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**The District of Thunder Bay
Social Services Administration Board**

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Housing Security Fund

The Housing Security Fund (HSF) was developed to:

- a) enable people experiencing homelessness to obtain and retain housing
- b) enable people at risk of homelessness to remain housed

WHO MAY APPLY?

The HSF is available to recipients of Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), and low-income families (as defined by income/asset levels) to assist in obtaining a new principal residence, or to prevent eviction or the discontinuance of utilities or heating in an existing residence.

The HSF may also be issued where there is a threat to the health or welfare of a recipient or a member of the benefit unit as determined by the Administrator.

WHAT MAY BE COVERED IF I MOVE TO A NEW HOME?

Examples of the costs of establishing a new residence in the community may include (but are not limited to):

- fuel and hydro deposits
- last month's rent deposit
- moving and transportation to the home of the recipient

WHAT MAY BE COVERED IF I AM MAINTAINING AN EXISTING RESIDENCE?

In the case of maintaining an existing residence, HSF may provide:

- rental arrears
- heat and hydro arrears
- reconnection costs
- purchase of wood or oil heat

GENERAL INFORMATION

HSF may be approved once in a 24 month time period.

HSF may be considered inside 24 months for exceptional circumstance

Need must be substantiated

Verification of costs must be provided at time of application.

