 (HSA/RTA changes)*
- *Bill 204: Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act, 2020 (rent freeze)*

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New Program Opportunities

Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB)

- New program launched April 1, 2020
- Two year funding to March 31, 2022: \$360,831
- Will help approx. 80 people at average \$250/month
- Rent Allowance covers the difference between 30% of a households' income tax (Adjusted Family Net Income – AFNI) and up to 80% AMR or a Ministry approved alternate AMR
- Replaces the Portable Housing Benefit program for Special Priority applicants (family violence, human trafficking)
- Service Managers can add eligible priority groups: locally added homeless & market rent households waiting for RGI
- An entirely portable benefit for client; can move anywhere in Ontario (tied to household, not unit)

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Current Federal/Provincial Funding

Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI)

COCHI	YEAR 1-2019/20	YEAR 2-2020/21	YEAR 3-2021/22	TOTAL
Repair	\$151,259	\$330,570	\$376,483	\$858,312
Admin (5%)	\$ 7,960	\$ 17,398	\$ 19,814	\$ 45,172
TOTAL	\$159,219	\$347,968	\$396,297	\$903,484

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Current Federal/Provincial Funding

Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI)

OPHI	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	TOTAL
New builds		\$200,000	\$200,000	\$ 400,000
Ont. Reno & CH repairs	\$1,047,755	\$218,735	\$218,735 \$302,195	\$ 437,470 \$1,349,950
BHomes		\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 120,000
Supports		\$ 64,095	\$ 64,095	\$ 128,190
Admin (5%)	\$ 55,145	\$ 28,570	\$ 44,475	\$ 128,190
TOTAL	\$1,102,900	\$571,400	\$889,500	\$2,563,800

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New Funding Opportunities

Rapid Housing Initiative –Project Stream

- \$500 million across Canada
- Applications accepted until December 31, 2020
- Must go through CMHC client services
- Up to 100% capital contributions to cover eligible residential construction costs of permanent affordable, supportive or transitional housing
- Target is for Canadians in severe housing need, and vulnerable people/ populations
- Need to be delivered rapidly, delivering units within 12 months
- Includes costs of modular housing construction, land acquisition, and conversion/rehabilitation of existing buildings



Updated Local Housing and Homelessness 10 Year Plan

Based on the five-year review process in 2019 the Plan establishes six new broad goals encompassing the previous goals:

1. Increasing and preserving affordable housing options
2. Providing holistic prevention and support services
3. Strengthening collaboration and coordination
4. Strengthen partnerships and collaboration with Indigenous Service Providers
5. Improving systems, planning and measurement
6. Reducing chronic homelessness

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New Affordable Housing Development

Marlene Ave (30 units) - completed

- Occupancy June 2020



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New Affordable Housing Development

CASE Home (4 units) – under development

- RFP August 2020
- To be completed in 2021



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New Affordable Housing Development

Trillium Way, Paris (49 units) – under development

- Feasibility study October 2020
- To be completed in 2022





2020: A Year in Review

BATH wait list – approx. 1700 households

- Supply = 2,437 units
 - 1,475 Municipal (Brantford Housing Services)
 - 961 Non-Profit/Co-operative Housing Providers
 - 1,958 RGI units/rent supplements
 - 479 low market affordable units
- New Development: 30 units (municipal target 2020 -2030 = 506)
- Programs (April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021)
 - BHomes: 6 closings/9 in process
 - COHB: 45/80 completed/in process
 - Ontario Renovates: 6 households completed/4 in process
- SM for housing and homelessness now combined under Housing and Homelessness Services, effective November 16, 2020

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Summary

- Still able to accomplish a lot in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Achieving the goals we set out in our strategic plans
- Being accountable/transparent with results