

Saskatchewan Housing Benefit Supportive Housing Stream

Fact Sheet

The Saskatchewan Housing Benefit – Supportive Housing Stream provides a monthly benefit to help individuals in supportive housing living arrangements 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 Supportive Housing Stream is for individuals who live in a Saskatchewan Housing Corporation-approved supportive housing unit where they receive on-site support services from the housing provider or a third-party service provider under agreement with the housing provider.

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

Approved organizations must provide supports that the client needs to stay successfully housed, including:

- individual and family counselling;
- mental health counselling and support;
- addictions management support and counselling;
- family support services (e.g. parenting skills, child development, reunification, family planning);
- elder support;
- adult mentoring;
- life-skills training;
- education
- vocational and employment support;
- home visits;
- programs for people with a physical or cognitive disability; or
- referrals to additional community support services.

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 dependent	Single or couple with two or more dependents
Monthly benefit amount	\$225	\$275	\$325

Eligible clients will receive the benefit while they live in an eligible supportive housing unit. Clients may move from one supportive housing unit to another eligible housing unit and continue to receive their benefit.

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.

The referring organization is responsible for confirming that the client is receiving eligible supports from the housing provider or a third-party service provider under agreement with the housing provider.

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.
- If approved, the client will receive the benefit for a 12-month period, as long as the client continues to meet the eligibility criteria and funding is available.
- If the client moves out of eligible housing, the 12-month benefit commitment ends; however, the client will receive the benefit for a four-month transitional period.

More Information

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