

SOCIAL HOUSING DEPARTMENT

<p>HOUSING OPTIONS PROGRAM Assists people experiencing homelessness to obtain or retain housing OR those at risk of homelessness to remain housed. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria; applicants are eligible for up to \$500 per calendar year, with funds issued directly to a company/landlord/service provider to assist with the necessary function. Examples of areas of support: utility arrears, last month's rent for mandatory moves, hoarding/bedbug cleanup, minor home repair, etc.</p>	<p>HOUSING CONTINGENCY FUND Assists individuals fleeing domestic violence to obtain or retain housing. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria. Funds are issued directly to a landlord/company/service provider to assist with the necessary function. Examples of areas supported: utility arrears, last month's rent for mandatory moves, hoarding/bedbug clean-up/minor home repairs, etc.</p>
<p>RENT SUPPORT PROGRAM Helps low income households offset their high shelter costs by contributing a portion of the rent directly to the landlord. Approval is not transferable among units. The program is designed for short term use and has a maximum length of 5yrs.</p>	<p>LEAP (HYDRO) Can assist low income households with their Hydro One arrears. Applicant must meet income eligibility criteria and the arrears must have been accumulated at their current place of residency. To apply for assistance call 1-855-487-5327.</p>
<p>LEAP (ENBRIDGE) Can assist applicants with the Enbridge arrears. Applicant must meet income eligibility criteria and be an existing customer of Enbridge.</p>	<p>HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM This program provides down payment assistance when purchasing a home. Maximum amount of the loan for down payment is 5% of the purchase price of the home. Applicant must fall within the allowable income limits</p>
<p>RENOVATE LANARK Financial assistance for low to moderate income homeowners to conduct essential home repairs that will allow for continued safe occupancy of their homes. This is a ten year forgivable loan and does have maximum allotment of funds.</p>	<p>DOMICILIARY HOSTEL PROGRAM Provides residence and some support with activities of daily living for people with special needs. Residents are people who are vulnerable with respect to securing and maintaining housing and daily living activities.</p>
<p>HOMEMAKERS PROGRAM Utilized as a "top up" to people already receiving homemaker services from Red Cross or Bayshore through CCAC.</p>	<p>RENT GEARED TO INCOME HOUSING In an RGI unit tenants pay 30% of their total family income as rent. Lanark County has 6 non-profit housing providers and the LCHC with approximately 884 units.</p>

What can the Social Housing Caseworker do for you and your clients?

Social Housing Caseworkers can assist clients in obtaining/maintaining appropriate housing, assist clients in developing a budget to determine affordable accommodation costs, provide/review available apartment listings, assist homeless individuals/families in securing temporary accommodations, assist client with completing applications, referrals etc.

You can contact the Lanark County Social Housing Department at (613) 267-4200 or toll free at 1-888-952-6275.