

Saskatchewan Housing Benefit

Seeking Safety from Interpersonal Violence Stream

Fact Sheet

The Saskatchewan Housing Benefit - Seeking Safety from Interpersonal Violence (Seeking Safety) Stream provides a monthly benefit to help individuals fleeing interpersonal violence with their rent and utility costs.

The Saskatchewan Housing Benefit (SHB) is delivered by Saskatchewan Housing Corporation and co-funded by the Government of Canada and Government of Saskatchewan under the National Housing Strategy.

Eligibility

The SHB Seeking Safety Stream is for individuals fleeing interpersonal violence and are moving into independent housing in either the rental market or a housing co-operative, including individuals who are exiting an emergency shelter, transitional housing, or second-stage housing.

The benefit is available by referral only, through organizations approved by Saskatchewan Housing Corporation.

Individuals who receive Saskatchewan Income Support (SIS) or Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) benefits are eligible for this SHB stream.

The monthly benefit amount is based on household size:

	Single or couple	Single or couple with one dependant	Single or couple with two or more dependants
Monthly benefit amount	\$225	\$275	\$325

Referral

Only referring organizations approved by Saskatchewan Housing Corporation may refer their clients for the benefit. Referring organizations must have consent from the client before referring them for the benefit.

Important Information

- Clients who receive income assistance must contact their Planning and Support Specialist, Assured Income Specialist, or the Client Service Centre at 1-866-221-5200 to report their SHB benefit. If clients receive the Stabilization Benefit through SIS or the Excess Living Income Benefit through SAID, their benefits will be impacted.

- Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Eligible clients will receive the benefit for 12 months and may be eligible for a further 12 months if eligibility criteria is met and funding is available.
- Funding does not apply to:
 - on-reserve housing;
 - licensed facilities;
 - housing with rent geared to 30 per cent or less of household income; or
 - rental housing not covered under *The Residential Tenancies Act, 2006*.

More Information

If you have questions or would like more information about the Seeking Safety Stream, contact Saskatchewan Housing Corporation by phone at 1-844-787-4177, email SaskHousingBenefit@gov.sk.ca, or visit: www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/housing-and-renting/renting-and-leasing/saskatchewan-housing-benefit.