

Overview: Recommendations to Support Emergency Shelter System Interim Plan

Sector / Intervention:	Pre-COVID (as of Feb. 2020)	During COVID-19 (March 2020- December 2022) ¹	Recommendations Outlined in HSC20020(f)			
			Interim Approach – up to Dec. 31, 2022	Interim Approach – up to March 31, 2023	Recommended Interim Funding	Post-COVID Permanent State
Emergency sheltering:						
Family Emergency Shelter	20 rooms; 80 beds	no change	no change	TBD	-	TBD
Family Hotel Overflow	25 families	105 rooms	30 families	30 families	-	30 families
Single Men's Emergency Shelter	194 beds	262 beds	198 beds	198 beds	\$3.062M	TBD
Single Women's Emergency Shelter	46 beds	119 beds	46 beds	46 beds	-	TBD
Single Women's Hotel Overflow	N/A	56 rooms	0	0	-	0
Youth Emergency Shelter	21 beds	no change	no change	no change	-	TBD
Additional Flex Capacity Hotel Overflow (incl. Security and Damages costs)	N/A	121 rooms (Men/Women/Couples) ²	86 rooms	0	\$500 K	0
Cathedral Women's Shelter	0 beds	Up to 100 beds	Up to 100 beds	Up to 100 beds	\$1 M	0
Men's Shelter Overflow	0 beds	Up to 24 beds	Up to 24 beds	Up to 24 beds	\$175 K	0
Drop-in and extreme weather supports:						
Drop-Ins	3 drop-in programs funded ³	6 drop-in programs funded ⁴	Extend drop-in funding to March 31, 2023		\$735 K	TBD
Winter Response	N/A	Winter Response Fund and 3 cold weather response warming centres	N/A	N/A	-	TBD
Indigenous Specific Supports						
Indigenous Emerging Needs Fund	N/A	Financial support for the Coalition of Hamilton Indigenous Leadership (CHIL) to address immediate, time sensitive needs which serve to directly prevent and address homelessness experienced by Indigenous community members of Hamilton.	N/A		N/A	TBD
Indigenous Identified and Led Solutions through COVID-19	Through COVID-19, the City has continued to allocate 20% of federal homelessness program funding to Indigenous-led interventions selected by the Indigenous Community Advisory Board, an arrangement that was developed in 2004 between the two Community Entities to respond to the disproportionate rate of homelessness among Indigenous people in our community.		<i>No change</i> – continue with allocation of 20% of all federal homelessness program funding to Indigenous-led interventions selected by the Indigenous Community Advisory Board.			
Additional elements funded during COVID-19:						
Ancillary Supports to COVID-19 Homelessness Response	N/A	i.e. enhanced City of Hamilton staffing and case management, cleaning, security, food, client transportation and associated services	N/A	N/A	-	TBD

¹ Shelter capacity fluctuated during COVID-19; numbers listed were the peak capacity.

² Number of rooms fluctuated, as well as demographics, and served a combination of single women, single men, and/or couples during COVID-19.

³ As directed by Council, drop-ins (Carol Ann's Place, Willow's Place and Wesley Drop-in) were provided with one-time wind-down funding to end services by March 31, 2020.

⁴ COVID response extended funding levels for existing drop-ins, while providing new funding to 3 additional drop-in programs: The Hub, Living Rock and Hamilton Regional Indian Centre (HRIC).

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Capital Improvements to Shelters and Drop-ins	N/A	5 projects supported ⁵	N/A	N/A	-	TBD
Isolation Services	N/A	5 new locations established/operated to support individuals and families ⁶	N/A	N/A	-	N/A
Additional Congregate Setting Outbreak Supports	N/A	Additional funding to agencies for staffing, PPE, cleaning and COVID-19 supplies specific to active outbreaks	N/A	N/A	-	N/A
RCF COVID-19 Supports	N/A	Additional funding to operators for staffing, PPE, cleaning and COVID-19 supplies	N/A	N/A	-	N/A
Social Housing Providers	N/A	PPE support	N/A	N/A	-	N/A
COVID-19 Grants for Social Service Providers and Community Organizations	N/A	39 programs received funding through the COVID-19 grants stream to support efforts and services affected by COVID-19	N/A	N/A	-	N/A
Rent Ready	N/A	Additional funding to create a temporary enhanced Housing Stability Program that supports Ontario Disability Support Program, Ontario Works recipients and people with low income to maintain their housing			-	TBD
Housing Allowances	N/A	New Housing allowances for clients of City funded Intensive Case Management (ICM) programs			-	TBD

⁵ Specific COVID-19 funding for retrofits to support Infection Prevention and Control Canada (IPAC) guidelines; permanent enhancements to the facilities.

⁶ Isolation services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness who tested positive for COVID-19, as well as close contacts of positive cases. Additional isolation space was also provided for: staff from shelters or healthcare settings who could not safely return home while working during an outbreak without putting other members of their household at risk; and, isolation space for members of the general public who tested positive or were deemed close contacts and could not isolate in their home.