

How to Apply

- Pick up an application from RRDSSAB, UNFC or Victim Services or from www.rrdssab.ca
- Complete and sign the application and provide all requested documentation (application will not be accepted until it is completed in full).
- Once submitted, you will hear within 5 business days if you have been approved.
- If approved, all cheques will be paid directly to your landlord, heat or utility company or retailer.
- You may need to fulfill other obligations, such as attend budgeting sessions or enrol in direct pay for your rent/utilities.



Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be age 16 or older
- Reside within the Rainy River District (excluding First Nation communities)
- Be currently homeless or at-risk of homelessness
- Have legal status in Canada
- Have low household income
- Not have accessed CHPI within the last 24 months
- Demonstrate that other sources of income have been exhausted
- Only one applicant may receive funds per household.



For more information on CHPI or any other programs, please contact us at:

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Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI)

"Meeting needs by providing services with caring, integrity and accountability"



Start-Up (rent deposit, utility connection, furnishings, etc.)

Who is it for?

This fund is available to those exiting homelessness or those who have been at risk of homelessness and have found safe, affordable housing in the last/next 30 days.

How is eligibility determined?

In addition to general eligibility criteria, you will be required to provide a letter from an appropriate professional confirming why you need to establish a new residence.

If you are seeking items such as basic living supplies, appliances or furniture, you will need to provide valid reason why you require new items & are unable to use your previous ones.

What am I eligible to receive?

If approved, you can receive up to \$1000.00 if you are a single person/a couple with no dependents, or up to \$2000.00 if you have dependents toward the following:

- Rent deposit (last month's rent)
- Utility, water, fuel connection fees
- Moving costs
- Furniture, appliances, basic necessities

Housing Allowance (only available at RRDSSAB)

Who is it for?

This fund is available to those who are at-risk of becoming homeless and are on the waitlist for social housing. It is intended to ease the strain of housing costs and bridge the gap until you can get into social housing.

How is eligibility determined?

Your eligibility is based upon your standing in the social housing waitlist, maintained by RRDSSAB. You must be approved in the waitlist and qualify for a Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) unit to qualify for the housing allowance.

What am I eligible to receive?

If approved, you will receive up to \$200 monthly for up to 24 months. You are able to use it to contribute toward rent, hydro, water, heat or other related shelter costs.

When will it end?

- Your payments will be terminated at the first of any of the following:
- You cease to be eligible for RGI;
 - You fail to submit your quarterly verification;
 - You are removed from the housing waitlist;
 - After your 24th payment.

Arrears (rent, utility, or water)

Who is it for?

This fund is available to those at imminent risk of homelessness due to a disconnection of critical services/eviction.

How is eligibility determined?

In addition to general eligibility criteria, you will be required to provide written documentation that your landlord or utility proof of payment attempts reasonable to income and debt owing and/or plans for repayment of portion of arrears.

You must agree to attend a budgeting session at UNFC or RRDSSAB and provide proof of registration for direct pay for rent and utilities as applicable.

What am I eligible to receive?

If approved, you can receive up to \$1000.00 if you are a single person/a couple with no dependents, or up to \$2000.00 if you have dependents toward your arrears. Payments are made directly to landlord or utility company.

Emergency Shelter Assistance

Who is it for?

This fund is available to those who have recently become homeless and have no other reasonable, safe option for overnight shelter.

How is eligibility determined?

Motel stays are granted only in situations of temporary, urgent need of shelter with an exit plan in place (i.e. new housing, treatment, etc.). Individuals in this situation will be encouraged to first access other resources that may be available to them (staying with family or friends). You will be required to describe how a short-term motel stay will help your situation.

What am I eligible to receive?

If approved, you can receive up to a maximum of 7 nights in a hotel/motel. For the period of your stay, you will be provided with meal vouchers.

For individuals who are chronically homeless, transportation to the nearest shelter may be provided.

As a diversion from transportation to a shelter or motel stay, a grocery gift card may be offered to stay with friends or family while you work to secure housing.