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Commercial Rent Supplement	Provincial	Eligible households from the centralized waiting list administered by Housing Connections	Long-term rent-gear-to-income units filled through the centralized waiting list	Tenant pays rent geared to their income	1,457	Part of City of Toronto Service Level Standard in Housing Services Act
Strong Communities Rent Supplement	Provincial	<p>Currently most new households are selected from eligible households on the centralized waiting list administered by Housing Connections. In the past, target groups for this program included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former 'Tent City' residents • Applicants who were not eligible under the original victims of violence priority as approved by the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) approval committee • Frequent shelter users and households in supportive housing transitioning to independent living (200 units) • Referrals from agencies approved through the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care • Referrals from agencies approved through the MCSS for clients with developmental disabilities 	<p>Service Managers were not required to fill units based on the SHRA. The City of Toronto took a mixed approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term, rent-gear-to-income units filled mostly through the centralized waiting list. • Worked with the province and local priorities to fill units outside of the centralized waiting list. 	Tenant pays rent geared to their income	1,247 – unit total is an estimate. Program funding is an actual dollar target set annually by Service Manager	2023
Housing Allowance Toronto Pilot Program	Provincial/ Municipal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Originally for individuals living in shelters, youth supported by Children's Aid and similar • Program rules were expanded to include an in situ subsidy for seniors paying market rent with private landlords and with non-profit housing providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed through the work of Toronto Community Foundation, Greater Toronto Apartment Association and Toronto Community Housing, along with the City of Toronto • Program adjusted to better meet the needs of applicants • Senior participants did not have to move from their current unit to participate in the program 	Allowance was originally a discount from the landlord that was matched by Housing Connections. The program for seniors was a maximum of \$195	320	<p>Expired March 31, 2011.</p> <p>The remaining households were transferred to the Short-term Rent Support Program.</p>

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Canada-Ontario-Toronto Housing Allowance Program	Federal/ Provincial/ Municipal	<p>Clients referred by Toronto Employment and Social Services, Children's Aid Societies, Streets to Homes, Hostel Services and violence against women funded agencies, and were one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single parents receiving social assistance who were working, or involved in education/employment training programs • Victims of violence • Current and former wards of Children's Aid Societies • Homeless aboriginal individuals • Homeless individuals with immuno-compromised conditions • Homeless youth enrolled in education/employment training • Participants in the Transitions to Employment Program • Shelter residents and Streets to Homes participants • Homeless individuals leaving the criminal justice system <p>Applicants from the centralized waiting list with employment income who were paying more than 40 per cent of their income towards rent.</p>	<p>Participants were required to move from their current housing to a pre-approved unit with an approved landlord.</p> <p>A targeting plan was developed in direct response to a Street Needs Assessment and was very specific.</p> <p>Housing Connections piloted a number of concepts to assess viability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed a voucher-style program empowering applicants to find their own landlords and bring them into the program. • Developed a 'choice-based' pilot securing units with eligible landlords, sharing information on units with applicants and community partners. Applicants applied for units and the eligible household with the earliest application date was referred to the unit. 	<p>Originally was a maximum of \$350 (for bachelor, 1 bedroom or 2 bedroom units) and \$450 (for 3 or 4 bedroom units).</p> <p>This was increased to a maximum of \$450 and \$550.</p>	<p>Original allocation of 1,800 units was reduced to 1,300 units when 500 units were converted to eligible capital projects.</p>	<p>This five-year program ends in March 31, 2013.</p> <p>Participants who have already reached their five years in the program have been transferred to the Short-term Rent Support Program.</p> <p>Participants remaining at the end of 2012 and into 2013 were provided information to apply to the Toronto Transitional Housing Allowance Program (TTHAP)</p>
Affordable housing	Municipal	<p>Individual agreements with developers that may include targets groups (i.e. seniors, people with disabilities, etc.) with each agreement requiring developers to target low-income households.</p> <p>Housing Connections supports the developers by doing outreach to applicants on the centralized waiting list.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No monthly allowance • Affordable market rent agreements with developers continue to evolve to ensure high need and low-income households are provided opportunities to apply for this housing. 	<p>Reduced rent resulting from capital funding received to reduce the cost of development.</p>	<p>300 (to date)</p>	<p>(ongoing)</p>

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<i>At Home/Chez Soi</i> Supportive Housing Project	Federal/ Mental Health Commission of Canada	People experiencing homelessness and mental health issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support agencies assist with maintaining housing, and check in regularly with clients • Project permitted participants to move once they were housed • National research demonstration project • Additional funding was provided for housing-related expenses including tenant insurance, moving, etc. 	\$600 paid directly to the landlord	300	<p>March 31, 2013</p> <p>Housing and support funding has been committed by the Ministry of Health beyond March 31, 2013.</p>
Short-term Rent Support Direct Program	Provincial	Applicants on the centralized waiting list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowance is paid directly to the participants by the Ministry of Finance • Program applications go directly to the Ministry of Finance • Moving away from income eligibility assessment, separate and apart from income tax 	\$180	3,250	<p>December 31, 2012</p> <p>Participants remaining were provided information to apply to the TTHAP Program.</p>
Short-term Rent Support Shared Program	Provincial	Target groups from the City of Toronto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants can choose their own unit • Portable • In situ or new unit 	\$250 for most participants and \$350 for VAW participants	455	<p>March 31, 2013</p> <p>Participants remaining were provided information to apply to the TTHAP Program.</p>

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Toronto Transitional Housing Allowance Program (TTHAP)	Provincial- Federal Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) Program	<p>There are three City Council-approved target groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition to Employment group – 1,350 households participating in employment programs. Clients are referred from Toronto Employment and Social Services (TESS) employment programs and the Transition to Employment team at Shelter, Support and Housing Administration. • Next Steps to Housing group -250 homeless clients referred from SSHA hostels and the Streets to Homes program • Homelessness prevention – 2,000 households currently participating in housing allowance programs (COTHAP & STRSP) that expired in 2012 or are set to expire in 2013. <p>There is no direct application for the program. Clients can only be referred through the agencies listed above.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only the clients in the target groups are eligible • Clients must have filed a Canadian Tax return in the previous years (with some exceptions) • Rent cannot exceed average market rents for the year • Payments will be issued directly to the clients • Payments to the landlord will be available for Next Steps to Housing clients. • Allowance is available in current home or it is portable should the client decide to move to another rental unit 	\$250 or \$400/month depending on the client group. It is intended to provide transitional support	3,600 households	In 2017 (five-year program from late 2012-2017)