

Government resources

A list of resources provided by the government for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness



→ **Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit**

Monthly subsidy to assist with housing costs, and can be used anywhere in Ontario. The COHB will pay the difference between 30% of the household's income and the average market rent. Participants must be removed from the social housing waiting list to receive COHB.

→ **Rent geared to income (RGI)**

Organizations offer housing units where rent is limited to 30% of the household's income. To apply in London, fill out either the Adult, Family, or Senior Building Selection form. Check qualifications as you may qualify for Special Priority or Urgent Status.

→ **Indigenous Supportive Housing**

The ISHP offers monthly rental subsidies for community members who are dealing with mental health and/or addiction issues. The IHSP also provides eviction prevention supports that include assistance with rent and utilities arrears.

→ **First Time Home Buyer Incentive**

This program, offered by the Canadian government, offers a loan of either 5% or 10% of the home's value to put towards the down payment. The buyer will then pay back the same percentage of the home's value either when they sell it or within a 25-year window.

→ **Social Services Relief Fund**

This is an investment by the government of Ontario in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is available for individuals in financial need and also individuals currently on social assistance requiring additional resources.

→ **Coordinated Access**

The City of London offers a Coordinated Access team that aims to prevent and divert households from experiencing homelessness. They do this by assessing their situation and connecting them to financial, social service sector, and natural supports

