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Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative

**Emergency and Community Services Committee
November 25, 2013**

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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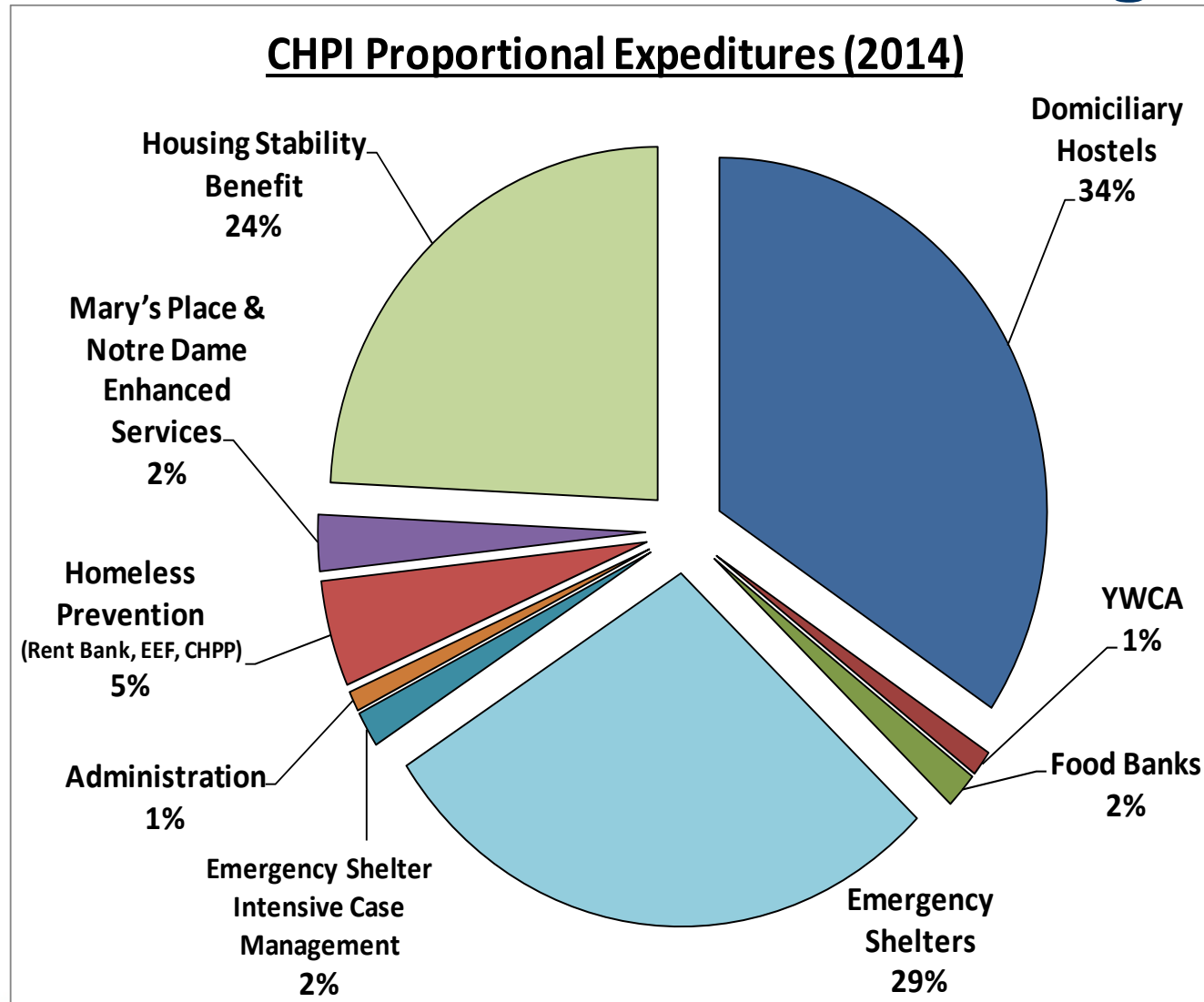
CHPI: 2014 Recommended Budget

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	\$3,605,385 - CHPI Base \$1,592,755 – Pressure
YWCA	\$250,000	CHPI 2013 Surplus	DOOR Reserve	Not yet identified
Food Bank	\$350,000	SSIR Reserve	DOOR Reserve	Not yet identified
Total	\$21,479,430			



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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)



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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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