

CHPI and Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) Summary

Phase 1, 2 and 3

County Council May 11, 2021

CHPI



- Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) CHPI is a 100 per cent provincially-funded program that aims to prevent and end homelessness by improving access to adequate, suitable, and affordable housing and homelessness services for people experiencing homelessness and for people at-risk of homelessness.
- The County of Middlesex receives funding through the Provincial Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) as allocated by the CMSM.



CHPI Allocations

- For the 2019-2020 (April to March) Provincial funding allocation
 - County received \$113,000 to address key concerns for our most vulnerable and homeless population.
- For the 2020-2021 (April to March) Provincial funding allocation:
 - County received \$119,682
 - The CMSM received \$11,290,770
- For the 2021-2022 (April to March) Provincial Funding
 - County's allocation \$119,682

*County receives Approx. 1% of the CMSM allocation



CHPI

- CHPI in the past has included but not limited to the following items:
 - Payment of first and last month's rent
 - Ancillary costs (for example: moving costs, storage unit)
 - Deposit for utilities
 - Arrears for unpaid rent; and/or Utilities arrears
 - Pilot programs



CHPI

Funding Year 2021-22

Middlesex residents look to Social Services for help with basic needs and life stabilization.

- The CHPI plan will continue to include, but not limited to, the following items:
 - Payment of first and last month's rent
 - Ancillary costs (for example moving costs, storage unit)
 - Deposit for utilities
 - Arrears for unpaid rent; and/or Utilities arrears
 - Pilot program with Library
 - Community Navigator
- The funding may also include emergency supports for individuals are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless:
 - food insecurity
 - supports for seniors
 - other vulnerable populations in isolation.

SSRF Phase One

In March 2020, in response to COVID-19, Ontario announced an initial investment of \$148 million to support municipalities, food banks, homeless shelters and individuals.

- The County received \$36,825.86 from the Provincial Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF Phase I).
- The CMSM allocation was \$3,475,300
- These funds were allocated to protect the health and safety of the province's most vulnerable people during Covid-19. Funds were directed at supporting people in community housing, supportive housing, food programs, people with low incomes and those experiencing homelessness.
- SSRF Phase 1 funding will flow through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI).

* Consistent with CHPI funding the County received approx. 1% of the CMSM allocation.

SSRF Phase One		
Community Program	\$ 7,966.00	22%
Food Bank	\$ 10,000.00	27%
Hotel Stay	\$ 16,927.92	46%
Other (ex: Local Transportation)	\$ 831.94	2%
Rent Arrears	\$ 1,100.00	3%
Grand Total	\$ 36,825.86	100%

Phase Two August 2020

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing provided CMSMs an additional opportunity to request funding in August 2020.


- The SSRF Phase 2 was intended to provide ongoing services and supports to address immediate pandemic needs of vulnerable people.
- These supports ranged from helping protect vulnerable people from COVID-19, protect homeless shelter staff and residents, expand rent support programming, provide temporary shelter and create longer-term housing solutions.

Phase Two August 2020 Business Case

- Prior to receiving SSRF Phase 2 funds, the CMSM was required to submit a business case to the Ministry by September 11, 2020.
- Similar to the initial SSRF funding provided in April 2020, SSRF Phase 2 funding flowed through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI).
- This one time funding had to be spent by March 31, 2021.

Phase Two Community Engagement

- In August 2020, Social Services reached out to community partners and lower tier municipalities to understand the impacts and financial challenges that Middlesex community agencies and residents have experienced during Covid-19.
- The information gathered was used to develop the business case submitted to the CMSM and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2.
- An application form was created for community providers to submit a request for the SSRF Phase 2 Funds



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Social Services Relief Fund

Request Form

DATE OF REQUEST:		
VENDOR/AGENCY:		
VENDOR/AGENCY ADDRESS:		
TYPE OF REQUEST:	<input type="checkbox"/> HOTEL/MOTEL <input type="checkbox"/> GROCERY CARDS <input type="checkbox"/> BASIC NEEDS/PPE <input type="checkbox"/> CELL PHONE/MINUTES	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION <input type="checkbox"/> RENTAL SUPPORTS <input type="checkbox"/> UTILITY SUPPORTS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
REQUEST HAS BEEN	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	
AMOUNT REQUESTED:		
PAYABLE TO: (Name, address etc.)		
NAME AND ID# (If applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> OW <input type="checkbox"/> ODSP <input type="checkbox"/> Non-OW/ODSP		
Reason for request:		

Requested by: _____

Approved for payment by: _____

Date: _____

If you have any have questions please call 519-434-7321 ext 2235
 To return a completed form please use the address above or email
socialservices@middlesex.ca

SSRF Phase Two Allocation

- The CMSM received \$6.3m for SSRF phase 2 (planning allocation)
- The final amount received by the County was \$344,584
 - Capital – \$65,000
 - Operating and other costs – \$279,584

Phase Two		
Food	\$ 2,434.43	1%
Hotel Stay	\$ 48,759.34	14%
LMR	\$ 1,307.69	0%
Rent Arrears	\$ 9,761.50	3%
Utility Arrears	\$ 5,482.49	2%
PPE	\$ 3,410.00	1.0%
Community Program	\$ 100,280.34	29%
Food Bank	\$ 22,500.00	6%
Operational Project	\$ 30,000.00	9%
Admin and other	\$ 57,370.95	17%
Capital Project Funds	\$ 65,000.00	19%
Grand Total	\$ 346,306.74	100%

SSRF Phase Three

The intention of SSRF Phase 3 is to continue to help a diverse range of vulnerable people to meet their short-term critical needs.

This additional funding to Service Managers will allow staff and community partners to continue providing these supports in our communities:

- Maintain, monitor and improve:
 - infection prevention control measures while there is community transmission
 - risk of transmission in congregate care settings such as emergency shelter/housing
- Ensure stability in the homelessness sector:
 - continuing current services
 - supports that address the negative impact of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic on vulnerable households
 - general impact on Ontario's economic recovery

SSRF Phase Three

In March 2021, The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing notified the CMSM about additional provincial funding being offered through the third phase of Ontario's Social Service Relief Fund (SSRF).

- CMSM to receive an additional \$5,567,813 in provincial funding.
- To receive this funding, the Ministry required a completed Investment Plan by March 22, 2021.
- Capital funding was not included in the Phase 3 application
- The County's Investment Plan included a request for \$431,818.02 in operating funds.
- The Phase 3 allotment must be spent by December 31st, 2021.

Phase Three

Hotels	\$ 128,125.80	30%
Whatever it takes fund	\$ 33,615.00	8%
Eviction/cut off prevention/LMR/Rental Deposits	\$ 25,000.00	6%
MCHB (Middlesex County Housing Benefit)	\$ 67,500.00	16%
Transportation for Medical/Covid related needs	\$ 120,000.00	28%
Housing Support Worker - CMHA and Rooms	\$ 45,000.00	10%
Admin and other Costs	\$ 12,577.22	3%
Total Amount of Original Request	\$ 431,818.02	100%

Sustainability

- The additional Provincial Social Service Relief Funds (SSRF) have been very beneficial to address homeless issues during COVID.
- These SSRF allocations have been a one time only funding opportunity.
- In 2022 the County will go back to only receiving the annual CHPI allocation.

Community Concerns

The need for homelessness supports and programs have increased and the expectation is they will continue to increase.

Other issues that impact vulnerable populations:

- Lack of social and affordable housing
- High rental rates – no subsidized rental supports (COHB)
- Transportation to find accommodations and to access emergency provisions (food banks, vaccine sites)
- Requirement of first and last months rent when applying
- Other than Women's Rural Resource Centre (WRRC) there are no emergency shelters or 'out of the cold' programs in the County

Questions

