

# SOCIAL HOUSING - Dufferin County

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CONTACTS:	Housing Help Centre
Rent Geared to Income (Subsidized) Housing Access Dufferin 30 Centre St, Orangeville, On L9W 2X1 519-941-6991 x2021 / 1-877-941-6991 www.dufferincounty.ca/residents/housing-programs-and-services RGI assistance is for eligible households who do not have enough income and/or assets to pay market rent. Rent for tenants is based on their income. It is available to those who have applied to move into rental units where subsidy is offered, Application package: please download an application package	Dufferin Housing Help Centre 519-940-3061 210 Broadway, Unit 105, Orangeville, ON L9W 5G4 www.dufferinhousinghelp.com  Housing Website www.viewit.ca  Landlord and Tenant Board 416-645-8080 * Toll free 1-888-332-3234 * Website:

www.acto.ca

1-888-919-0996

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# Fiddleville Shelburne Non-Profit - Old Mill Lane

Contact: Bayshore Property Management

Inc. 1-888-919-0996

Lavender Lane Cooperative Homes Inc 519-941-9330

# **Housing Services**

County of Dufferin tenants should contact their Community Services Worker (CSW) if they have questions about their tenancy on 519-941-6991 Tenants wanting to report repairs should call the Housing Maintenance Line on 519-941-8221

# Homelessness Prevention Program

County of Dufferin Community Services 519-941-6991 ext 2105 30 Centre St, Orangeville, On L9W 2X1 www.dufferincounty.ca/residents/housingprograms-and-services

Low income residents of Dufferin County may be eligible for financial assistance to help find or keep housing

Eligible expenses may include last month's rent deposits, utility deposits, and rent and utility arrears. Other housing-related expenses may be considered, such as moving and storage, or emergency needs for people who are homeless

Funds are limited and subject to availability

Applications for this program are available at the Community Services office in

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The Tenant Duty Counsel Program ("TDCP") is a program of Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario. It provides information and limited legal assistance to eligible tenants (low income, unrepresented tenants) on the day of the hearing, appearing at the Landlord and Tenant Board

# Discrimination and Human Rights in Housing

Human Rights Legal Support Centre 416-597-4900 Toll free 1-866-625-5179 www.ohrc.on.ca/en/about-commission/contact-us

Promotes human rights in housing and ending housing discrimination

# Home Repair/modification/adaptation Assistance

The Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program - RRAP for Homeowners - delivered by Canada Mortgage Corporation has been incorporated (for the Province of Ontario) to Ontario Renovates

## **Ontario Renovates**

# **Accessibility Repair Grant Program**

The Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (IAH) - Ontario Renovates Component provides financial assistance for low to moderate income homeowner or renter households to increase accessibility of their unit through modifications and adaptations. The program runs from April to December.

# **Eligible Repairs**

Eligible repairs for an IAH Ontario Renovates Accessibility Grant may include the modifications to increase accessibility related to housing and reasonably related to the occupant's disability including:

- Ramps
- Handrails
- Chair and Bath Lifts

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Orangeville, the Ontario Early Years Centres in Shelburne and Grand Valley

# Download an application package

# Home Ownership Program

The County of Dufferin Homeownership Program is designed to provide moderate income individuals and families with an interest free down payment assistance loan to help them in purchasing their own home.

The County of Dufferin can provide up to five percent (5%) in down payment assistance to eligible applicants to assist them in purchasing a home to a maximum of \$22,750.

# **Program Criteria**

- Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years old
- Applicants must be renter households
- Have a gross household income at or below Annual Maximum Household Income Level per Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (subject to Change)
- Assets of no more than \$22,750
- Be eligible for financing from a financial institution
- Single Family Home
- The selling price of the home must be at or below the Average Resale Price (subject to Change)

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- Height Adjustments to Countertops
- Cues for doorbells/fire alarms

Other eligible costs may include labour and applicable taxes, building permits, legal, appraisal and inspection fees, certificates, drawings, specifications and any other costs that the County of Dufferin deems reasonable.

# Homeowner/Renter Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for IAH Ontario Renovates financial assistance the homeowner/renter must meet the following criteria (as applicable):

- Gross household income at or below Annual Maximum Household Income Level per Ministry of Housing. Subject to Change.
- Own a home or rent a unit that is their sole and principal residence
- Be a minimum 18 years of age

# House/Unit Eligibility Criteria

Units eligible under the IAH Ontario Renovates program must meet the following criteria:

- The value of the home must be at or below \$455,000. Subject to Change.
- Property taxes and mortgage payments must be up-to-date
- Insurance coverage must be in place for the full value of the home

Click here for more information regarding Access Duffeirn.

For more information on the program please <u>download an application package</u> or contact Julie Griffin, County of Dufferin Community Services, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville, Ontario 519.941.6991 ext. 2106

# March of Dimes - Home & Vehicle Modifications Program

Can be used for ramps, platform lifts, stairway lifts, elevating devices, widening doors, wheel-in showers, rearrangement of kitchen/washrooms

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• Loan amount is 5% of the purchase price to a maximum of \$22,750

For more information on the program please download an application package or contact Natalie Hunzinger, County of Dufferin Community Services, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville, ON 519-941-6991, ext. 2103

For information to help you make an informed decision, visit the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for tips and tools on what to expect:

www.cmhcschl.gc.ca/en/co/buho/index.cf m

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# Eligibility:

- must live in Ontario qualify financially, and

have a substantial impairment caused by bodily injury, a birth defect or illness. It is ongoing and/or recurring and is expected to last one year or more.

This impairment must:

- impedes mobility, and
- results in substantial restriction in the activities of daily living (e.g. your personal care, or your participation in the community).

Consumers who meet program criteria can apply for grant funding:

- Up to \$15,000 lifetime maximum for home modifications, and/or
- Up to \$15,000 every ten years for vehicle modifications

www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/hvmp/Pages/HomeandVehicle.aspx

# Home Depot Two Grant Programs

# 1. Community Impact Grants

Provides registered Canadian charities with funding for affordable housing and community based improvement projects that benefit Canadians in need. Our primary focus is on supporting initiatives that prevent and end youth homelessness. As such, preference will be given to repair, renovation and/or improvement projects to housing and/or other support facilities (i.e. employment services) for homeless youth.

Maximum Grant: \$10,000 (cash and/or The Home Depot gift card)

**Application deadline:** Applications are accepted year-round for this program.

Eligible Projects include but are not limited to: small-scale renovation and repair projects and programs that benefit vulnerable youth and affordable housing and neighbourhood improvement projects that involve rebuilding, repairing, painting, refurbishing, landscaping, and planting.

2. The Orange Door Project Grant Program Provides funding to Canadian registered charities making repairs,

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	refurbishments and/or modifications to a housing accommodation or other support facility that <b>benefits homeless youth.</b>
	Maximum Grant: Up to \$50,000 cash
	<b>Key Dates:</b> The deadline for applications for this program has passed.
	Eligible Projects include but are not limited to: window replacement, weatherizing, painting, enhancements to the outdoor landscape (i.e. trees, gardens, seating areas), lighting or fixture upgrade projects, insulation improvements, small kitchen or washroom renovations.
	www.homedepot.ca/en/home/corporate-information/our-community/the-homedepot-canada-foundation/how-we-help/grant-programs.html
	Energy Related Assistance
	Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) Applies to energy-related arrears: gas or electricity, for low-income households. Low-income customers can get up to \$500 in emergency assistance for their electricity bills (\$600 if your home is heated electrically) and \$500 for their natural gas bills.
	The assistance is only available if you are behind on your bill - <b>or in arrears</b> - and may face having your service disconnected. You cannot receive more money than you owe on your bill. Therefore, you may not receive the full amount of the grant.
	Emergency financial assistance is for emergency situations only and is not meant to provide you with ongoing help to pay your bills.
	www.oeb.ca/rates-and-your-bill/help-low-income-consumers/low-income-energy-assistance-program
	SaveONenergy Home Assistance Program
	The program includes a detailed in-home energy assessment, professional
	installation of energy-saving measures and advice on steps that can be taken to

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	save even more energy.
	All conservation devices and products provided under the HOME ASSISTANCE
	program are directly installed in the home and are free of charge to participants.
	Replaces inefficient lights, electric power bars, insulation, and appliances with
	energy efficient ones, etc.
	For: Low-income households with high hydro costs. Not for energy-related
	emergencies
	More information call: 1-877-797-9473
	saveonenergy.ca/Consumer/Programs/Home-Assistance-Program.aspx
	Enbridge Gas: Home Energy Conservation Program
	Enbridge Gas Distribution is dedicated to helping consumers reduce annual
	consumption of natural gas
	Qualifying for the program
	The homeowner must be a current Enbridge customer
	Enbridge accounts must be active and in good standing  The home's primary beat source must be natural gas.
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	Enbridge pays \$150 of the \$350 audit cost. (HST not included)
	Improvements and upgrades The
	homeowner is required to implement at least 2 upgrades:
	Installation of newly added attic insulation
	Installation of basement wall insulation
	Window installation and/or replacement
	Installation of insulation for exposed floors
	Air sealing (with minimum requirements)
	Installation of high efficiency furnace/boiler
	Installation of approved heat recovery system
	Call 1-800-265-1914 or <a href="https://www.gni.ca/rebates/home-energy-conservation-program#">www.gni.ca/rebates/home-energy-conservation-program#</a>

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	2. Property Tax Rebate Program for Eligible Low Income Seniors and Low Income Persons with Disabilities  An annual property tax rebate of \$400, designed to provide relief of financial hardship to low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities. Click to view eligibility details and how to apply Call City of Mississauga at 905-615-4311 and ask for tax department Call City of Brampton Tax Department at 905-874-2200

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	Call Town of Caledon 905-584-2272 and ask for tax department
	Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit- Starting with the 2017 taxation year, this program is no longer available.  www.ontario.ca/page/healthy-homes-renovation-tax-credit