

Ontario Renovates

The Ontario Renovates Component of the Investment in Affordable Housing program is designed to provide assistance to qualifying homeowners with the cost of essential repairs to their homes. The repairs intend to bring the home up to an acceptable standard while improving energy efficiency as well as reducing physical barriers for occupants with disabilities through accessibility modifications.

All residents of the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB service area can be pre-screened for the Ontario Renovates Program by contacting any of the DSB offices and completing the Pre-Screening Process.

Office Locations

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB's programs and services Head office is located at:

210 Mead Boulevard
Espanola, P5E 1R9
(705)862-7850 or toll-free 1-800-667-3145
Fax for Head Office & Satellite locations:
(705) 862-7805 or toll-free 1-866-397-3334

Satellite offices are located in these communities:

Warren

*P.O. Box 219, 39 Lafontaine St., POH 2N0
(705)967-0639 or toll-free 1-877-213-4001*

Chapleau

*P.O. Box 1299, 12 Birch St.E, POM 1K0
(705)864-0430 or toll-free 1-877-245-5595*

Little Current

*9050 Hwy 6, Unit D, POP 1K0
(705)368-0238 or toll-free 1-800-690-5512*

*To inquire about services offered by the DSB call
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Conseil des Services du District de
Manitoulin-Sudbury
District Services Board



As Service Systems Manager for a number of social services programs aimed at empowering individuals to improve their circumstances, we believe that through investing in people, we are actively contributing to healthy communities - to their sustained social and economic vitality. The Ontario Renovates program is intended to improve the living conditions of households in need, foster independent living of seniors and persons with disabilities, increase the supply of affordable rental housing by providing assistance to create secondary suites in existing single family homes and to respect the environment and to realize savings that will improve housing affordability over the long term through the use of energy-saving products or systems.

Eligibility

Eligible client groups include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Seniors
- ▶ Persons with disabilities
- ▶ Victims of domestic violence
- ▶ Aboriginal people living off-reserve
- ▶ Residents of remote communities
- ▶ Low to moderate income singles and families

Household financial eligibility requirements:

- ▶ Combined household income limit below \$50,000
- ▶ Combined household asset limit below \$50,000
- ▶ Own the home and property that is their sole and principal residence with a market value below \$150,000
- ▶ Individuals applying must demonstrate that they have exhausted all other funding sources

Funding Details

Funding is provided in the form of a forgivable loan to the homeowner based on the cost of approved work items. The period of forgiveness for Home Repair projects is a minimum of 10 years with 10% of the loan being forgiven each year. If the homeowner is



in default of the loan or sells the property before the forgiveness period is over, then the remaining loan value must be repaid to the DSB.

Funding for accessibility repairs made to a home and/or unit, up to a maximum of \$5,000 is in the form of a contribution does not require repayment provided the funds are used for their intended purpose. Repairs must commence within 120 days of project approval.

Prioritization

There is a prioritization system in place ensuring that the funding is allocated appropriately.

Prioritization includes:

- ▶ Urgency of the required repair
- ▶ Lack of available income and/or assets on the part of the applicant
- ▶ Communities where there are no Social Housing or Non-Profit Housing
- ▶ First time applicants
- ▶ The funding will be distributed throughout the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB service area.