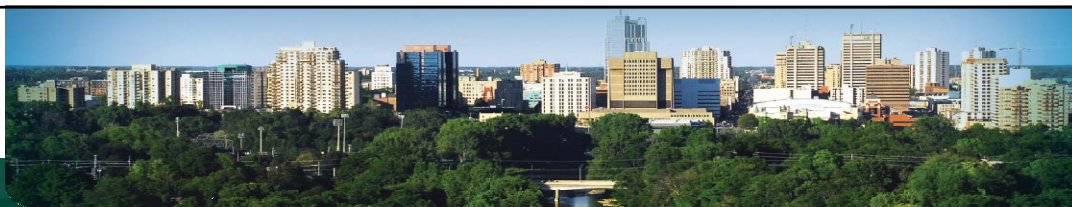


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Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) Program – Overview

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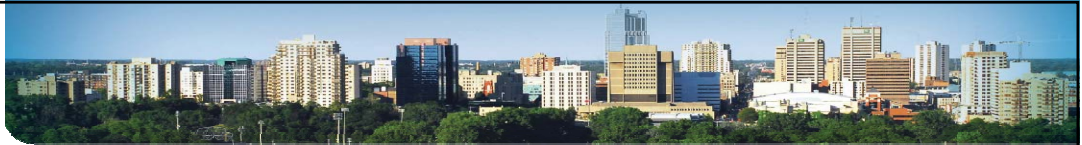


Overview of COHB

- The program begins in April 1st, 2020 and ends on March 31, 2029.
- COHB is jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments.
- COHB is a portable housing benefit program where funding is paid directly to low-income households that are on, or eligible to be on, a social housing waiting list, and to households in financial need living in community housing.
- Service Managers will identify and select eligible households and assist with the application submission to the Ministry of Finance (MOF).
- MOF will approve eligibility and will issue monthly payments directly to the household; and,
- ServiceOntario will operate a program call centre for enquiries, and for households to report changes directly.

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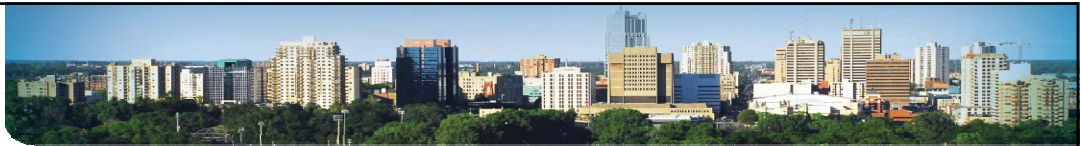
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Eligibility

- Reside permanently in Ontario;
- Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident, Applicant for Permanent Residence, or a refugee or refugee claimant with no enforceable deportation, departure or exclusion order;
- On a social housing waitlist, or eligible to be on a waitlist;
- Not in receipt of rent-geared-to-income assistance, more than one COHB benefit, or any other government-funded housing benefit with the exception of social assistance shelter payments; and,
- **Consent to being removed from the social housing waitlist of the Service Manager where the application was completed and approved.**

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COHB Benefit Calculation

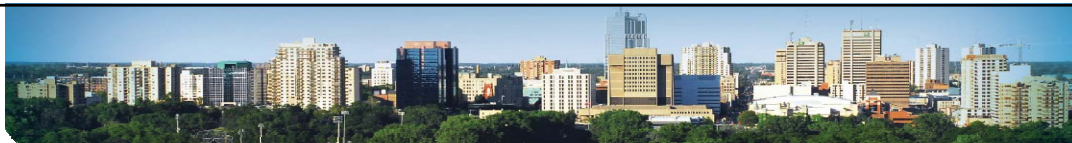
• Monthly Portable Housing Benefit = $(AMR \times 80\%) - \frac{(AFNI \times 30\%)}{12}$

- Single Adult, No Dependents 1bdm, \$15,000/y

$$\begin{aligned} \text{COHB} &= (\$915 \times .80) - ((\$15000 \times .30) / 12) \\ &= \$732 - \$375 \\ &= \$357 \text{ benefit per month} \end{aligned}$$

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COHB – Benefit Range

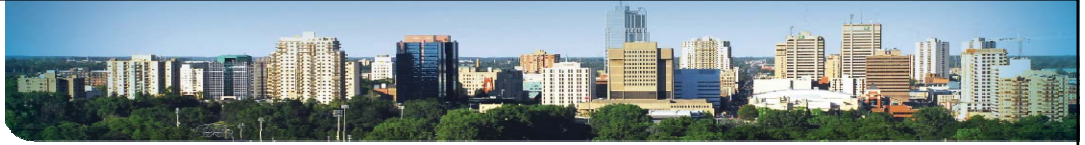
Source of Income*	Single Adult Living in London		
	No Dependents	One Dependents	Two Dependents
	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3+ Bedroom
Ontario Works**	\$512	\$585	\$741
Ontario Disability Support Program**	\$381	\$407	\$559
Low income - \$10,000/y	\$482	\$636	\$808
Mid-Range Income - \$20,000/y	\$232	\$386	\$558
High-Range Income - \$30,000/y	Not eligible as 30% of monthly income exceeds benefit.	\$136	\$308



Funding & Impact

- The City of London has received two-years of allocation funding from MMAH:
 - 2020-21: \$980,000 (base funding)
 - 2021-22: \$980,000 (base funding) + \$304,786 (incremental funding) = \$1,284,786
- As in all government programs, funding is subject to annual budget approvals at the Province of Ontario. The City of London will be notified of COHB funding allocation for 2022-23 and beyond at a later date.
- Civic administration anticipates that the City of London's COHB funding allocation could impact the following individuals and families:
 - 2020-21: 211 individuals
 - 2021-22: 276 individuals (65 net-new clients)

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Next Steps

- Applications for COHB must be submitted to the Housing Access Center at Citi Plaza, 355 Wellington St, Suite 248, starting on April 1st 2020
- Once the application has been submitted and deemed complete, the applicant will receive a letter from the Housing Access Center confirming that the application has been sent to the province for final review.
- For more information, please contact the Housing Access Centre at 519-661-0861 or by email hac@london.ca

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