

Canada-Yukon Housing Benefit- Gender-Based Violence FAQ for Applicants

What is this program and who is it for?

This federal-territorial program provides short-term financial help with housing costs for people in the Yukon who have experienced gender-based violence (GBV).

What is gender-based violence?

For this program, gender-based violence is defined as violence based on gender norms and/or unequal power dynamics perpetrated against someone based on sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or perceived gender including women, girls, 2SLGBTQI+. Violence takes many forms, including physical, sexual, financial, as well as emotional (psychological) abuse. It includes but is not limited to intimate partner violence and human trafficking.

What financial supports are available?

- **Grant:** Provides financial assistance with housing and moving-related expenses, up to a maximum of \$6,650.
- **Subsidy:** Offers up to \$2,000 per month for up to 18 months (reduced by 10% per month over the last 6 months) to help cover housing payments.

Am I eligible?

- **Grant:** You must be 19 years or older and residing in the Yukon. There are no income requirements. You must self-declare your need for financial assistance to maintain or secure a home as a result of gender-based violence.
- **Subsidy:** You must be 19 years or older; a Yukon resident; a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or refugee; have a household income below the [Affordable Household Income Limits](#); possess a valid lease or mortgage; and provide third-party verification of GBV.

How do I apply?

- **Grant:** You must go through a participating organization to complete and submit the application form. A list of participating organizations can be found on [YAPC's website](#).
- **Subsidy:** You must submit your completed [application](#) and required documentation directly to Yukon Housing by mail, fax, email, or in person.
 - In person: Drop application at a local Yukon Housing office
 - Email: gbvhousingbenefit@yukon.ca
 - Fax: 867-393-7597
 - Mail: Yukon Housing
Box 2703 (Y-1)
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

What documents are required?

- **Grant:** No identification or income documentation is required. An intake worker from a participating organization or government department will assist you with completing the application form. Proof of housing is required for funds to be released.
- **Subsidy:** You must provide a piece of government issued photo ID, your most recent Notice of Assessment, a completed application form, a completed GBV verification form, and a copy of your current lease, mortgage or other housing agreement. If you receive social assistance, include a copy of your most recent budget sheet.

Do I need a lease to qualify?

- **Grant:** A lease is not required at time of application, but proof of housing and its monthly cost is required before funds can be disbursed.
- **Subsidy:** Yes. You need to include a valid lease, mortgage or other housing agreement with your application. A letter confirming eligibility will be provided to support securing a lease.

How long will I wait for decisions and payment?

- **Grant:** Decisions are made within 24-72 hours of application and payment is issued within 3 to 5 business days. Times may vary depending on the complexity of your application.
- **Subsidy:** Decisions are made within 3-5 business days of receiving the application. The payment is processed within two weeks after approval.

Can I apply for both the Grant and Subsidy?

Yes, you can apply for both. It's recommended to apply at the same time so the subsidy can start right after the grant.

Does this count as income or affect other funding benefits?

- **Grant:** It is not considered income and does not affect Canada Child Benefit or other benefits.
- **Subsidy:** This subsidy is counted as income by the Canada Revenue Agency but remains non-taxable. It won't affect eligibility for Yukon Housing programs (e.g. Rent-Geared-to-Income housing or the Canada-Yukon Housing Benefit). Other benefit providers may assess income differently, so check with them directly.

Can I use the money for short-term housing?

- **Grant:** Yes, funds can be used for short-term housing if deemed a necessity.
- **Subsidy:** Yes, you can use the subsidy for short-term housing.

Can I receive money if I live in Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) housing?

- **Grant:** Yes, funds can be used if you live in or are moving into RGI housing.
- **Subsidy:** Yes, you can use the subsidy for any type of housing, including RGI housing.

What happens if I move out of Yukon?

If you move out of the Yukon, your funding will end. You may be eligible for a similar program in your new province or territory, but funding and criteria may differ.

Can I re-apply?

- **Grant:** Yes, you may re-apply if you need to relocate again due to safety concerns.
- **Subsidy:** Yes. You can re-apply to receive the subsidy for up to 18 months in total.

What if I don't agree with my eligibility decision?

- **Grant:** Decisions are final, but you may re-apply if your circumstances or the information you provided changes.
- **Subsidy:** You can ask Yukon Housing Corporation to review your eligibility decision.

Where can I find more information?

- **Grant:** yapc.ca/fund-administration/yapc-gbv-grant
- **Subsidy:** yukon.ca/en/gbv-housing-subsidy