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Summary of Low Income Assistance Programs Offered by Region of Peel	
Program Name	Brief Description
DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS	
Housing Stability	Provides financial assistance to eligible residents who need help securing or maintaining affordable accommodation.
Discretionary Benefits to OW and ODSP Clients	Discretionary benefits are provided to eligible OW and ODSP recipients and eligibility is determined on a case by case basis. Some examples of discretionary benefits are: last month's rent, rental/utility arrears, moving cost, medical equipment, dental costs and others.
Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program	Assists seniors who have no dental insurance and cannot afford the cost of dental care. This program provides basic dental care including cleanings, fillings, dentures, etc.
Downspout Disconnection Financial Assistance Program	The Region of Peel is offering a Financial Assistance Program to eligible Peel home owners to assist with the disconnection of downspouts from the sanitary sewer system within the disconnection program areas.
Affordable Transit Program	This program is a partnership between the Region of Peel, the City of Brampton, and the City of Mississauga to assist eligible residents (including seniors) in affordability of transit services. Discounts only apply for the City in which the eligible applicants live.
Adult Day Services	Service for individuals who are at risk of social isolation, or require assistance and/or supervision with day to day activities. A subsidized rate is provided to eligible low income seniors
Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (File Your Taxes for Free! Get Your Benefits Now! campaign)	Free income tax preparation services including: free tax preparation services offered by the Region of Peel and the Halton Peel Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA) Ontario Association.
Financial Help for Funeral Arrangements	This program pays for the cost of a basic funeral, burial, or cremation for a deceased Peel resident whose family is not on OW but is unable to afford it.
Healthy Smiles Ontario	Healthy Smiles Ontario is a government-funded dental program that provides free preventive, routine, and emergency dental services for children and youth 17 years old and under from low-income households.
Low cost birth control	This program provides low cost birth control options through Healthy Sexuality clinics (available to all clients regardless of income).
Healthy Start	Prenatal and early post-partum program for economically-disadvantaged women. This program is run in partnership with the Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program (federally-funded) who provide funding for bus tickets, prenatal vitamins and food vouchers for attendance at the program.

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Teen Prenatal Supper Club	This program is run in partnership with Bridgeway(EarlyON). It provides subsidy to clients for bus tickets, food vouchers and prenatal vitamins.
MANDATORY PROGRAMS	
Property Tax Rebate Program	The Region of Peel participates with its local municipalities in providing eligible low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities with an annual property tax rebate. The cost of the rebate is shared between the Region, the local municipality and the school board in the same proportion that they share in the tax revenues. Increased annually by the blended tax impact, 2020 rebate is \$436 in the City of Mississauga, \$421 in the City of Brampton and \$502 in the Town of Caledon.
Peel Access to Housing (PATH)	Centralized waiting List for Subsidized Housing – Housing Services is the point of access for people who want to apply for subsidized housing or who are in need of affordable housing in the Region of Peel.
Child Care Subsidy	The Region of Peel provides financial assistance to assist eligible families with their child care costs for children up to 12 years of age in licensed child care programs.
Ontario Works	Assists individuals who are in financial need. The program offers two types of assistance: financial and emergency assistance. Financial assistance includes income support for the costs of basic needs, and employment assistance to assist clients to find, prepare for and keep a job. Emergency assistance is also available to people who are in a crisis or an emergency situation.
Long Term Care: Co-Payment Rate Reduction for Resident Accommodation	Reduction in the co-payment amount for accommodation in Long Term Care home up to the full amount of the basic accommodation (depending on income). This reduction is funded by MOHLTC (directly) and Peel (indirectly).