

ATTACHMENT 1

Summary of program elements of the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit compared to rent geared-to-income subsidy program

	Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit	Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) Subsidy
Eligible Households	<p>Households must be on the subsidized housing wait list in York Region or be eligible to be on the wait list. Priority is given to households that fit into one of the two following groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vulnerable populations, including survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking; persons experiencing or at-risk of homelessness; Indigenous persons; seniors; and people with disabilities 2. Households paying market rent living in community housing 	<p>Only applicants on the subsidized housing wait list in York Region or applicants referred through a supportive housing partnership are eligible to be offered RGI</p> <p>Applicants are selected chronologically according to their application date unless they have been approved for Special Priority status (survivors of domestic violence or human trafficking). Applicants with Special Priority status are placed higher than chronological applicants on the wait list.</p>
Calculation of Subsidy Amount	<p>For Households with employment-related income the calculation is:</p> $80\% \text{ Average Market Rent} - (\text{Adjusted Family Net Income} \times 30\%) / 12$ <p>Households who receive Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program benefits will have a separate benefit calculation to avoid reducing their current social assistance entitlements. Details on the social assistance calculation method to be confirmed with the province.</p>	<p>Households typically pay rent at 30% of their gross monthly income. Deductions are made for households with employment related income.</p> <p>Beginning July 1, 2020 households will instead pay rent at 30% of adjusted family net income.</p> <p>Rent for households who receive Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program benefits is calculated on a provincially mandated rent scale depending on their unit benefit unit size.</p> <p>Adjustments are made for utility allowance or charges.</p>

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Eligible Housing Type	<p>Households may rent private market rental units or market rental units in community housing.</p> <p>The subsidy is paid directly to the household.</p> <p>Households receiving the housing benefit may move to another unit and still be eligible.</p>	<p>RGI subsidy is tied to units within community housing locations or where an agreement exists with private landlords. Households must move into the unit within that housing community to get the rent subsidy.</p> <p>Community housing providers have targets to provide a certain number of RGI subsidies within their building/community.</p>
Length of Time of Subsidy	<p>The Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit program has allocated funding until 2029.</p>	<p>Subsidy is permanent as long as the household remains eligible under program guidelines.</p>
Administration	<p>Service Managers are responsible for screening and selecting applicants for the benefit. This includes providing information on the process, explaining the difference in subsidy between the benefit and rent geared-to-income, and determine initial household net income.</p> <p>Completed applications are sent to the Ministry of Finance for final approval and payment.</p>	<p>Service Managers are responsible for the administration of RGI; however, under the <i>Housing Services Act, 2011</i>, Service Managers are permitted to delegate this responsibility to housing providers through agreements.</p> <p>York Region has delegated this responsibility to housing providers, which are responsible for program administration including selecting eligible households from the wait list, determining eligibility, calculating rent and conducting annual rent reviews.</p>

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