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4.3 Invest in housing allowances to support flexible, permanent housing stability for individuals

CMHA Middlesex receives rent supplements from the Ministry of Health. In recent years CMHA received 2015/2016 = 19; 2016/2017 = 17; and 2017/2018 = 16 new rent supplements with the addition of some staffing from the LHIN for support within housing.

2018/2019 Housing Allowances – City of London provided an additional $1.6M over 4 years to support additional housing allowances & supplements

The National Housing Strategy was announced in November 2017 which our community advocated strongly for. The National Housing Strategy is the largest and most ambitious federal housing program in Canadian history. Over the next decade, it will invest $55+ billion to build stronger communities and help Canadians across the country access a safe, affordable home.

As a component of the National Housing Strategy, the federal government committed to introducing a new $4 billion Canada Housing Benefit (CHB) that would provide affordability support directly to families and individuals in housing need. At the time, the government estimated that once fully enacted in 2020, the Benefit would deliver an average of $2,500 per year to eligible households.