



THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY  
SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD

# Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP)

## 2023-24 Funding Overview

### Background

#### About TBDSSAB

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) supports people to improve their lives and become self-sufficient. We do this as the service system manager for vital, quality social services needed by individuals and families living in the District of Thunder Bay—including child care and early years, community housing, homelessness prevention programs—and through the delivery of Ontario Works.

#### About HPP

The Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) is a provincially funded program that supports Ontario's 47 municipal service managers to provide affordable housing and support services for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The objective of the program is to support service managers in preventing, addressing and reducing homelessness, including chronic homelessness.

Service managers receive funding from the province through the Homelessness Prevention Program to develop and deliver programs and supports to address homelessness that best meet local needs.

## Programs HPP Funds<sup>1</sup>

Under the HPP, service managers can create their own local programs under four broad service categories. Service Managers may also use HPP funding towards capital expenditures to support the creation and renewal of supportive housing and emergency shelters.

Service managers are required to complete an annual investment plan outlining how they plan to use their HPP allocations each year for ministry approval.



### Emergency Shelter Solutions:

These programs are for people who are experiencing homelessness or in crisis.



### Supportive Housing:

Supportive housing combines long-term housing assistance with individualized, flexible, and ongoing support services (for example, counselling, life skills training, activities of daily living, behaviour supports) to enable people to live as independently as possible in their community.



### Community Outreach and Support Services:

Providing services and supports, such as: community outreach, food security programs, case management and referrals for people on by-names lists, ongoing supports and services for people not residing in supportive housing



### Housing Assistance:

This refers to short-term or emergency assistance including: rent banks, non-financial housing assistance, long-term housing assistance.

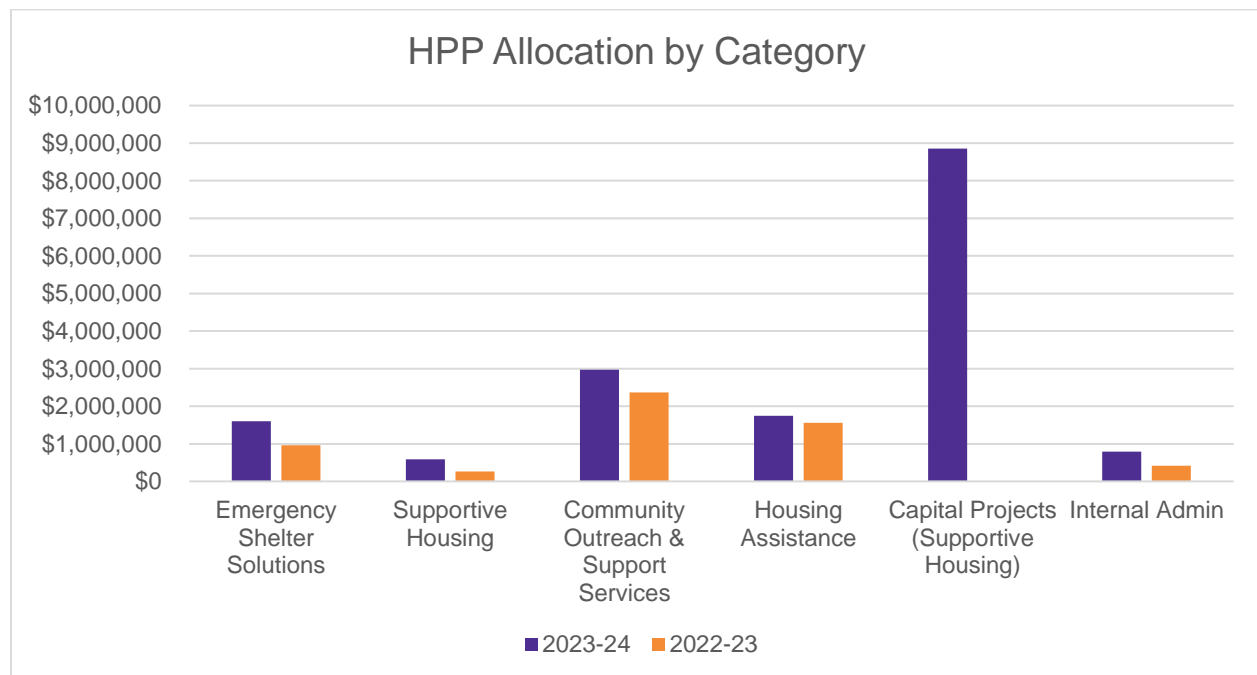
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<sup>1</sup> Government of Ontario: Addressing homelessness, <https://www.ontario.ca/page/addressing-homelessness>

## 2023-24 HPP Investment Plan

In May 2023, the province announced that TBDSSAB would receive a significant increase in funding through HPP. For the 2023-24 fiscal year, TBDSSAB has received an HPP allocation of \$16,549,000—an \$11 million increase equal to roughly three times the \$5.6 million allocation received through the same program in 2022-23.

HPP Budget Category	%	2023-24 Investment Plan	2022-23 Comparison
Emergency Shelter Solutions	9.7%	\$1,603,030	\$962,402
Supportive Housing	3.5%	\$586,400	\$264,500
Community Outreach & Support Services	17.9%	\$2,968,525	\$2,368,478
Housing Assistance	10.6%	\$1,746,150	\$1,554,465
Capital Projects (Supportive Housing)	53.5%	\$8,857,445	\$0
Internal Admin	4.8%	\$787,450	\$417,555
<b>2023/24 TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$16,549,000</b>	<b>\$5,567,400</b>



Delivery on the investment plan has begun, with several initiatives and community partner agreements established. Following is a listing of community partnerships with allocations identified in the investment plan.

Additionally, TBDSSAB directly administers several programs and initiatives including the Housing Security Fund (\$900,000), Rent Supports and Housing Allowances (\$683,300) and Community Homelessness Support Grants (\$240,845).

**Community Partners with Confirmed Operational Funding Allocations (2023-24)**

Dilico Anishnabek Family Care	\$357,105
Elevate NWO	\$376,600
Lutheran Community Care	\$397,903
Matawa First Nations (Outreach)	\$100,000
Norwest Community Health Centres (Outreach)	\$50,000
Salvation Army (Habitat Program)	\$211,400
Salvation Army (Emergency Shelter)	\$448,910
Shelter House (Thunder Bay Emergency Shelter)	\$824,120
St. Joseph’s Care Group	\$326,450
TBDSSAB Program Staff (Outreach Workers, Tenant Support Workers, Homelessness Prevention staff)	\$757,150
Urban Abbey	\$180,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$4,029,638</b>

## 2023 Food Security Fund

Earlier this year, TBDSSAB was able to support 14 community groups across the District of Thunder Bay with a total of \$510,587 for food security initiatives (list below). For 2023-24, TBDSSAB has allocated \$500,000 for this important program area, with applications for support to open later in the year.

### 2023 Food Security Fund Recipients

St Andrew's Soup Kitchen (Dew Drop Inn)	\$48,376
Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU)	\$26,440
Marathon Community Collective	\$20,000
Norwest Community Health Centre	\$41,252
Rural Cupboard Food Bank	\$50,000
Our Kids Count	\$49,245
Thunder Bay Emergency Shelter (Shelter House)	\$50,000
Grace Ministries (Grace Place)	\$18,250
Evergreen A United Neighbourhood	\$50,000
Beendigen	\$50,000
Northwestern Ontario Women's Centre	\$42,504
Salvation Army Soup Van	\$14,520
Municipality of Greenstone	\$16,500
North Shore Harvest Cupboard	\$33,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$510,587</b>