

# PREVENTION OF HOMELESSNESS SUPPORTS: REACHING HOME PROGRAM

INITIATIVE PROVIDED BY SOOKE SHELTER SOCIETY



## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Reaching Home Program is an initiative aimed at providing individuals and families in identified at-risk groups of homelessness to find shelter and/or maintain their housing. We work with single parents, youth transitioning out of foster care, women who have experienced violence or are at risk of violence, individuals leaving the correctional or hospital systems, and individuals and families at immediate risk of homelessness.

**Cost:** None. Services are free.

**Note:** Rental supplements are intended to be temporary.

## HOW DO I KNOW IF I SHOULD APPLY?

We encourage people to apply if they meet the following minimum criteria:

- Current resident of BC
- Show that the household is low-to-moderate income
- Evidence that the financial assistance will stabilize your housing beyond the immediate crisis

## WILL I HAVE TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTS?

To determine eligibility, it is likely that you will be asked to provide:

- A copy of your rental/tenancy agreement
- Two-three months of bank statements
- Copy of utility bill
- Landlord contact information

## IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE AND APPROVED, THE PROGRAM CAN ASSIST WITH:

- Your rent
- Your damage deposit
- Costs that help you secure housing (for example, getting identification)
- Transportation to a housing opportunity
- Ensuring access to utilities (for example, heat and water)
- Home start-up items
- Food security

## YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RENT ASSISTANCE IF:

If you are already receiving a subsidy

## WHO TO CONTACT?

Contact the Outreach/Case Management Worker at 250-858-4279 or go to 6750 West Coast Rd (Sooke Shelter Society - Hope Centre) and ask to speak to staff.

Outreach staff will ask a few questions about your situation and income to determine your eligibility.

Please contact Sooke Shelter Society for full details or email Megan at [megan.kowal@sookeshelter.org](mailto:megan.kowal@sookeshelter.org) to determine what you are eligible for.



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