Rent Supplement Program

What is the Affordable Housing Initiative (AHI)?

The Affordable Housing Initiative is an approximately $50 million, five-year joint venture of the federal and provincial governments, developed to increase the supply of affordable rental units and new housing available in Manitoba. This will be achieved by supporting the development of new rental and homeowner units, offering a repair/conversion option, homebuyer down payment assistance and rent supplements.

What is the New AHI Rent Supplement program?

The Rent Supplement program helps low-income families, elderly and special needs households obtain affordable, adequate and suitable housing in the private rental sector and in non-profit affordable housing projects renovated or developed under the AHI. The provincial government will enter into agreements with owners/operators of private rental stock that has been renovated or developed under the AHI, to subsidize a portion of the units in the rental property. The province subsidizes the difference between the approved market rental rate charged by the landlord and the rent-geared-to-income (RGI) paid by the qualifying tenant.

Who is eligible for the Rent Supplement Program?

An eligible tenant must:
- have a total household income less than the Housing Income Limit (HIL) set annually by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)
- be a permanent legal resident of Canada
- be 18 years of age or older, and
- hold a valid Manitoba Health Registration Card bearing their name

How are Rent Supplement program benefits paid?

The amount of Rent Supplement is the difference between the RGI and the approved market rent for the affordable housing unit.

The MHRC pays the housing project the monthly rent supplement and the tenant pays rent as usual.

Where do I get more information on the Rent Supplement program?

For more information and application forms, please call 945-5566 in Winnipeg or toll-free in Manitoba 1-866-689-5566.

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