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**John Howard Society keeps key services despite funding cuts**

In early April, the John Howard Society of Manitoba was informed by Manitoba Justice that its funding for two programs was being reduced by 20 percent: one program provides bail support and supervision and the other provides services for clients as they re-enter the community after a period of incarceration. The reduction took effect April 1, 2017.

“This left us facing some tough choices,” said John Hutton, the Society’s executive director. “We can either cut programming and reduce our services, or we can keep offering key services and find alternate sources of funding as soon as possible.”

“We have decided to do the latter,” he said. “Obviously, we would prefer not to have the cuts. But these programs are too important to lose or even diminish, and we’re up for the challenge.”

The John Howard Society provides a supervised alternative to custody for those awaiting trial, allowing clients to live in the community and take programs on substance abuse, anger management, and healthy parenting.

“Being able to access these supports in the community gives bail clients the chance to make positive life changes before they even have their day in court,” said Hutton. As a result, the Society sees fewer convictions, fewer clients going to jail if convicted, and less involvement in crime going forward.

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*The John Howard Society of Manitoba supports men in conflict with the law before, during and after incarceration. There are chapters in more than 60 communities across Canada.*

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