

You may be eligible for Housing Stability Funds (HSF) if you are experiencing homelessness or are facing potential homelessness. Generally:

- Applicants must live in the City and County of Peterborough.
- Applicants can be in receipt of funds from the Ontario Works (OW) program, the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), OW Temporary Care, Emergency Assistance or other income sources where their annual income is below the Low-Income (LICO) threshold.
- Maximum HSF issued within a calendar year (January to December) varies:
 - Singles without children → \$2000
 - Couples without children → \$2250
 - Sole support parents/families with dependent children/adult(s) → \$3,000

Types of Issuances:

Last Month's Rent Deposit

Last month's rent is issued where it cannot be waived by a landlord and within 30 days of the move.

Arrears for Hydro, Heat, Rent, Mortgage, Property Taxes

Funds may only be issued if paying arrears will result in the housing be kept. This is paid directly to the service provider.

Bed Bug Infestations

Assistance with bed bug infestations is limited to the cost of a mattress/box spring cover up to the maximum for the bed size. Only available after treatment is completed.

Beds

Funds for a bed may only be accessed when establishing housing, within 30 days of a move of necessity, up to the maximum for the family size/composition.

Bed for an infant or toddler moving from a crib to a bed where no move has taken place, one time only, up to the maximum for the family size/composition.

Appliances (fridge or stove)

Where the landlord does not supply the appliance (fridge or stove), funds may be issued within 30 days of a move of necessity. When not connected to a move and repair or replacement is required, documentation that the applicant is responsible for those items must be submitted.

Moving

Assistance with moving costs may be issued within 30 days of a move of necessity if it is within the allowable maximum.

Storage

Assistance with storage may be available for one (1) month if it is within the allowable maximum when associated with a move of necessity. Requests for additional months must be reviewed by a caseworker.

Repairs for Homeowners

Emergency home repairs may include funds to address a burst pipe, a broken well pump, clogged sink or toilet, or a roof patch. Individuals can also request help accessing the Peterborough Renovates Program for additional funding (if available) when the house repairs exceed HSF eligibility.

Additional Help for People Exiting Homelessness or Moving from

People moving from homelessness into being housing and people moving from transitional housing to permanent housing may need additional items to ensure they are well-equipped to successfully manage their new living situation. Funds or vouchers for household items may be available.

Some examples include:

- Lock for the bedroom door
- Mini fridge
- Microwave oven
- Food staples and cleaning supplies
- Bedding, sheets, towels
- Furniture, dresser, lamp, curtains
- Assistance with first month's rent (i.e., where ODSP does not issue until the end of the month, or when current landlord has retained this month's rent)
- Cell phone and/or minutes to maintain contact with housing support workers and to increase the level of safety.

Items Not Covered

- Hydro deposit
- Security deposit
- Key deposit

Important Note:

You may be eligible to access funds if funding is available. Please contact the Peterborough Social Services office to apply. Applications are reviewed by caseworkers on a case-by-case basis with varying eligibility.