



## Mental Health, Addiction and Support Service Needs

The City of Greater Sudbury delivers homelessness programs under the Housing Services Act, 2011, as mandated by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and is the local Service Manager.

As of July 31, 2025, community By-Name List data shows 290 people experiencing homelessness in Greater Sudbury. Of these, 86 per cent are chronically homeless, meaning they've been without housing for more than six months, and 76 per cent have high acuity, requiring permanent supportive housing or housing first programs with clinical supports.



## Why is this important?

The opioid crisis continues to severely impact the community with emergency visits and deaths exceeding provincial rates. As of June 2025, the death rate was 56.8 per 100,000, more than triple the provincial rate of 15.8. This highlights the urgent need for targeted interventions and improved mental health and addictions supports, especially for people experiencing homelessness, who face greater risks and barriers to care.

With a one-bedroom vacancy rate of just 1.5 per cent, limited affordable housing in Greater Sudbury is a major barrier for people experiencing homelessness. Many lack the supports needed to stay housed, increasing the risk of repeated homelessness. Greater investment in supportive housing is urgently needed to improve outcomes and reduce strain on emergency services.



## Supporting information

In 2025, the City of Greater Sudbury in partnership with local health service providers, secured funding through the Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub program to support a 40-unit supportive housing program.

Since January 2022, Health Sciences North has operated the Lotus Program, a pilot supportive housing model offering clinical wraparound supports at a temporary 13-unit site. Thirteen residents have since transitioned to permanent housing. The program will expand to a new 40-unit building in the third quarter of 2025. Early results show a 34.4 per cent drop in emergency department visits by participants.

While HART Hub funding supports housing for people with complex health needs, stable long-term funding is needed for clinical wraparound supports. A tiered per diem model would scale services to individual needs and ease pressure on the health system by enabling low-cost transitions from hospital to community-based care.

## How can senior levels of government support us?

The City of Greater Sudbury is calling on the Provincial Government to implement a tiered per diem funding model for supportive housing. This approach would allow flexible, scalable supports tailored to clients' varying acuity levels and the ability to adjust as individuals require fewer intensive supports. Successful projects in southern Ontario show that per diem funding improves responsiveness and sustainability. Proposed daily rates include:

- Enhanced Plus Supports - \$175/day
- Enhanced Supports - \$95/day
- Moderate Supports - \$45/day
- Standard Supports - \$27.50/day

This model would help meet clients where they are, support transitions through the housing continuum and ensure resources are allocated effectively.

## Alignment with government policies/priorities

“Supportive housing investments will help provide housing and support for formerly homeless and low- and moderate-income people living with mental health and addictions challenges. These investments in supportive housing will help to alleviate pressures on acute care settings by delivering housing and support services for people living with mental health and addictions challenges as they transition from hospital to the community”.

– Roadmap To Wellness: A Plan to Build Ontario's Mental Health and Addictions System



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