


# Housing Programs and Services

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 Dufferin County Community Services

**HOURS:** Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

## Affordable and Rent Geared-To-Income Housing

Rent Geared-to-Income (RGI) assistance is also known as subsidized housing.

RGI assistance is for eligible households who do not have enough income and/or assets to pay market rent. Rent for tenants is based on their income. It is available to those who have applied to move into rental units where subsidy is offered.

For tenants who live in "Affordable" units, the rent is based on approximately 80% of the market rent for the community.

### To Apply:

- Pick up an application at our office at 30 Centre Street, Orangeville or 167 Centre Street, Entrance E, Shelburne
- Download an application at [dufferincounty.ca](http://dufferincounty.ca)

Application and verification documents will be reviewed for eligibility. If the applicant is eligible, they are then placed on the Centralized Waiting List for Dufferin County.

For more information, contact Housing Access Dufferin in person at our office, visit our website, or call ext. 2021.



## Home Ownership Program

The County of Dufferin Home Ownership Program is designed to provide moderate income households with an interest free down payment assistance loan/second mortgage to help purchase a home.

There are no monthly mortgage payments for the second mortgage. Repayment of the second mortgage is required when the property is sold. (Loan amount and % of capital gain.) The second mortgage is forgivable after 20 years if the house is not resold.

The County of Dufferin can provide up to ten percent (10%) of the selling price of the home, in the form of a down payment assistance loan to eligible applicants. The loan value may be up to \$45,000.

### Program Criteria:

- Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years old
- Applicants must be renter households
- Have a gross current household income at or below \$90,500\*
- The selling price of the home must be at or below \$455,000
- Be eligible for financing from a financial institution for the first mortgage
- Home ownership loan amount is 10% of the purchase price to maximum of \$45,000 and is registered as a second mortgage
- First mortgage and second mortgage combined cannot exceed the selling price of the home
- Home must be within Dufferin County

\* No higher than the Annual Maximum Household Income Level per Ministry of Housing. Subject to Change.

For more information, contact us in person at our office, visit our website, or call ext. 2110.

# Homelessness Prevention Program

Low income residents of Dufferin County may be eligible for financial assistance to help find or keep housing.

Eligible expenses may include last month's rent deposits, utility deposits, and rent and utility arrears. Funds are limited and subject to availability. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria and provide proof of all information, including income, housing costs and other expenses.

Applications for this program are available at the Community Services office in Orangeville and Shelburne, and in the EarlyON Centres in Shelburne and Grand Valley.

For more information, contact us in person at our office, visit our website, or call ext. 2110.

# Ontario Electricity Support Program

If you are a customer of an electricity utility and in a lower-income home, you may qualify for a reduction on your electricity bill. The OESP will reduce the cost of your household electricity by applying a monthly credit directly to your bill. The credit amount will depend on how many people live in your home and your combined household income.

The County of Dufferin supports this program as an intake agency.

If you require assistance in the completion of your application, visit us in person or call ext. 2110.



# Ontario Renovates

## **Accessibility Repair Grant Program/Necessary Home Repairs**

The Ontario Renovates Component provides financial assistance for low to moderate income homeowner or renter household with modifications and for accessibility and necessary home repairs.

### *Eligibility:*

Eligible repairs for an Ontario Renovates Loan/Grant may include the modifications to increase accessibility related to housing and reasonably related to the occupant's disability, and necessary home repairs including:

- Ramps and Handrails
- Chair and Bath Lifts
- Height Adjustments to Countertops
- Cues for Doorbells/Fire Alarms
- Heating and Electrical Systems
- Chimneys, Doors, Windows, Roofs
- Walls, Floors and Ceilings
- Vents/Louvers
- Plumbing
- Septic Systems, Well Water and Well Drilling
- Foundations

Other eligible costs may include labour and applicable taxes, building permits, legal, appraisal and inspection fees, certificates, drawings, specifications and any other costs that the County of Dufferin deems reasonable.

### *Homeowner/Renter Eligibility Criteria:*

To be eligible for Ontario Renovates financial assistance the homeowner/renter must meet the following criteria (as applicable):

- Gross household income at or below Annual Maximum Household Income Level per Ministry of Housing. Subject to Change
- Own a home or rent a unit that is their sole and principal residence
- Be a minimum 18 years of age

### *House/Unit Eligibility Criteria:*

Units eligible under the Ontario Renovates program must meet the following criteria:

- The value of the home must be at or below \$455,000. Subject to Change.
- Property taxes and mortgage payments must be up-to-date

***“Dedicated to improving the well-being of individuals and families in the community by connecting people to resources, supports and opportunities.”***