



MEDIA RELEASE

TBDSSAB Announces Successful Applicants for the CHPI Food Security Fund

April 3, 2020 – The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) is announcing the successful programs for the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Food Security Fund.

CHPI supports the province's goal to end chronic homelessness by 2025, and to establish creative and innovative approaches to homelessness that align with TBDSSAB's housing and homelessness plan. The CHPI Food Security Fund is a new initiative under the regular CHPI fund that aims to provide financial support to food security initiatives in the District of Thunder Bay that help address and prevent homelessness.

The CHPI Food Security Fund totals \$350,194 in 2020. The following organizations are the successful applicants:

Gathering Place , to provide weekly food hamper distribution in the City of Thunder Bay	\$ 13,720
Greenstone Harvest , to provide monthly food assistance in the Municipality of Greenstone	\$ 4,000
Marjorie House , to provide provides food security workshops and assistance to women who are connected with the shelter in Marathon	\$ 18,396
Marathon Collective , to provide emergency food security assistance in Marathon, Heron Bay and Biigtigong Nishnaabeg	\$ 8,500
Northshore Harvest , to provide emergency food for those in need in the communities of Jackfish, Terrace Bay, Schreiber, Rosspport and Pays Plat	\$ 25,860
Rural Cupboard Food Bank , to provide emergency food assistance to those in need for the communities of Conmee, Gillies, Gorham, Kaministiquia, Neebing, Nolalu, O'Connor, Oliver Paipoonge, Upsala, Jacques and the Territories without Municipal Organization	\$ 40,000
Salvation Army Food Bank , to provide monthly food hamper distribution in the City of Thunder Bay	\$ 27,043



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Salvation Army Soup Van , to provide daily hot meals to people in need of food assistance in the City of Thunder Bay	\$ 25,000
Shelter House , to expand capacity to provide meals to people experiencing homelessness in the City of Thunder Bay	\$124,135
Northwestern Women’s Centre (Good Food Box) , to provide low cost fresh fruit and vegetables monthly in the City of Thunder Bay	\$ 31,500
Our Kids Count , to expand their Community Kitchen program in the City of Thunder Bay	\$ 31,500

“It is well known that experiencing poverty causes negative health outcomes, food insecurity, and a higher risk of homelessness,” says Ken Ranta, Director Integrated Social Services, TBDSSAB.

“Some people need to choose between paying rent and purchasing nutritious food, which puts them at risk of homelessness. The CHPI Food Security Fund is supporting programs and initiatives that help to alleviate food insecurity for people living in the District of Thunder Bay, helping to prevent homelessness,” says Bill Bradica, CAO, TBDSSAB.

“TBDSSAB has also received an allocation letter for the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark. This SSRF is being provided in addition to the regular CHPI allocation and is to be used to address issues experienced by vulnerable populations in our District resulting from the COVID-19 crisis. A plan is being developed on how TBDSSAB will be utilizing those funds and a further communication will be coming next week,” says Lucy Kloosterhuis, Board Chair.

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