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**Community Homelessness  
Prevention Initiative**

**Emergency and Community Services Committee  
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# The Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI)

- In 2013, the Province consolidated five programs into one flexible but capped funding envelope:
  - Emergency Shelters
  - Domiciliary Hostels
  - Emergency Energy Fund
  - Rent Bank
  - Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP)  
*... & the Housing Stability Benefit (formerly CSUMB)*



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# The Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI)

- Provincially Mandated CHPI Program Outcomes:
  1. People experiencing homelessness obtain and retain housing;
  2. People at risk of homelessness remain housed.



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# Hamilton's CHPI Review

- Not enough Provincial funding to maintain existing CHPI programming, including the HSB

2012–2014: Review has been a three phased approach:

1. Development of Housing Stability Benefit (Fall 2012)
2. Development of Recommendations for Emergency Shelters and Domiciliary Hostels (January – November 2013)
3. Development of Recommendations for Homelessness Prevention (September 2013 – September 2014)



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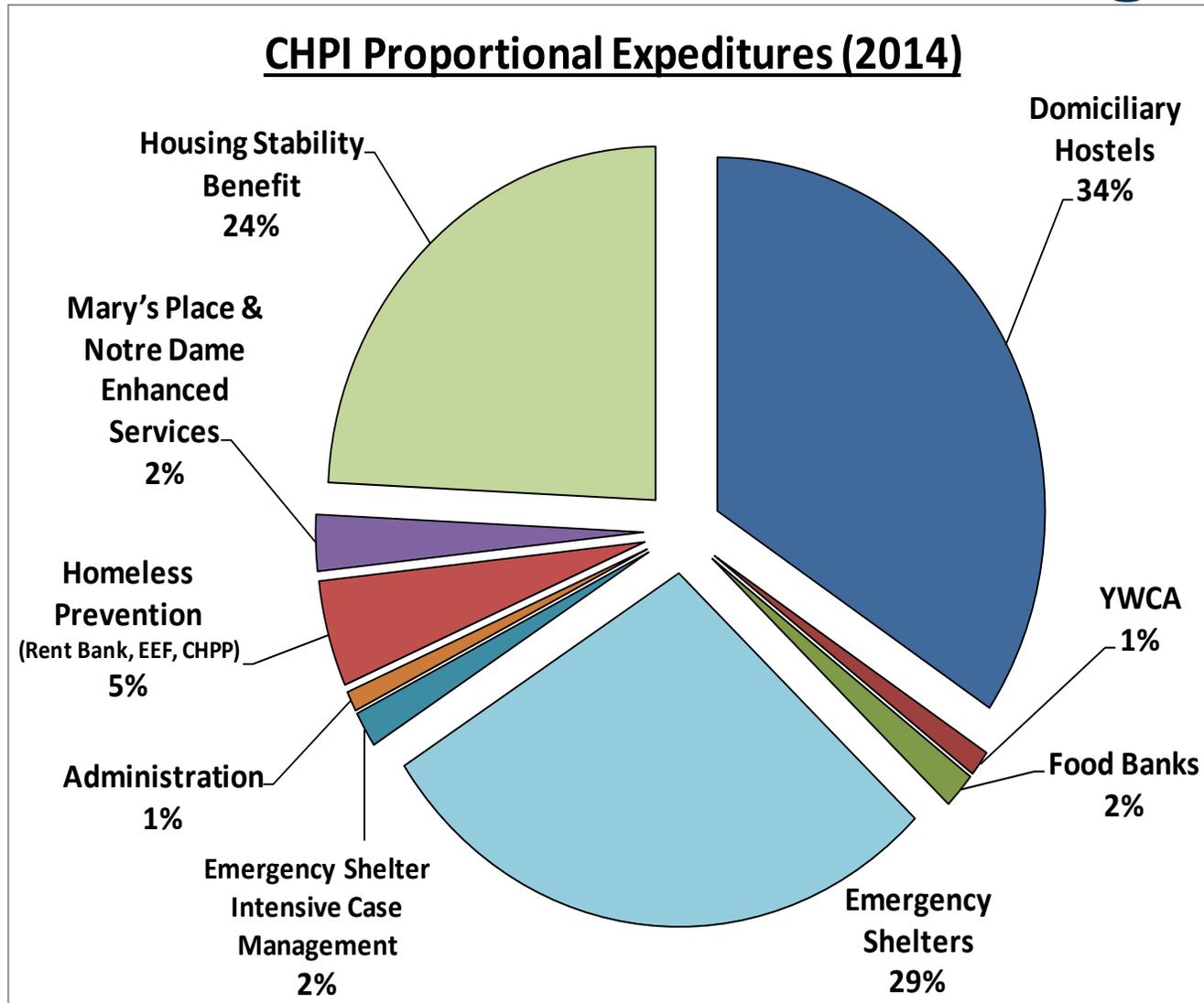
# CHPI: 2014 Recommended Budget

CHPI Funded Expenditures & Funding Sources				
Program/Service	2014 Expenditure	Funding Sources		
		2013	2014	2015
Domiciliary Hostels	\$7,390,000	CHPI Base	CHPI Base	CHPI Base
Emergency Shelters	\$6,149,358	CHPI Base	CHPI Base	CHPI Base
Emergency Shelter Intensive Case Management	\$350,000	SSIR Reserve	CHPI Base	CHPI Base
Administration	\$197,760	CHPI Base	CHPI Base	CHPI Base
Mary's Place & Notre Dame Enhanced Services	\$551,162	DOOR Reserve	CHPI Base	CHPI Base
Homeless Prevention **	\$1,042,810	CHPI Base	CHPI Base	CHPI Base
Housing Stability Benefit	\$5,198,140	CHPI Base & MCSS One-Time Grant	CHPI Base & MCSS One-Time Grant	<b>\$3,605,385 - CHPI Base \$1,592,755 – Pressure</b>
YWCA	\$250,000	CHPI 2013 Surplus	DOOR Reserve	<b>Not yet identified</b>
Food Bank	\$350,000	SSIR Reserve	DOOR Reserve	<b>Not yet identified</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,479,430</b>			



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# CHPI: 2014 Recommended Budget



# 2014 CHPI Budget Pressures

- To maintain 2013 service levels
- Temporarily bridge funding gap in 2014
  - \$350,000 (one-time) for the food banks from the DOOR Reserve;
  - \$250,000 (one-time) for the YWCA from the DOOR Reserve
  - \$1,592,855 from one-time transitional grant from Province for Housing Stability Benefit

**Not Sustainable**



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# Other Recommendations: Emergency Shelters

- 2013 – combined per diem and block funding
- 2014 move to a Block Funding Model
  - Cost certainty
  - Same as other communities,
  - System stability
  - Increase data collection
  - Set targets for length of stay
  - Set expectations for case management services



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## Other Recommendations: Domiciliary Hostels

- Maintain per diem funding model & increase the per diem from \$47.75 to \$48.25
  - Critical part of our housing continuum
  - Increase to \$55 per diem would cost \$2.0 million annually
  - Consistent with other communities' per diem rates.
- 940 contracted subsidized beds in 57 RCF's that provide housing with basic care (meals, medication provision, connections to health and mental health supports)



# Moving Forward

- Maintain existing services in 2014
- Transition to new funding models and articulate new service delivery expectations through contracts
- Focus on completing Homelessness Prevention Review & CHPI Investment plan for 2015-2019 by September 2014



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