
Province to Invest in Program to Prevent Homelessness
Local Poverty Reduction Fund Supports Community-Driven Poverty Solutions

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Ontario is supporting Home Suite Hope Shared Living in developing community-based solutions to help single mothers who are at risk of homelessness.

Through the [Local Poverty Reduction Fund](#), Ontario is investing up to \$355,500 over three years in [Home Suite Hope's](#) Homeward Bound Halton program. The program provides homeless single mothers with affordable housing, a childcare subsidy and a fully funded college education and internship. With the support of the Local Poverty Reduction Fund, Home Suite Hope will evaluate the effectiveness of its holistic, housing-first approach in helping single mothers find sustainable employment and become financially self-sufficient.

Evidence gathered from this project and others will be used to support poverty reduction programs across the province that have been proven to work and that can expand over time.

Fighting poverty is part of the government's economic plan for Ontario. The four-part plan is building Ontario up by investing in people's talents and skills, building new public infrastructure like roads and transit, creating a dynamic, innovative environment where business thrives and building a secure savings plan.

QUOTES

"With this funding, Home Suite Hope Shared Living will be able to evaluate its holistic service delivery model and help us learn more about what approaches are making a difference for single mothers facing homelessness in communities across Ontario."

— Deb Matthews, Deputy Premier, President of the Treasury Board and Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy

"Home Suite Hope is a valuable community partner in helping to eradicate homelessness. With this funding from the Ontario government, Home Suite Hope will be able to continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the women and children in our community who need it most."

—Kevin Flynn, MPP Oakville

"Home Suite Hope partners with the community to help low-income single parents leave poverty behind. The funding from the Ontario Government will enable us to expand our investments in effective homelessness intervention strategies."

—Michelle Pommells, President & CEO, Home Suite Hope

QUICK FACTS

- The Local Poverty Reduction Fund is a \$50-million, six-year initiative that supports community-driven projects which measurably improve the lives of those disproportionately affected by poverty, including: women, single parents, people with disabilities, youth, newcomers, visible minorities, seniors and Aboriginal Peoples.
- Organizations have two more opportunities to apply for funding in 2016 and 2017.

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