

# Program Summary

## Social Services/ASI/ESW/ALC/Foodbank/ Community Garden



### Overview

We provide financial assistance to individuals that have been deemed eligible through a financial means assessment to help with the costs of basic needs like food, clothing, shelter, and benefits for clients and their families.

### Objectives and Services

To provide community members with access to basic needs such as food, shelter, and clothing while providing them with the services to gain employment, build skills, deal with addictions, and special projects such as the Ojibwe Incentive Program.

### Target Audience

Those under the age of 65 in need of basic needs financial assistance, who are deemed eligible. Special circumstance can apply to those under 18 and over 65.

### Recent Developments

In 2019 the Ministry of Community Child and Social Services uncapped the Administrators discretionary funding if clients needs fall within the legislation and/or the Administrator has documented the need for the health safety of the client, we can financially assist with some repairs to their home (if owned by client) and they meet the criteria.

### Recent Limitations

Operational funding has been frozen for some years and not up to par with COA and wage grid strategy. Requirement to be a political advocate with funders (ISC, MCCSS)

### Next Steps

Social Services has applied to deliver Ontario Disability Support program to community members who have been deemed to qualify. This will allow us to provide more holistic and intricate services to those community members.

There are plans to develop a comprehensive Food Sovereignty Project with the new addition of off grid all year grow dome.

### **Community Engagement**

- Clients are to call in for an application. We are still under lock down of sorts.
- Participation in community events and activities.
- Special Projects