

## **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](mailto: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](http://yapc.ca/fund-administration/yapc-gbv-grant)
- **Subsidy:** [yukon.ca/en/gbv-housing-subsidy](http://yukon.ca/en/gbv-housing-subsidy)