

Peterborough Housing Stability Fund (HSF)

- Applicants for this benefit must in receipt of Ontario Works (OW) or Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).
- May be issued within a calendar year (January to December) up to a **maximum of \$700.00** for a single person and up to \$900 for a couple without dependent children.
- Up to a **maximum of \$1300.00** may be issued within a calendar year for a family with depend adults or dependent children.

The following are benefits that Applicants may be eligible for under HSF. The **total** must not exceed the maximum \$700.00 for single, \$900 for a couple or \$1,300.00 for a family with dependent children or dependent adults.

Last Month's Rent

- Issued at the time of the move, or within 30 days of the move.
- Rent must be affordable (less than 80% of total income).
- Moving to permanent housing from a shelter, street or at risk of homelessness.
- Moving due to a clear indication of abuse.
- Moving to accessible housing due to a mobility issue.
- Moving to affordable housing (less rent than what you currently pay).
- A move due to **verified** full time employment (a move from the County to the City to access transit); this could also include a move to another Municipality or a different Province.

Heat, Hydro, Rent, Mortgage or Tax Arrears

- Rental arrears are paid directly to the landlord and must be 80% or less of the total income.
- Heat and hydro are paid directly to the service provider.
- If the arrears are greater than the HSF eligibility, a clear re-payment plan is required with the service provider or landlord prior to HSF being issued.

Home Repairs and Appliances

- Up to \$200.00 may be issued for emergency home repairs for home owners (ie: burst pipes/clogged sink/furnace repair).
- Up to \$200.00 may be issued for replacing or purchasing an appliance (fridge or stove) when it is determined that it is the tenant's responsibility or when it is within 30 days of a move.

Beds and Bed Covers

- Up to \$200.00 may be issued for a bed within 30 days of a move.
- Funds for a mattress cover may be issued for the box spring and mattress related to issues with Bed Bugs.

Moving and Storage

- Up to \$200.00 can be issued for a move (within 30 days of the move).
- Funds for storage can be issued for one month up to \$100.00 (within 30 days of a move) after the first month the request for storage would be reviewed by the Case Manager.