

CKPHB is a new affordable alternative to Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) housing:

The CKPHB is a new program offered by Chatham-Kent Housing Services that will provide a monthly benefit to eligible participants that helps make market rental units affordable in Chatham-Kent. The CKPHB is an alternative to RGI and will continue as long as participants meet eligibility requirements. Participants in this program agree to leave the RGI waitlist when they accept the CKPHB. The CKPHB is portable and can be applied to long term rental leases anywhere within the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

Eligibility

If you are eligible for RGI housing and have filed a 2016 CRA tax return, you may be eligible for the CKPHB. If you express interest and are offered a benefit, you will be given 2 weeks to find a long term market rental unit and sign a lease. If you are currently living in a long term market unit and have signed a lease, your current home may meet program requirements. If you are offered a benefit and cannot find a long term rental or do not accept the benefit, this will count as an "offer of housing" refusal. Please remember after three refusals, your RGI and CKPHB files will be cancelled.

Housing Options

Eligible participants who are offered a CKPHB will be responsible for finding their own long term rental. If you are currently leasing a rental unit in Chatham-Kent, your unit may meet requirements already. The benefit is portable throughout Chatham-Kent as long as program eligibility is met.

Program Timing

Initial offers for the CKPHB will begin on February 2nd, 2018 using the same rules that are applied to RGI offers. Participants in the CKPHB will receive the benefit for as long as they meet program eligibility requirements. There is no end date for this benefit.

Participants are selected in the same way they are for RGI units.

When there is an available benefit because a household leaves the program, a new household will be selected from the CKPHB waitlist by the same rules that RGI units are offered.