

# **HOUSING PROVIDER BULLETIN**

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## **HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, ENERGY EMERGENCY FUND AND RENT BANK PROGRAM**

Homelessness Prevention Program, Energy Emergency Fund and Rent Bank Program, operated by the Salvation Army, provide one-time financial assistance to eligible individuals and families across the Region to prevent eviction, pay for utility arrears or establish households in appropriate housing.

This service has been designed to provide assistance to low-income individuals and families who are not in receipt of Ontario Works (OW) or Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) assistance, and who are at risk of losing their homes or whose utilities have been or are in the process of being disconnected. Individuals in receipt of OW or ODSP may consult their caseworker for similar supports.

Non-monetary support is also provided in the form of referrals to other services to stabilize at risk households. These include budget counselling, food bank assistance, family counselling, etc.

Tenants/members must apply directly to the Salvation Army and undergo an interview to qualify for support. The contact information and an outline of the requirements for the Homelessness Prevention Program, Energy Emergency Fund and Rent Bank Program are included in the brochure attached to this Bulletin. The brochure can also be found on the York Region's Web site [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca).