

# Community and Protective Services Committee

Community
Homelessness
Prevention Initiative

December 17, 2012

### **Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative**

### Purpose

- Brief overview of provincial Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative
- Brief overview of steps taken to date
- Recommended next steps and transition



# Province of Ontario Funding of Homelessness Services 2012 to 2013

To December 31, 2012 Effective January 1, 2013 • Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program All programs consolidated into one • Emergency Energy Fund policy and funding model under the • Emergency Hostel Program Community Homelessness Prevention Domiciliary Hostel Program Initiative (CHPI) Provincial Rent Bank Community Start-Up and Maintenance Benefit

### **Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative**

#### **Vision for Ontario**

A better coordinated and integrated service delivery system that is people-centered, outcome-focused and reflects a Housing First approach to prevent, reduce and address homelessness in communities across Ontario.



#### **Purpose for Ontario**

To prevent, address and reduce homelessness by improving access to adequate, suitable, and affordable housing that is linked to flexible support services based on peoples' needs.

#### **Outcomes and Measurements**

## For Ontario

- People experiencing homelessness obtain and retain housing; and,
- People at risk of homelessness remain housed

## Homelessness to Housing with Support Continuum

- Outreach
- Income security
- •Last months rent
- Housing supplement
- Emergency shelters
- •Diversion from entering shelter
- •Rapid re-housing from shelter
- •Rent Geared to Income Housing
- Housing finder and selection
- Supportive/specialized housing
- Drop in centres
- Move in support
- Jail to homes/ hospital to homes

Securing Housing

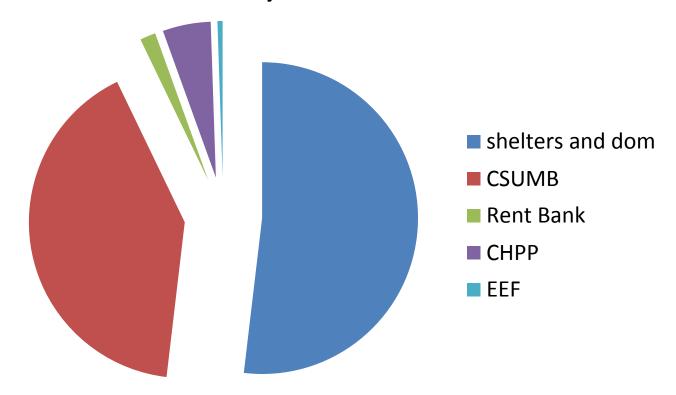
# Housing with Support

- •Unique populations including; aboriginal, youth, families, women, men, chronic/persistent, street involved sex workers, abused women, mental health and addictions/concurrent issues
- Domiciliary hostels
- •Specialized case management
- Leisure and recreation
- Peer support
- Meal programs
- Diversion from emergency services

- •Rent and Mortgage Bank
- Emergency Energy Fund
- Landlord support
- Neighbourhood connection
- •Rapid re-housing support
- Good tenant orientation

Housing Stability

# Provincial Homeless Funding and CSUMB City of London -



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projected	5,658,620
CSUMB	
2011 actuals OW/ODSP	4,470,000
Rent Bank,	178,200
CHPP	544,213
EEF	57,740

Total Amount \$ 10,908,773

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### **Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative**

1,272

Needs Based Funding \$ 2,565,030

TOTAL \$ 7,996,302

## **Community Forum Update**

Date: Wednesday November 7, 2012

Theme: CSUMB Benefit

Attendees: 157

Date: Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Theme: Securing Housing

Guest Speakers: Nicole Francoeur, Samantha McIntyre, Lisa Watson

"STEP Home: A Collaborative Approach"

Attendees: 66

Date: Thursday, November 29, 2012

Theme: Housing with Support

Guest Speaker: Peter Frampton, Executive Director, Learning Enrichment Foundation

"Supporting a Vision of Change Through Enterprising Actions"

Attendees: 52

Date: Wednesday December 5, 2012

Theme: Housing Stability

Guest Speaker: Dr. Stephen Gaetz, Director, Canadian Homelessness Research Network/Homeless Hub

"The Real Cost of Homelessness"

Attendees: 68

# Recommendations to the Community and Protective Services Committee on

#### **Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative Next Steps**

#### **Recommendations:**

- To enter into a Service Manager Agreement with the Province of Ontario and the City of London
- To submit the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative Investment Plan to the Province of Ontario
- To enter into Purchase of Service Agreements for CHPI between the City of London and Service Provider
- To enter into a Service Agreement with the Salvation Army, Centre of Hope to operate the Housing First Temporary Support Fund
- To adopt the Housing First Temporary Support Fund Policy

# Housing First Temporary Support Fund (HFTSF) January 1, 2013 to March 31, 2013

#### **Purpose**

- temporary bridge fund put in place for a three month period January 1, 2013 to March 31, 2013
- assist recipients of OW/ODSP in establishing a new principal residence, or to prevent eviction or the discontinuance of utilities or heating in an existing residence.

#### **Amount**

- up to a maximum of \$1,000 for recipients with one or more dependent children in a 24-month period; or,
- up to a maximum of \$500 where there are no dependent children in a 24-month period.

# Housing First Temporary Support Fund (HFTSF) January 1, 2013 to March 31, 2013 con't

#### **Allowable Costs**

- fuel and hydro deposits
- last month's rent deposit
- moving and transportation to the home of the recipient
- at risk of eviction due to non-payment of rent
- has had a utility or the heating to the current residence cut off or at risk of being cut off and there is a cost sharing plan in place though the Salvation Army Housing Support Services under programs such as THAW and/or LEAP;

#### **Expenses NOT eligible under the HFSTF**

- moving and relocation costs outside of London or to London
- clothing
- household supplies including linens and pots and pans
- furniture