

Feed Ontario Endorsement

Feed Ontario endorses Daily Bread Food Bank's recommendation that the Government of Ontario amend Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) rules to allow program recipients who lose their housing to retain access to their shelter allowance to help secure new housing in the future.

Under current social assistance rules in Ontario, when recipients lose their housing, they also lose their shelter allowance, creating a significant barrier to securing new housing. As a result, program recipients have fewer resources available to cover upfront housing costs, like first and last month's rent, at a time when they need them the most.

To address this barrier, Daily Bread Food Bank is calling on the Province to establish a mechanism, such as a reserve account, that would allow shelter allowance funds to be retained while a person is without a fixed address. Once housing is secured, the accumulated funds would be available to put toward rent and other eligible housing-related costs.

With homelessness, housing instability, and food insecurity affecting communities across Ontario, this practical change could remove a significant barrier to housing and support greater stability for people receiving social assistance across the province.

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