

# Mending Canada's frayed social safety net: The role of municipal governments <sup>[1]</sup>

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Excerpts from the press release:

The federal and provincial retreat from traditional social transfers in the 1990s has frayed Canada's social safety net, and cities are now struggling to fill the growing gaps.

That trend, exacerbated by the current recession and growing urbanization, is the principal finding of a new report from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), entitled Mending Canada's Frayed Social Safety Net: The role of municipal governments. This is the sixth report in a series looking at quality-of-life issues and indicators in Canada's urban centres.

"We have a new class of working poor in our country; waiting lists for affordable housing that keep getting longer; and people struggling to get to work and find childcare," said FCM President, Mayor Basil Stewart of Summerside, P.E.I. "More and more, the only things giving these people a fighting chance are the services provided by municipal governments."

**Region:** Canada <sup>[4]</sup>

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