

# HOUSING INFORMATION

## **If you are on Ontario Works (OW) or Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and at risk of losing your housing:**

### **Housing Stabilization Fund (HSF):**

HSF grants are like rent bank grants but can pay for more things like moving or buying new furniture after having bed bugs. Migrants living in Toronto may qualify.

To learn more and see if you qualify for HSF, **speak to your caseworker.**

## **If you are lower income but not on OW or ODSP:**

### **Rent Bank:**

- Rent bank grants can help pay for arrears or rent deposits
- To get a grant you must:
  - Have a low income and little savings
  - Pay rent that fits your budget

The grant may not cover all costs.

To learn more, call **416-397-7368**

## **If you live in a Rent-Geared to Income (RGI) building:**

### **Housing Hub:**

When you live in RGI housing, you need to submit forms about your income every year. Housing Hubs can help you with this.

- Housing Hubs in the York Weston Pelham Area:
  - Unison Health and Community Services- **416-653-5400**
  - COSTI- **416-244-0480**

## **If you are lower income (on OW, ODSP, working, etc.):**

### **Low Income Energy Assistant Program (LEAP):**

- For people behind on bills and at risk of losing electricity or natural gas
- Up to \$650 for gas; \$780 for electricity
- Must prove you are low income

To learn more, call Unison-**416-653-5400** or COSTI-**416-244-0480**

### **Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP):**

OESP gives you credit on your electric bill, so you pay less.

- **If you are on OW or ODSP:** Talk to your caseworker
- **If you are not on OW or ODSP:** You must prove you are low income
- You can apply online at [oesp.ca](http://oesp.ca)

To learn more, call Unison- **416-653-5400** or COSTI- **416-244-0480**

## **If you want or need to move:**

If you are at risk of being homeless, or need to leave a violent or threatening home, please reach out. Call Unison- **416-653-5400** or COSTI- **416-244-0480**

If you want to speak to someone about your housing challenges, call the Canadian Centre for Housing Rights. They have services for renters in Ontario.

Call CCHR- **416-944-0087**