

Supplementary Budget – Briefing Note

2019 Budget

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Briefing Note required for:

- items >\$50,000
- changes in FTE
- Corporate Strategic Initiatives

Dept	Division	Business Unit	Item	Base Supp	Amount	FTE Impact
CHS	Housing Services	Public Housing Tenant Relations	Portable Housing Benefit	S	\$239,280	0.0
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Background:

On October 1, 2018 Council received an information report and presentation on the Chatham-Kent Housing & Homelessness 2017 Progress Report (Year 4 of a 10 Year Plan). It is noted on page 18 of the Progress Report, available at the following web link: that households on the waitlist for social housing had increased from 457 at Dec. 31/16 to 650 at Dec. 31/17; at Sep. 30/18 the number of households waiting for housing assistance had increased to 813. The Progress Report is available on the Income and Support page of the Chatham-Kent website.

Comment:

155501-69132-SHPHB Establish a two-year budget for a Social Housing Portable Housing Benefit: estimate for
 16 singles @ \$300 per month x 24 months = \$ 115,200 plus
10 families @ \$517 per month x 24 months = \$ 124,080
 26 households in total x 24 months = \$239,280

Currently wait times for housing assistance is three years on average. The number of households assisted needs to be expanded. Housing Services has sufficient savings in the Stage 2 – PNP expenditure lines to offset this cost. However, because it is a Stage 1 – Public Housing program, internal corporate financial policy does not allow those savings to be directly attributed to cover the cost of this program recommendation. With Council approval, this is in effect what will happen (returning the savings to expand the number of households being assisted by Housing Services).

Wait Times Averages for RGI Offer in Chatham-Kent at October 12, 2018

Unit Size	Chatham	Wallaceburg	Other Communities
1 Bedroom	3.75 years	2 years	2.3 years
2 Bedrooms	1.5 years	1 year	1 year
3 Bedrooms	1.5 years	1.5 years	3 years
4 Bedrooms	No Data	4.5 years	No Data

