

Do units need to be vacant?

The units identified do not necessarily need to be vacant at the time of the application. If the landlord enters into an agreement with the Region of Waterloo, the units will be taken up as they become vacant.

What if these are new units?

Buildings under construction or in the planning stages will be considered. Buildings that are in the planning stage will be required to have a building permit within one year of the date of approval of the application by the Region of Waterloo.

What types of units are eligible?

All types of units are eligible, including units in owner-occupied dwellings and condominiums.

What happens after I apply to participate in the Rent Supplement Program?

Before any application is finalized, units will be inspected and rents will be negotiated. After the Region of Waterloo has approved the application, the landlord will enter into a Rent Supplement Agreement.



How do I apply?

Interested landlords should complete an application form. Forms can be picked up at the Housing Division of Regional Headquarters, 150 Frederick Street, 8th Floor in Kitchener. You may also choose to call us at 519-575-4046 and we will fax the form to you, or visit our website to print a copy.

How do I get more information?

For more information on Rent Supplement, please contact:

Gwen McAlister

*Supervisor, Assisted and Affordable
Housing Programs*

Phone: 519-575-4054

Fax: 519-743-6527

Email: gmcalister@regionofwaterloo.ca



Region of Waterloo
PLANNING, HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Rob Horne, Commissioner

RENT SUPPLEMENT *Program*

An information pamphlet
provided by



Region of Waterloo
PLANNING, HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES
Housing

www.regionofwaterloo.ca/housing

RENT SUPPLEMENT Program

What is Rent Supplement?

Rent supplement offers eligible community housing applicants rent-geared-to-income (RGI) accommodation in privately owned buildings. A rent subsidy is paid to landlords to bridge the gap between the market rent for the unit and the amount the tenant can pay based on their income. In some cases, partnerships are developed with local support agencies that provide support services for the residents.

How many units are under subsidy in the Region?

Currently, there are approximately 800 rent supplement units throughout the Region.

Who should apply?

- Private landlords and builders
- Non-profit providers and Co-operatives (for units not covered under an existing program)
- Support service providers

How are units selected by the Region?

Selection is based on a number of criteria including:

- Need;
- Local priorities (location); and
- Cost (market rent).



How does the program work?

Participating landlords will enter into a Rent Supplement Agreement with the Region of Waterloo. Under this agreement, the Region will:

- Refer tenants from the Region's waiting list for rent-geared-to-income housing to the landlord;
- Stipulate the rent to be paid by the tenant to the landlord; and
- Pay a rent supplement to the landlord reflecting the balance of the market rent for the unit.



The landlord will:

- Approve the applicant for the vacancy;
- Enter into a lease with the tenant, with the standard landlord and tenant relationship as per the Residential Tenancies Act; and
- Collect rent from the tenant in the amount stipulated by the Region.

Support service providers are encouraged to enter into partnerships with landlords who would submit an application for subsidies under the supportive housing component of the program. Support service providers that are also landlords can submit applications directly if they intend to house clients in buildings they own. In addition to the rent supplement agreement, service providers will enter into a separate agreement with the Region concerning service provision, referrals and other arrangements. Tenants will still be required to enter into a lease with the landlord.