

The Homelessness Prevention Benefit assists low-income households within Leeds and Grenville to obtain and retain housing, and to support those at risk of homelessness remain housed.

Benefits

The following items may be funded through the Homelessness Prevention Benefit:

- Utility hook-up fees;
- Utility arrears, such as hydro, water, fuel, propane, wood;
- Last month’s rent, rent arrears
- Moving costs, storage, appliances
- Bed bug treatment item replacement

The maximum Homelessness Prevention Benefit (HPB) that may be issued within a 24-month period is up to:

- \$950.00 for a one person household;
- \$1,800.00 for an individual exiting an institution or emergency shelter and requiring start-up costs; or
- \$1,800.00 for households with more than one person.

Eligibility

Net household income must be within the Household Income Limit chart:

Household Income Limits				
1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5+ Persons
\$25,000	\$34,250	\$38,000	\$43,500	\$54,000

All liquid assets of the applicant/household must be disclosed, verified, and used to address the issue at hand.

Applicants must exhaust all other resources prior to applying for the HPB, such as the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program, discretionary benefits if OW/ODSP.

Other program eligibility criteria apply. For more information or to apply for the Homelessness Prevention Benefit, please contact:

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 United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
 25 Central Ave West, Suite 200
 Brockville, ON
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613-342-3840 or 1-800-267-8146, extension 2129

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