

Planning for Success WEBPS Event

Housing Services, City of Windsor
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How to Find Affordable Housing in Windsor & Essex County...

Social Housing

- There are approximately 7,300 social housing units and 34 social housing providers in Windsor and Essex County.
- The rental costs in social housing units are subsidized by government funding, making this an affordable option for people with low to moderate incomes.

- Individuals and households who want to apply for social housing must contact the Central Housing Registry Windsor Essex (CHR) to be assessed for eligibility, prioritized based on established criteria and, if deemed eligible, placed on the social housing waitlist.
- One of the eligibility factors requires at least one member of the household to be 16 years old or older and have the ability to live independently.

- It is important to note that the wait for social housing varies and is dependent on a number of factors. It can take many months to several years to receive an offer for a social housing unit.
- Residents are encouraged to obtain affordable housing in the private rental market while waiting for an offer of social housing.

For more information on the application process,
please visit www.chrwec.com.

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Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit

- The Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) is a joint \$1.46-billion federal-provincial housing allowance program providing an income-tested, portable housing benefit (PHB) payment to low-income households.
- The COHB is designed to help increase affordability of rental housing for eligible households that are on or eligible to be on the social housing wait list in Windsor and Essex County.

- Approved applicants under this program must consent to be removed from social housing wait lists. The City of Windsor estimates the COHB has the potential to assist approximately 150-160 households in Windsor Essex in 2020-21.

- For further information and to apply for the COHB, interested parties can contact the Windsor Essex Community Housing Corporation (CHC) via the following link: <http://www.wechc.com/rentals/canada-ontario-housing-benefit> and/or contact by:

Phone: 519-776-4631 x 4005

Email: housingbenefit@wechc.com

Windsor Essex Housing Benefit

- The Windsor Essex Housing Benefit (WEHB) is a municipally funded housing benefit that is paid directly to the eligible recipient to help pay their rent anywhere in Windsor Essex County.
- This housing benefit must be offered in priority order (i.e. Priority I, Priority II, chronological order) by date of application on the Central Housing Registry's waitlist.

- The WEHB is a housing benefit that is portable across Windsor and Essex County only.
- Eligible proponents will be contacted regarding their eligibility and how this benefit can assist with their housing affordability.
- The City of Windsor estimates the WEHB has the potential to assist approximately 50-60 households from Windsor Essex's social housing wait list in 2020-21.

Finding Affordable Housing in WE

- **Housing Information Services (HIS)** is a community agency that offers a variety of services to assist individuals and families in their search for affordable housing
- Services consist of extensive one-on-one client assistance in Homelessness Prevention, Housing Retention, Energy Assistance, Transitional Housing, Networking, Referrals, Education, Advocacy and Landlord Support Services

- Appointments are recommended. All services are offered free of charge.
- For more information on the services HIS provides, please visit www.hiswindsor.ca

Housing Information Services

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City of Windsor

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For more information please visit,

<https://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/housing/Pages/Housing.aspx>