

# NOTICE

## Rent Shortfall Benefit

Effective April 1, the rent shortfall component of the Homeless and Eviction Prevention Fund (HEP Fund) will be transferred to a housing program called the Direct to Tenant Rent Supplement Program under the department of Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA). This program is managed on behalf of HUA by local Housing Management Bodies (HMB) located throughout the province.

Direct to Tenant Rent Supplement assistance is delivered for a 12 month period, allowing for greater financial peace of mind, so recipients can undertake job retraining, employment counselling or locate affordable housing that is within their means. Eligibility for the Direct to Tenant Rent Supplement assistance is assessed every 12 months.

You will continue to receive rent shortfall benefits while the program is being transitioned to HUA. We expect the transition to be complete by July 1. If you qualify for the rent shortfall benefit in April, and are not receiving a direct to tenant rent supplement benefit, you should be eligible to continue to receive this benefit under Direct to Tenant Rent Supplement Program. A HMB representative will advise clients should there be any change to your benefit amount.

The HEP Fund continues to be available to Albertans who need it the most. For more information about the Direct to Tenant Rent Supplement Program, please call:

310-4455 (Service Alberta)

