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## Home Maintenance and Repairs

### General Principle

Home maintenance and repair costs are only applicable to a home privately owned and lived in by the recipient. Private ownership for the purposes of establishing the registered owner, and to determine eligibility for social assistance shelter allowances is deemed to mean homes that are owned under:

- Locatee or Certificate of Possession (CP) holdings
- Cardex holdings
- Custom holdings that are duly recognized in writing by council

### Policy

Home maintenance and repairs are not considered as eligible shelter costs for social housing units or other types of homes that are rented. In these cases the landlord is responsible for the maintenance and repair.

*Home maintenance and repairs* refers only to essential items of protection, replacement, and repair that are part of the physical structure of the recipient's home, and will *not* include replacement of, or repairs to appliances or decorative items.

### Procedures

The recipient or owner must have made application and been denied all other home maintenance programs available through the band housing authority (i.e., R.R.A.P.), and provide documentation to that effect.

The total estimated cost of the essential physical structure repairs must be attached to the loan agreement that is signed between the recipient and the loaning agency.

Only the actual monthly loan payment amount stated on the loan agreement may be considered, using any available shelter allowance.

The total amount considered for repayment may not exceed the total documented costs of the essential physical structure repairs.

All documentation of actual costs and the loan agreement must be placed in the applicant or recipient file

The total shelter allowance issued for all shelter costs, including utilities (heat, hydro, phone, home maintenance and repairs, etc.) may not exceed the provincial maximum shelter rates.