

SOCIAL HOUSING – Woodbridge (York Region)

HOUSING PROGRAMS

CONTACTS

Rent geared to income (subsidized Housing)

Housing Access Centre

905-830-4444 ext 72499 1-877-464-9675 ext 72499 55 Eagle Street West Newmarket, ON L3Y 8W5 Housing Website

Market Rent Housing

1091 Gorham St. Suite 104 Newmarket, ON L3Y 8X7 905-898-1007 1-877-464-9675 ext 72700 Fax: 905-895-5724

housingvorkrentals@vork.ca

South Office

Housing York

145 Essex Avenue Richmond Hill, ON L4C 0W8 905-898-1007

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Housing Help Centres

Citizens for Affordable Housing, York Region

10271 Yonge Street, Unit 303 Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4C 3B5

905-508-1877

1-888-447-9602

Fax: 905-508-1237

info@housinghelpcentre.org www.housinghelpcentre.org

Landlord and Tenant Board

416-645-8080

Toll free 1-888-332-3234

ltb.gov.on.ca

Provides information on residential rental units and resolves disputes

between most landlords and tenants

Staff can answer questions about

- legislation that governs tenants
- tenants' and landlords' rights and responsibilities under the law
- specific applications
- rules on maintenance and repair of rental properties
- rules on automatic rent reductions

1-877-464-9675 ext 72700

Fax: 905-508-1462

City of Vaughan Non-Profit Housing Corp

416-661-3070 ext 5166

Housing Website: www.Housing York Inc - yr

Emergency Shelters and Transition Homes

1-888-256-1112

TTY: 905-762-0401 (for the deaf or hard of hearing

Eligibility:

To be eligible to stay in a transition home or emergency shelter, you must meet the requirements of the particular shelter Contact the appropriate emergency shelter directly

Youth, Adult Men and Families
Porter Place Men's Shelter

Phone: 905-898-1015, Toll Free: 1-888-554-5525

www.bluedoorshelters.ca

Leeder Place Emergency Family Shelter

Phone: 905-898-1015, Toll Free: 1-888-554-5525

www.bluedoorshelters.ca

Newmarket Youth Shelter

Phone: 905-898-1015, Toll Free: 1-888-554-5525

www.bluedoorshelters.ca

Sutton Youth Multi-Service Centre

Phone: 905-722-9076, Toll Free: 1-877-972-0898

www.suttonyouthshelter.ca

Women and Children Fleeing Abuse

Yellow Brick House Women's Shelter

Phone: 905-727-1944, Toll Free: 1-800-263-3247

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Tenant Duty Counsel Program (TDCP)

416-597-5855 * Toll free 1-866-245-4182

425 Adelaide St W, 5th Fl

acto.ca

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

Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation (CERA)

416-944-0087

Toll free 1-800-263-1139

equalityrights.org/cera

Promotes human rights in housing and ending housing discrimination

Home Repair 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

- The Ontario Renovates program is funded by the federal and provincial governments through the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) program. The Ontario Renovates Program offers financial assistance to low to moderate income families to increase accessibility of their unit through modifications and adaptation
- The Ontario Renovates components that relate to home accessibility consist of two sub components:
- General eligible renovations include;
- Home Repair to assist low to moderate income home owner household to increase accessibility of their unit through modifications and adaptations
- Multi-Unit Rehabilitation to assist landlords of eligible affordable rental projects to rehabilitate units that require essential repairs and/or modify units to increase accessibility

(crisis line)

www.yellowbrickhouse.org

Sandgate Women's Shelter

Phone: 905-722-3220 (crisis line), Toll Free: 1-

800-661-8294 www.sandgate.ca

Empowerment Through Achievement (ETA)

Women's Shelter & Outreach Centre

Phone: 905-893-8887,

Toll Free: 1-877-382-1888 (crisis line)

www.etavaughan.com

Domiciliary Hostels

905-830-4444 Ext 72460 1-877-464-9675 Ext 72460

Provides housing and daily meals for people who need supervision of their daily living activities. Domiciliary hostels are permanent homes for most people who stay there

York Region may be able to offer financial help to pay for housing at a hostel. This funding is for people who cannot pay the full cost on their own.

Assistance covers:

cost to stay at the hostel * monthly allowance to cover personal needs and expenses * cost of special services offered at the hostel

Eligibility:

18 years of age or older * require supervision in activities of daily living * not be eligible for long-term care, and require financial help*
They also must either:

be recipient of mental health services or have a mental health diagnosis * have a physical and/or developmental disability verified by a medical

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- Modifications to increase accessibility related to housing and reasonably related to the occupants disability including: ramps, handrails, chair and bath lifts, height adjustments to counter tops, cues for doorbells/fire alarms
- Creation of self-contained secondary suites for affordable rental and garden suites for seniors and/or persons with disabilities.
- Funding for accessibility repairs, up to a maximum of \$3,500 is in the form of a grant. Funding in excess of \$3500 is in the form of a forgivable loan. The actual amount of assistance is based on the cost of repairs. Eligibility for the home repair subcomponent is means tested and requires home ownership.

Reference: www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=9288

Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB)

- Unlimited funds but based on injury and circumstances
- Occupational therapists do home assessments

Veterans Affairs Canada

• Veteran (no limit) or spouse (\$5,500) eligible

Settlements from Auto Insurance and Personal Injury Lawsuits

- Auto accidents, medical malpractice, slip and fall
- Occupational therapists conduct needs assessment for legal counsel.

Healthy Home Renovation Tax Credit

• Tax credit worth up to \$1,500 each year, calculated as 15 per cent of upto \$10,000 in eligible home renovation expenses that will help seniors be able to stay safely in their homes.

Reference: www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=9288

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

doctor, hospital or referral source * or be a frail, elderly person *

This will be assessed by York Region staff

How to Apply:

Contact the hostel you are interested in and make an appointment to visit. The staff will help you decide if the hostel will meet your needs. They can also help you find out if financial help may be available.

When you choose a hostel, the hostel staff will contact York Region and set up an appointment for you. You will meet with York Region staff to talk about your finances and find out if you qualify for help.

All hostels are supervised 24 hours a day, seven days a week

Rent and Utility Assistance

York Region residents can get financial assistance for rent, mortgage payments, utilities and other housing costs through two programs.

Housing Stability Program

For people who are already receiving *Ontario Works* or *Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)* benefits and are behind on rent, mortgage or utility payments. Assists with:

•utility cut off * an eviction due to unpaid rent * offers last month's rent deposit * moving and storage costs * utility deposits and reconnection costs * household items

Follow up support will be provided for two weeks, one month, three months and six months after receiving benefits from this program

Eligibility:

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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,

live in York Region * be homeless or at risk of homelessness * receive assistance from the Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program * have not received benefits from this program within the last three years

You can only receive benefits from this program once every three years

To apply please call: Toll Free: 1-888-256-1112 TTY: 905-762-0401 (for the deaf or hard of hearing)

An appointment will be made with a Housing Stability Worker to see if you are eligible for the program

Street Outreach

The Street Outreach Van (operated by Loft/Crosslinks) provides mobile services for homeless or street involved people at no cost. York Region Public Health is one of several community partnering agencies that provide services through the Street Outreach Van

Services include:

Mental health and addiction resources * crisis support, intervention and prevention * information on needle exchange and injection drug use * referrals to shelters and other community supports * sexual health information and resources

The van is equipped with:

Food * clothing and shoes * sleeping bags, tents, tarps and blankets * needle exchange supplies

This program is provided at no cost, seven days a week from 2 pm to 9 pm

To schedule a meeting place and time with the Street Outreach Van, call 1-866-553-4053

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refurbishments and/or modifications to a housing accommodation or other support facility that **benefits homeless youth.**

Maximum Grant: Up to \$50,000 cash

Key Dates: 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

Home Energy Conservation Program

Get up to \$650 in heating and cooling incentives, \$255 in appliance incentives and \$4000 in Air Source Heat Pump incentives (*limited time offer*)

Call Toll Free: 1-866-280-4431

Qualification

- 1. You must heat your home with natural gas, oil, propane boiler/furnace, electric heat, OR wood stove.
- 2. If you are an Enbridge Gas customer and have a valid Enbridge account in good standing OR if you heat your home with electricity, oil, wood, OR propane—you must provide a current tax bill for the property.
- 3. Call Windfall Ecology Centre to ensure that you qualify.
- 4. You must reside in the Enbridge Gas Program Delivery Area, including City of Vaughan, Toronto, Etobicoke, Peel Region

Low-Income Energy Assistance Program

Applies to energy-related arrears (gas or electricity), renovations such as installing energy efficient appliances and insulation

For: Low-income households with arrears difficulties

More information:

www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/oeb/_Documents/Consumer%20Brochures/brochure_06_LE AP%20assistance%20natural%20gas.pdf

Rent Supplement

York Region has rent supplement agreements with various private landlords. Rent supplement tenants pay rent-geared-to-income in regular rental apartments. York Region pays the landlord the difference between the tenant's subsidized rent and the market rent cost for the unit

Federal Co-operatives

Federal housing co-operatives are housing communities within the region that are not funded or administered by York Region. These housing providers do not use the Region's centralized waiting list. If you want to live in these communities, you must apply directly to those federal housing providers.

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SaveONenergy Home Assistance Program

Free for qualifying home owners and renters. Replaces inefficient lights, electric power bars, insulation in attic or basement, wetherstripping around doors and windows, programmable thermostat, and appliances with energy efficient ones, etc. For: Low-income households with high hydro costs. Not for energy-related emergencies More information: GreenSaver: 1-877-797-9473

https://saveonenergy.ca/Home/Contact.aspx

Enbridge Home Weatherization Retrofit Program

Insulation and draft proofing for qualified Enbridge customers.

For: Low-income Enbridge gas customers with homes built before 1972 and needing upgraded insulation (more than 20 years old)

More information: GreenSaver: 416-203-3106 or

www.greensaver.org/programs/current-programs/

Enbridge Gas Distribution: 1-888-427-888 or www.enbridgegas.com/homes/manage-energy

Land / Property / Home Renovation Tax - Deferral and Credit Programs:

1. Provincial Land Tax Deferral Program for Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Persons with Disabilities

Low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities can get a partial deferral of provincial land tax and education tax. The tax deferral applies to the tax increase in the current year and not to outstanding taxes.

Provincial land tax is a property tax on land located in non-municipal areas. The tax helps to support the local share of a number of services in these areas.

More information: 1-866-400-2122 or www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/refund/plt/seniors.html

2. Property Tax and Wter Relief Program for 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. <u>Click</u> 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

Call Town of Caledon 905-584-2272 and ask for tax department

Application Deadline: Aug. 31, 2017

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	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