

Directive

Directive: Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) Funded Rent Supplement Units

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Applicable Policy: N/A

Type: Operational

The policies and procedures in this Directive are to be implemented by Housing Providers/Cooperatives funded by the Municipality under the following programs.

Provincial Non-Profit Housing Providers

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gananoque Family Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Gananoque Housing Inc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legion Village 96 Seniors Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Twp. of Bastard & South Burgess Housing Corp. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brockville Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corp. | <input type="checkbox"/> South Crosby Non-Profit Housing Corp. – Pineview |

Federal Non-Profit Housing Providers

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Athens & District Non-Profit Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Marguerita Residence Corp. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gananoque Housing Inc. | <input type="checkbox"/> South Crosby Non-Profit Housing Corp. – Rideau Lakes |

Federal/Provincial Cooperative Housing

- Shepherds Green Cooperative Homes Inc.

Housing Providers with Rent Geared-to-Income Service Agreements

- Athens & District Non-Profit Housing (RGI Service Agreement)
- Gananoque Housing Inc. (RGI Service Agreement)
- Marguerita Residence Corp. (RGI Service Agreement)
- South Crosby Non-Profit Housing Corp. - Rideau Lakes Apartments (RGI Service Agreement)
- Rent Supplement Program, including Housing Providers with expired Federal Operating Agreements

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Other Housing Providers

- Leeds Grenville Housing Department**

BACKGROUND

The Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) funding provides assistance to community housing providers through service managers, to address challenges associated with projects reaching the end of their operating agreements and/or mortgage maturity. COCHI offers various program streams, including a rent supplement program under the operating funding program component. The program guidelines for this funding require that rent supplement program recipients be notified of the funding administration and cost sharing.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to notify housing providers of their requirement to notify recipients of COCHI funded rent supplement assistance of the funding source.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

All housing providers that provide COCHI funded rent supplement units must notify all new and current tenants in receipt of this assistance by including the following paragraph in an initial Eligibility Letter or a Subsidy Renewal Letter:

“Your rent supplement subsidy is cost shared between the federal and municipal governments and is administered by the Provincial government through the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) under the National Housing Strategy.”

REFERENCE

Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) & Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) Program Guidelines, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, May 2019.

LEGISLATION

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