



Homelessness Programs

TBDSSAB Board Meeting

June 19, 2025

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SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD

Homelessness Prevention Program

- The Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) is a provincially-funded program
- 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



HPP Funding Categories

- HPP has two main funding categories - Operational and Capital
- **Operational** funding includes: Community Outreach and Support Services, Emergency Shelter Solutions, Housing Assistance and Supportive Housing
- **Capital** funding includes: Transitional or Long-Term Supportive Housing and Emergency Shelter Repair
- For the past two years, TBDSSAB has balanced funding evenly between the Operational funding and the Capital funding categories



HPP Funded Programs

Emergency Shelter Solutions: Grace Place, Urban Abbey, Shelter House, and Salvation Army

Supportive Housing: Elizabeth Fry Society, Urban Abbey, and Salvation Army

Housing Assistance: TBDSSAB – Housing Security Fund, Rent Supplement, Housing Allowance/Portable Housing Benefit

Community Outreach Services: Lutheran Community Care Centre, St. Joseph's Care Group, Dilico Anishinabek Family Care, Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre, Elizabeth Fry Society, Shelter House SOS, and PACE. Food Security funding is also funded through this category.



HPP Transitional Housing Partnerships

239 transitional and long-term supportive housing units have been created through TBDSSAB funding

Dilico
Anishinabek
Family Care

Matawa First
Nations

Alpha Court

Elizabeth
Fry Society

Ontario
Aboriginal
Housing

Urban
Abbey

Shelter
House

Northern
Linkage

Salvation
Army

St. Joseph's
Care Group



Transitional Housing Vision

- TBDSSAB is currently developing a new process for Transitional Housing opportunities
- Approximately 200 units
- Partners include:
 - Urban Abbey
 - Lodge on Dawson
 - Matawa
 - Habitat
 - Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre / Metis Nation



Transitional Housing Referral and Access Model



Homeless individuals (Emergency Shelter, Encampment) are contacted by the Transitional Outreach Support Worker (TOSW) Team and/or any other TBDSSAB funded outreach team



TOSW and/or other TBDSSAB funded outreach team complete assessment tool, Transitional Housing application form, and consent



Individual is referred to the appropriate Transitional Housing program



Individual accepts transitional housing space and is provided with a portable housing benefit



Emergency Encampment Fund

In December 2024, MMAH announced \$20 million to create additional shelter and temporary accommodation spaces, which provide individuals living in encampments with accessible alternative options

TBDSSAB submitted two projects to be considered by MMAH

MMAH selected the expansion of beds at Grace Place and the development of the Tiny Village by the City of Thunder Bay

These projects will be completed in the Fall of 2025





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Questions? Comments?

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