

# COHB Update

## Toronto Housing and Homelessness Service Planning Forum

March 13, 2024



# Overview

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- Final Allocation for COHB Year 4
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# COHB Year 4 (2023/24)

April 1, 2023 initial Year 4 COHB allocation **\$9.5M**  
- exhausted within 2 months causing extreme pressure on the Shelter System

July 19, 2023, The City received a one-time additional allocation of **\$13.4M**

In response to continuing pressures faced by the City on September 18, 2023, the Province announced an additional **\$13.08M** in COHB funding

## Outcomes as of Feb 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Over 3000 referrals received

- 83% Asylum Seekers
- 58% Chronically Homeless

On Feb 29<sup>th</sup>, the COHB Year 4 program was closed as the City exhausted our allocation.

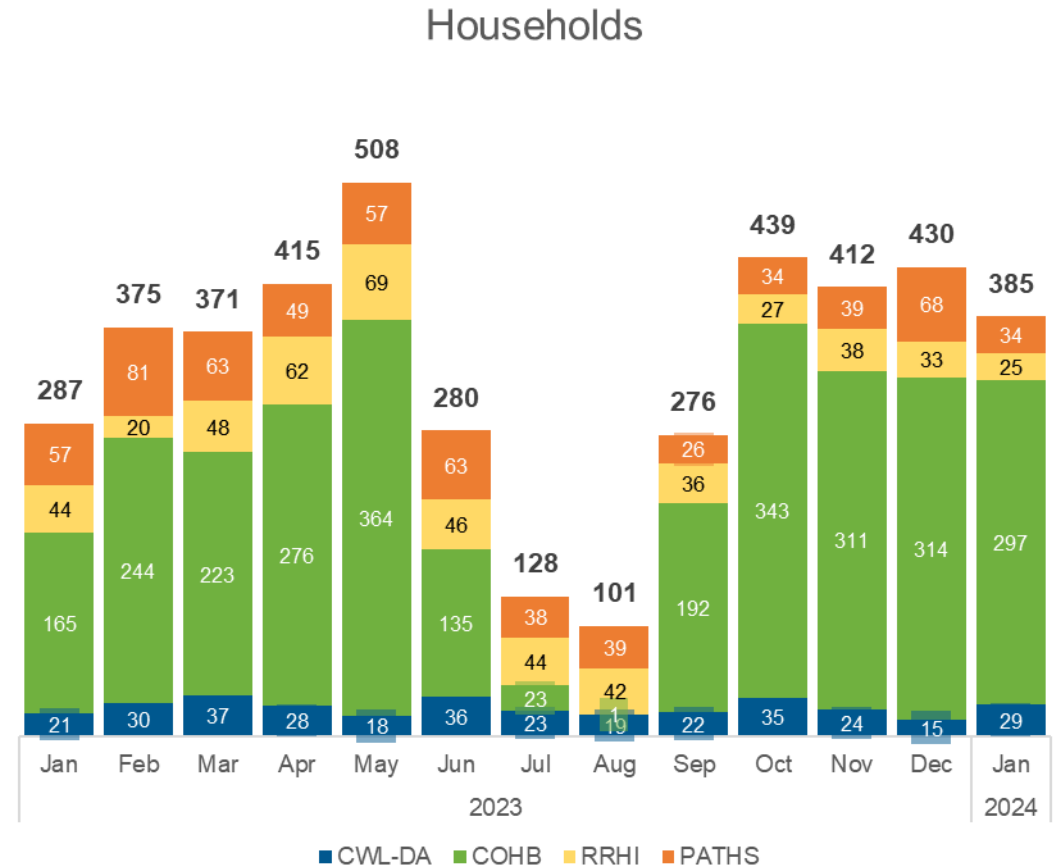
# Final Allocation for the COHB Year 4 (2023-24) Program

- On March 8<sup>th</sup>, the province informed the City of a final additional allocation in the amount of **\$2.23 million** for the COHB Year 4 program
- This additional COHB funding can support up to **300 new households** by **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**, freeing up much needed shelter space and helping to bridge the gap between gap between COHB Year 4 and 5
- With this announcement the City's total COHB Year 4 allocation was just over **\$38 million and will support up to 3350 households**.
- March 12<sup>th</sup>, the COHB Year 4 program reopened and referring partners were issued their agency allocations.
- COHB program will close again on March 26<sup>th</sup> or when the maximum number of new households has been met.

2023-24 Allocation	Total	# of Benefits to Households
Initial	\$9.5M	966
July	\$13.3M	1350
September	\$13.1M	734*
March	\$2.23	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38.13</b>	<b>3350</b>

# Year 5 COHB 2024/2025

- The City has not yet received confirmation of our Year 5 COHB allocation.
- COHB remains the leading pathway out of homelessness for shelter residents.
- A reduced Year 5 allocation would have a major impact on shelter outflows.
- City is engaged in ongoing extensive advocacy with the Provincial and Federal governments for increased COHB funding for the Year 5 COHB program.



# Federal Funding Announcements

- On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Federal government announced **\$19.75M top-up in COHB funding to the City of Toronto.**
- February 6<sup>th</sup> the Federal government announced \$99M increase in funding to the COHB program **nationwide.**
  - Further details on how these funding commitments will affect the City's Year 5 COHB allocation have not yet been provided
  - Communication between City staff and our Provincial counterparts remains ongoing

# Next Steps

- March 14, 2024 – Site Lead Check-In  
<https://toronto.webex.com/toronto/j.php?MTID=m11831190ea0d72310f9fb96c08766196>
- March 26th – last day to submit referrals for COHB Year 4
- 2024 Renewal period begins in May 2024
- HS will continue to advocate to our Federal and Provincial government for additional COHB funding
- Details of the Year 5 COHB program, including Cycle start dates and agency allocations, will be shared soon as information becomes available.