

LEGAL CLINIC OF GUELPH AND WELLINGTON COUNTY
RENT ASSISTANCE REFERRALS

Provincial Rent Bank:

Telephone: 1-800-663-0750 or 519-837-5492; ext 3710
Address: 138 Wyndham St. N. Guelph, ON

The Provincial Rent Bank Program is operated out of the Ontario Works office and may be accessed to ensure housing stability for those with short-term arrears and those who may be facing eviction. This fund is not open to those receiving a rental subsidy and is for market rent tenants only. Provisions can be made for up to two month's rent and it will be paid directly to the landlord. Tenants can apply for assistance once every two years. Ontario Works is open Monday to Friday, 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

Welcome In: Drop-In Corporation:

Telephone: 519-837-0080
Address: 23 Gordon St. Guelph, ON

Located at 23 Gordon St. Welcome In can be contacted by phone or in person to discuss assistance with housing resources, last month rental deposit as well as arrears. Funds for this program are limited and qualification is determined on an individual basis following a personal appointment. Welcome In's hours of operation are Monday to Sunday, 5a.m. to 3p.m.

The Salvation Army Community and Family Services:

Telephone: 519-836-9824
Address: 210 Victoria Rd. S. Guelph, ON

The Salvation Army Community and Family Services operate Monday to Friday from 1:30p.m. to 4p.m. This resource can be contacted for assistance with rental housing costs such as rent and utility arrears and first and last month deposits. The Salvation Army provides a maximum benefit of 300\$ and this service can only be granted once every 3 years. Applicants are required to provide documentation based on their necessity of the program and meet with a case worker for an interview. Please note that any benefits received from the Salvation Army will be delivered directly to the respective Landlord or utility company.

Community Start-Up Benefits (For Ontario Works & ODSP Recipients)

Ontario Works:

Telephone: 1-800-663-0750 or 519-837-5492; ext 3710

Address: 138 Wyndham St. N. Guelph, ON

Ontario Disability Support Program:

Telephone: 519-822-7500

Address: 86 Gordon St. Guelph, ON

Community Start-Up Benefits can only be accessed if you are a recipient of Ontario Works (OW) or Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefits. Community Start-Up can be used for the re-payment of rent arrears, utility arrears and connection fees, rental deposits and moving and storage costs. Applicants must prove their outstanding rental or utility arrears or provide documentation of their intentions to relocate to a new rental unit. OW and ODSP clients should speak with their respective case workers for assistance and more information about the Community Start-Up Benefits Program.