Saskatchewan Community Resources

Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement

The Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement includes two benefits:

- Family Rental Housing Supplement
- Disability Rental Housing Supplement

The supplements are part of the larger *HomeFirst* initiative and the *Building Independence* strategy. The Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement helps low-income renting families and individuals to access quality and affordable housing. The **Supplement** is available to low-income people whether they are working or not.

HomeFirst is a key component of the Government of Saskatchewan's long-term vision that all citizens have homes that promote health, independence, security and dignity. This is a \$200 million five-year strategy that will bring safe, affordable housing within reach to thousands of low-income Saskatchewan people.

The Family Rental Housing Supplement

- Eligibility is limited to families with children under the age of 18.
- Family composition, location, rent, and household income determine the amount of the supplement.
- Eligible properties must meet specific health and safety requirements.

Maximum monthly Supplement ranges for single and two parent families:

- 1-2 Children \$119/month
- 3-4 Children \$136/month
- 5+ Children \$151/month

The Disability Rental Housing Supplement

• Eligibility is open to single individuals, couples without children and families. The supplement is conditional upon one member having a disability that produces a recognized housing impact. These impacts are self-assessed by the applicants.

- Supports that address the housing impact of the disability must be in place at the time of the application.
- Recognized disability-related housing supports:
 - Accessibility/location supports ramps, elevators, street-level entrances, widened doorways, required supportive services such as living in close proximity to a supportive neighbour, family member or transportation/shopping services;
 - Other physical supports/features such as audio or visual alarms, intercoms, grab bars, bath lifts, lowered counters, enhanced ventilation, lighting, security or reduced noise/soundproofing.
- Family composition, location, rent and household income determine the amount of the supplement.
- Eligible properties must meet specific health and safety requirements.

Maximum monthly Supplement ranges are:

- Single Individual \$150/month
- Couples without children \$150/month
- **Families \$227/month** (when combined with the family supplement)

Applications for the **Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement** are taken over the phone through the *Building Independence* Contact Centre. To better serve people with cognitive disabilities who may require more varied housing supports, a paper application and accompanying program guide are available.

For further information, to complete a pre-assessment for the Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement, or to obtain an application and program guide, please call our Building Independence Contact Centre at 1-888-488-6385 to speak with one of our Client Service Specialists. In Regina, applicants can call 787-4723 or 787-1090 if TTY is required. TTY users outside of Regina can call 1-800-663-9052.

The application and program guide are also available on the department website at www.cr.gov.sk.ca

The Contact Centre is open:

Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.