Homelessness Prevention & Housing

4.8 Increase physical accessibility in affordable housing

Universal Design for New Housing Units
Universal design creates housing that can work for everyone. It makes housing accessible to those with disabilities. It also lets people stay in their homes as their circumstances change, without expensive renovations. Because a well-designed accessible unit doesn’t look different from a standard unit, it appeals to those who need special features and to those who don’t.

Universal Design for new housing units was introduced by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and has been incorporated by the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) in London on new construction builds being mindful of our changing demographics.

March of Dimes Canada (MODC)
MODC’s Home & Vehicle Modification Program provides funding for basic home and/or vehicle modifications, and is intended to assist permanent Ontario residents with a substantial impairment expected to last one year or more, with their disability management. By reducing or eliminating life safety risks, these modifications enable children and adults with mobility restrictions to continue living in their homes.

This program is only available in Ontario and is funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services. March of Dimes Canada administers the disability management program for Ontario residents. The MODC – South West Regional Office is located in London.
Housing Stability For All
The Housing Stability Action Plan for the City of London (2019–2024)
The Housing Stability Action Plan (Plan) defines the current environment and future needs of London and area. The Plan sets the new direction for the collective work of the community to address housing stability.

Strategic Area of Focus 2: Create More Housing Stock
Strategic Initiative 2.3: Increase supportive and specialized housing options.
2.3.a. Develop a supportive and specialized housing model based on unique needs and local priorities.
2.3.b. Work across sectors and systems to create supportive housing solutions for individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness.