

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE

The Ontario Government has made affordable housing a priority. The Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario program was introduced in April 2012, to provide rent supports to low income residents.

To be eligible for rent supports through the Affordable Housing Initiative, households must be on, or eligible to be on, social housing wait lists or have a gross household income that falls below the Low Income Cut-Off (LICO). Households currently living in subsidized units are not eligible for this benefit. Applicants must be in rental units that don't exceed the average Market Rent for the area and in a satisfactory state of repair and self-contained. The subsidy is dependent on the current cost of rent and utilities. The maximum benefit that is available per unit is \$300.

### LICO Rates

2012	Rural	Less than 30,000 residents
1 person	16,279	18,520
2 persons	20,266	23,055
3 persons	24,914	28,343
4 persons	30,250	34,414
5 persons	34,308	39,031
6 persons	38,695	44,021

### TO APPLY:

Applicants, not receiving Social Assistance, should contact the local KDSB Office and request an appointment to speak with the Duty Worker to discuss applying for this benefit. Please bring a copy of your current Tax Assessment, rent receipt and copies of current utility bills.

Applicants receiving Social Assistance should speak with their Case Manager about the benefit.

### REQUIREMENTS:

If your application is approved you will be required to meet with a Case Manager and develop a plan and set goals to 'move forward'. You will meet with your Case Manager on a monthly basis and provide proof that rent and utilities are paid in full each month. If these receipts are not provided or it is noted that rent and utility bills have not been paid, the Affordable Housing Initiative benefit will be forfeited.