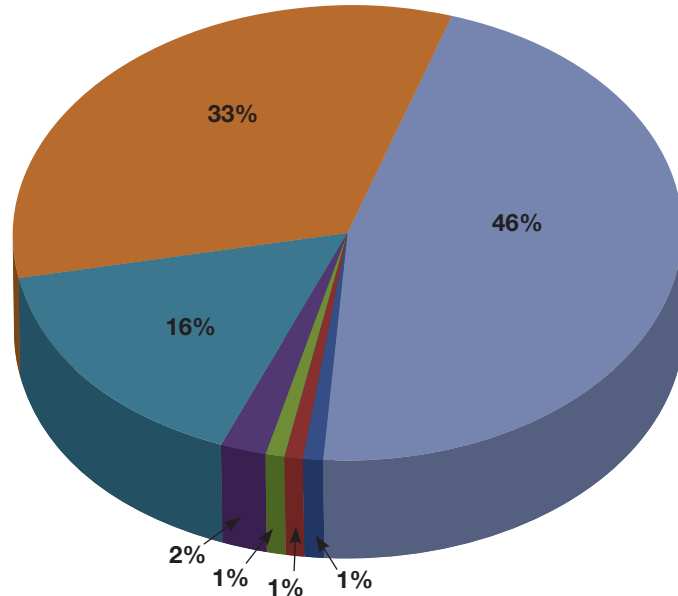


## Homeless Prevention

### Sustainable Housing Benefit 2017

Total of \$457,248 Provided

Moving Expenses \$2,560	Pest Control \$2,947
Maintenance of Equipment \$3,837	Beds/Appiances \$10,025
Rental Arrears \$73,378	Utility Assistance \$152,875
Last Month's Rent \$211,586	



### Investment in Affordable Housing Ontario

**Renovates:** This program allows homeowners to stay housed by providing a forgivable loan for repairs and renovations.

Categories	Number of Households Assisted
Windows and Doors	5
Roofs	6
Heating Systems	5
Insulation & Electrical	2
Fire Safety Systems	1
<b>Total Funds Distributed</b>	<b>\$212,789</b>

## Service Coordination and Community Partners

Partnerships enable us to stretch our resources so we can do even more throughout our buildings and community. The County continues to partner with agencies to help improve the lifestyle of tenants and residents.

**CP@clinic** Cp@clinic is a drop-in community-based health promotion program within the Grey County Housing buildings. CP@clinic focuses on the prevention of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and falls by providing assessments and health education, linking participants to community resources, and reporting results to the participant's family physician.

**Hope Grey Bruce** Grey County has partnered with Hope Grey Bruce to provide mental health outreach supports to tenants living in Grey County Housing. This pilot project helps tenants maintain tenancy and enhance their tenancy.

**Good Food Box** The Good Food Box program makes purchasing vegetables and fruit easy and affordable for everyone in the community. The box contains 10-15 different types of fresh fruits and vegetables each month. The produce included will vary by season. It operates September - June each year.

**VON In House Service** VON's Supportive Housing Program provides homemaking, personal support and/or attendant services to elderly individuals who live in supportive housing locations and who require services on a 24-hour basis. Sometimes one might need help to continue to live independently. VON staff assist with personal care, light housekeeping, meal preparation and laundry.

**Family Resource Centres** Grey County Housing operates two Family Resource centers in Owen Sound located on Alpha Street and one in Meaford located on Victoria Street. There have been many benefits for the residents of housing neighbourhood and improvements to the community since these were developed.

**Community Relations** Grey County Housing's Community Relations Workers link tenants to supports services based on the needs identified by the tenant. Currently over 20 community agencies partner with Grey County Housing.

**Y Housing** Y Housing provides services and supports to residents of Grey County in immediate need or a risk of losing their housing.

# Housing and Homelessness 2017 Report

# Grey County

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UP WITH **HOUSING!**

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## Highlights of Grey County Housing and Homelessness Plan

This annual report highlights the progress made on goals of the Grey County 10 – Year Housing and Homelessness plan in 2017.

### Grey County has identified four key strategic areas:

- Sustain and Create Affordable Housing
- Homelessness Prevention
- Transitional Housing
- Service Coordination and Collaboration

### Services & Programs Provided by Grey County:

- Providing households affordable housing, services and supports in Grey County and 10 Non-Profit housing providers
- Running Provincial Programs such as Ontario Renovates, Homeownership, Rents Supplement. [www.grey.ca/affordable-housing](http://www.grey.ca/affordable-housing) for more information
- Providing supports to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness
- Providing 70 people transitional housing
- Working with many community partners to provide supports to residents in need in Grey County.



Odawa Heights

## Sustain and Create Affordable Housing & Transitional Housing

### New affordable units: Owen Sound Housing Company building

- 28 units of housing
  - ▶ 22 affordable units
  - ▶ 6 market rent.

The units are expected to open summer 2018.

**Homeownership:** provides a 5% down payment for households to purchase a home

Households Assisted	22
Average Purchase Price	181,736
Average Down Payment Assistance	9,043
<b>Total Funds Distributed</b>	<b>198,950</b>

**Rent Supplement:** Grey County supports 75 rent supplements paid to private landlords to assist households by lowering their monthly rental cost making housing accommodations more affordable.

**Transitional Housing:** Grey County supports on average 70 units of transitional housing through Housing with Related Supports Program.

## Consultation

Grey County wants to hear from you at the halfway mark of our 10 year housing and homelessness plan. Consultation sessions, surveys and focus groups will start in Fall of 2018. Your feedback will help shape the direction and services provided for the next five years of our plan.

### Housing & Homelessness Mission Statement

To collaborate with community partners and private enterprises to develop a coordinated system of services needed by residents of the Grey County to obtain, maintain and sustain safe, appropriate and affordable housing.

### Resources

Resources can be found online at [www.grey.ca/affordable-housing](http://www.grey.ca/affordable-housing).

#### National Housing Strategy -

([www.placetocallhome.ca/pdfs/Canada-National-Housing-Strategy.pdf](http://www.placetocallhome.ca/pdfs/Canada-National-Housing-Strategy.pdf))

#### Ontario Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy -

([www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page9181.aspx](http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page9181.aspx))

#### Grey County 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan -

([www.grey.ca/affordable-housing](http://www.grey.ca/affordable-housing))

Stay tuned for more information



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