



Committee Report

To: Chair and
Members of the Human Services Committee

From: Christine MacDonald
Director of Human Services

Date: December 1, 2022

Re: Housing Stability Fund Activities & Expenditures - 2021/2022

Staff Recommendation:

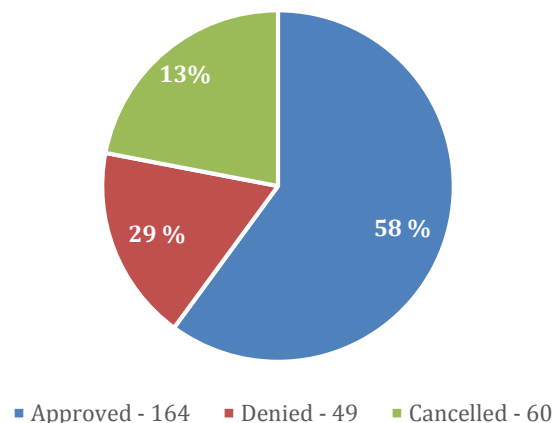
The Housing Stability Fund Activity and Expenditures 2021-2022 report is for information.

Background:

The Housing Stability Fund (HSF) is a program offered through the former Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI). The goal of the HSF is to assist people to obtain or maintain sustainable housing by providing support to lower income households who require assistance with rent and utility arrears, first or last months' rent, and/or moving expenses.

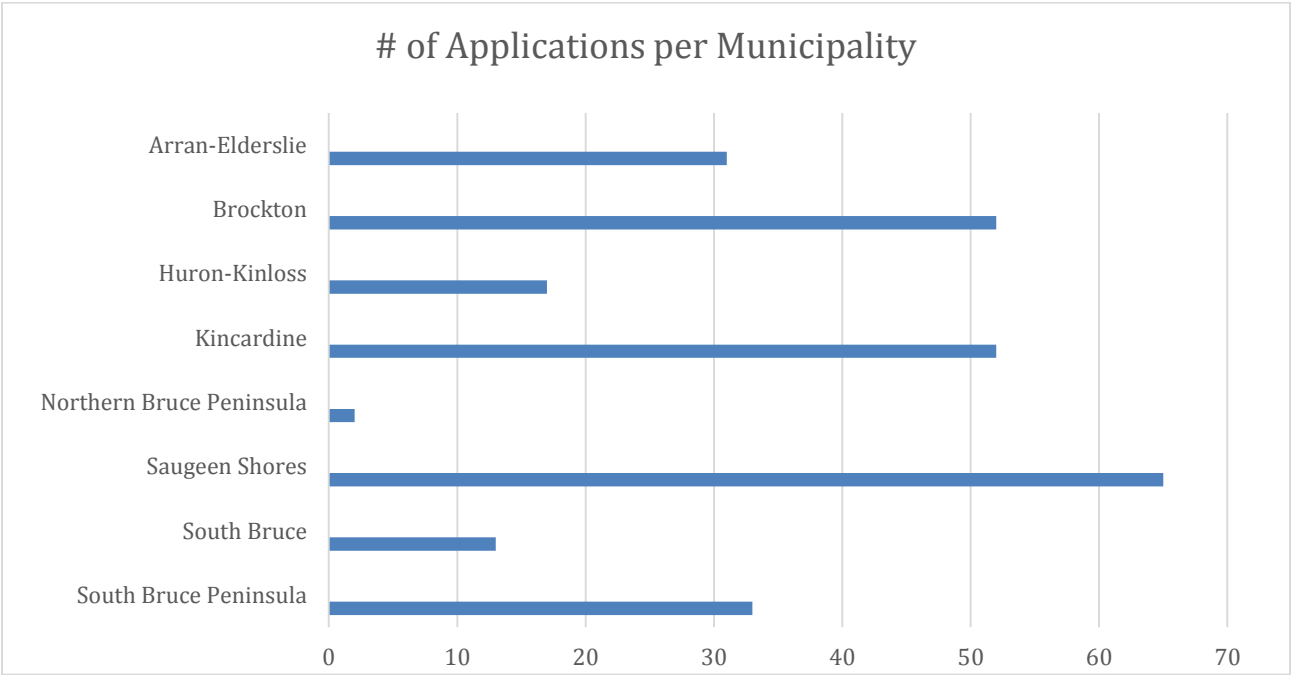
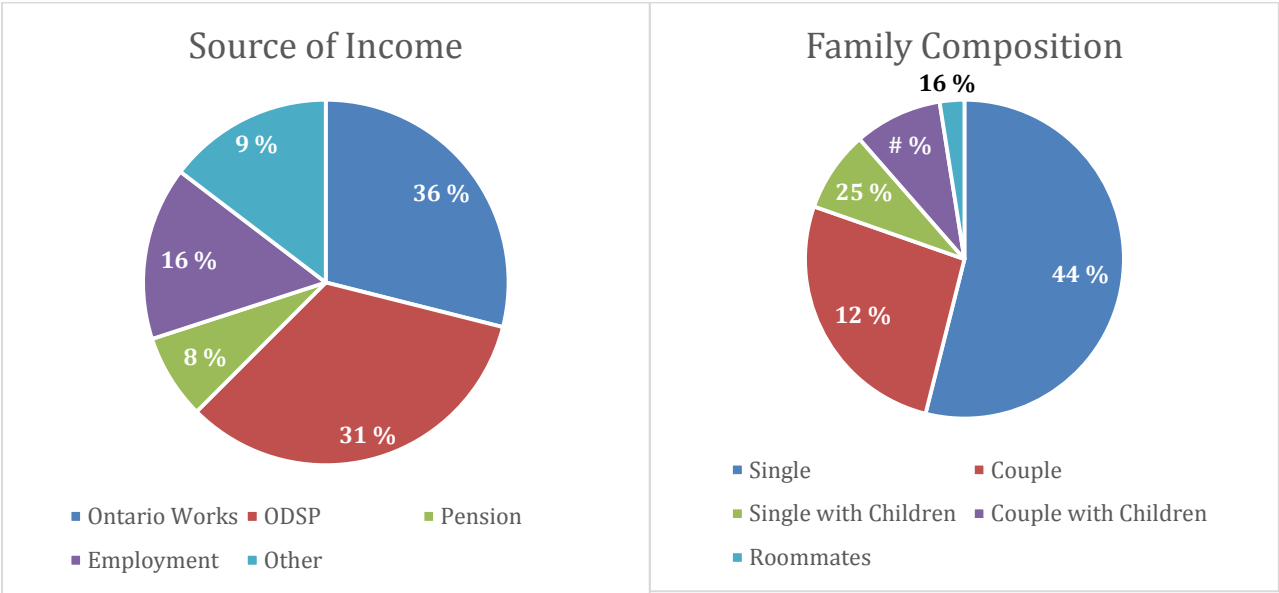
The HSF received 273 applications with a total of \$160,752.24 distributed to eligible households in the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year (April 2021 - March 2022). This includes \$22,544.40 of funding from the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) Phase 3.

Applications
Total Number Received - 273

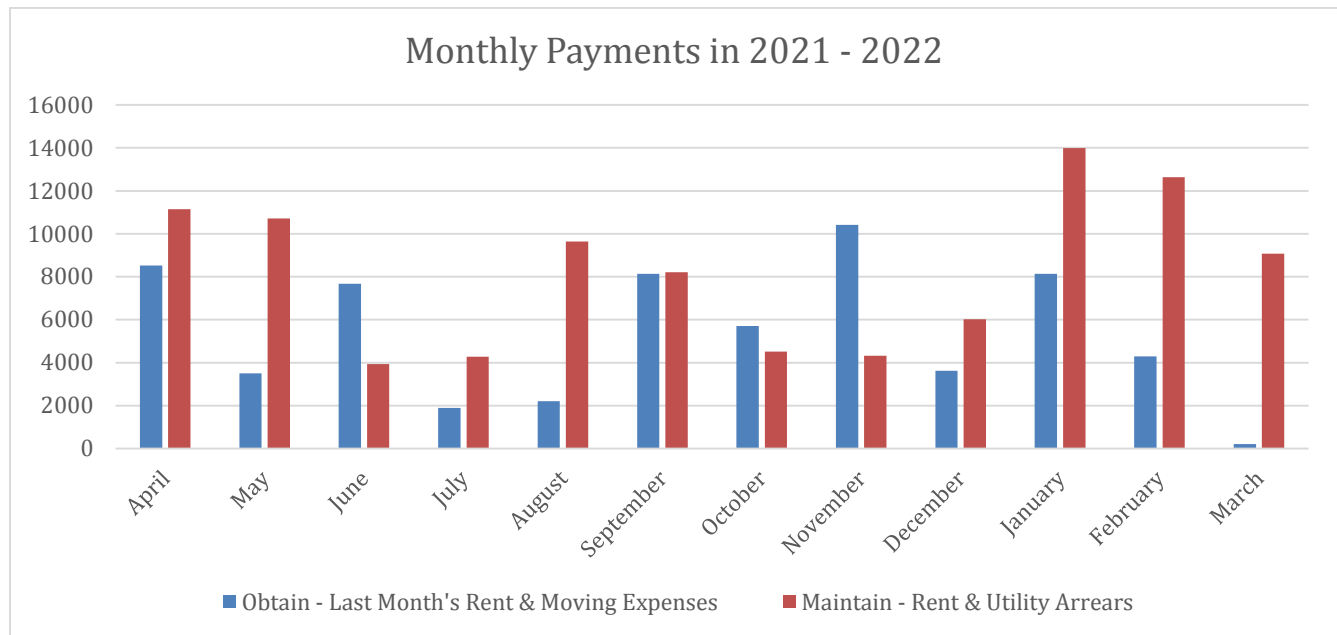


Staff review all applications and determines their eligibility for funding. Common reasons for denials include: applicant is not a Bruce County resident, applicant's income is above the level for the program, applicant has accessed funds in the last year, or applicant's housing situation is not sustainable. Applications are cancelled when the staff are unable to reach

the applicant in the 30 days following the submission or when applicants do not supply the information required to determine eligibility.



The chart below represents the amount of money paid to individuals and utility companies each month by the Housing Stability Fund.



Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

Funding for the Housing Stability Fund is received as a component of the former CHPI program, which is a provincial program.

Staff complement is used to administer the program.

There are no legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

There is no specific interdepartmental consultation that have occurred related to this report.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal #3 - Find creative new ways to engage the public.

Goal #5 - Eliminate our own red tape. E. Focus on the external customer/ client needs first.

Goal #6 - Explore alternate options to improve efficiency, service. D. Coordinate working with other agencies.

The Housing Stability Fund is in keeping with our strategic value of high quality of life for all residents. It is also in keeping with Strategic Action 3. Enhance Financial and Program Supports for Housing and Services of the Bruce County Long Term Housing Strategy.

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