

# Huron–Superior Regional Métis Community

Community Support Programs Policy

## 1. Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the delivery of **Regional Community Support Programs** that enhance self-reliance, safety, dignity, independence, and food security for eligible citizens of the Huron–Superior Regional Métis Community.

This policy supports Métis citizens who experience physical limitations or have a demonstrated need, by providing **practical, culturally-respectful assistance** through:

- **Helper Around the House Program**
  - **Food Security Support Program**
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## 2. Guiding Principles

These programs are guided by the following principles:

- **Self-determination:** Métis citizens are best positioned to identify their own needs.
  - **Equity and accessibility:** Supports are prioritized for those facing barriers to daily living.
  - **Dignity and respect:** Assistance is delivered in a non-intrusive, culturally safe manner.
  - **Community care:** Programs reflect Métis values of kinship, mutual aid, and shared responsibility.
  - **Accountability:** Funds are managed transparently and used for direct community benefit.
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## 3. Program Funding

- Total funding allocated: **\$25,000 (future funding subject to approval)**
- Funding is finite and subject to availability.
- Supports are **non-recurring** and may be capped per household to ensure equitable access, please see amounts below:

### Monthly support amounts

Household Type	Monthly Support
Single Person	\$100

Couple	\$150
Family of 4	\$200
Family of 5+	\$250

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## 4. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for either program, applicants **must meet all of the following criteria:**

1. Be a resident of the **Huron–Superior Regional Métis Community (MNO Region 4)**
2. Be a **Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Citizen**
3. Meet **at least one** of the following conditions:
  - Have a physical disability or functional limitation that affects daily living
  - Be experiencing demonstrated need (e.g., temporary injury, illness, aging-related limitations, food insecurity, financial hardship)

Priority may be given to:

- Elders
  - Persons with disabilities
  - Single-parent households
  - Individuals recovering from illness or injury
  - Those experiencing food insecurity or isolation
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## 5. Program Descriptions

### A. Helper Around the House Program

#### **Purpose:**

To support eligible Métis citizens with basic household tasks that they are unable to safely or independently complete.

#### **Eligible Supports May Include:**

- Yard maintenance (e.g., snow shoveling, grass cutting)
- Purchase of equipment for maintaining a safe living space (purchase of carbon monoxide or smoke alarms, etc.)
- Support with organizing minor household assistance (“odd jobs,” etc.)

### **Program Parameters:**

- Services must be **non-medical**
  - Supports may be delivered by:
    - Approved service providers
    - Community helpers
    - Reimbursement to applicants (with receipts), where appropriate
  - Assistance is short-term or periodic, not ongoing personal care
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## **B. Food Security Support Program**

### **Purpose:**

To improve access to nutritious food and reduce food insecurity for eligible Métis citizens and households.

### **Eligible Supports May Include:**

- Grocery cards or vouchers
- Access to food pickup points (where applicable)
- Culturally appropriate food supports where possible

### **Program Parameters:**

- Support amounts may vary based on household size and demonstrated need
  - Funding may be issued as:
    - Direct food support
    - Prepaid grocery cards
    - Reimbursement with receipts
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## **6. Application Process**

1. Applicants must complete a **Community Support Application Form**
  2. Applications must include:
    - Proof of MNO citizenship
    - Proof of residency within the Huron–Superior Region (MNO Region 4)
    - Description of need
  3. Applications will be reviewed on a **first-come, needs-based basis**, subject to funding availability
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## **7. Review and Approval**

- Applications will be reviewed by the Huron-Superior Regional Community Leadership, and/or designated **Community Support staff representative(s)**
  - Approval decisions will consider:
    - Eligibility
    - Urgency of need
    - Available funding
    - Equity across the region
  - Decisions are final, subject to internal review processes
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## **8. Funding Limits and Accountability**

- Maximum support amounts may be set per applicant or household
  - Applicants may be required to provide receipts or confirmation of service
  - Misuse of funds will result in ineligibility for future support
  - All personal information will be handled in accordance with privacy and confidentiality standards
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## **9. Program Review**

This policy and its associated programs will be reviewed annually or as funding availability changes to ensure continued relevance, fairness, and effectiveness.