



June 21, 2016

Your Worship
Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Mayor, City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

I am pleased to advise you that the Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF) Agreement for affordable and social housing was announced today. The SIF, to be delivered under the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) program, is a joint initiative between our government and the federal government that will provide over \$640 million for housing over three years.

The SIF housing investments complement our own recently announced Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy, including funding commitments such as the Survivors of Domestic Violence Portable Housing Benefit Pilot program, and the Green Investment Fund investments in social housing.

The SIF offers four separate programs designed to address needs across the housing system, and is comprised of the following investments:

- An increase to the funding commitment under the current IAH program fully cost-matched by the province over three years;
- Funding for the construction and renovation of affordable housing for seniors;
- Funding for the renovation and retrofit of social housing; and
- Funding for the construction and renovation of shelters and transitional housing for survivors of domestic violence.

The additional IAH funding and the seniors funding are being allocated and administered to Service Managers as one program. The renovation and retrofit of social housing funding is being allocated to Service Managers, and will be known as the Social Housing Improvement Program (SHIP). The funding for survivors of domestic violence is being delivered by the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

I am pleased to provide you with your notional funding allocations for the additional IAH, seniors, and SHIP:

Program	Fiscal Year	
	2016-17	2017-18
Increase to IAH / Seniors	\$7,003,000	\$5,061,800
SHIP	\$11,597,400	\$0

Please note that funding allocations cannot be reallocated across fiscal years, or across SIF programs. Also note that a portion of the provincial matching funds are committed for 2018-19, and decisions regarding the allocation of these funds are expected to be communicated in early 2017-18.

The SIF funding provides us with an opportunity to make strategic investments to address some key priorities we have identified through the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy Update. As a result, we are requiring Service Managers, through their additional IAH funding, to meet the housing needs of the following:

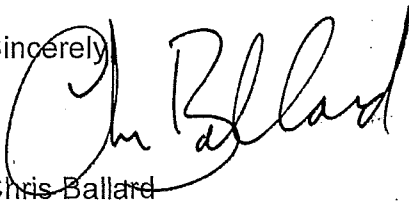
- Supporting affordability for tenants in social housing buildings with expiring operating agreements and/or federal subsidies
- Seniors
- Persons with disabilities including adults with developmental disabilities
- Indigenous peoples
- The chronically homeless
- Youth
- Preventing homelessness as individuals transition from provincially-funded institutions such as hospitals, correctional facilities and the child welfare system
- Projects that support transit corridor intensification and/or community hubs

Under the SHIP program, Service Managers are being strongly encouraged to address water and energy conservation, including a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, when considering social housing repair projects for funding.

You will soon be provided with the Administration Agreement for the IAH and SHIP that will include the Program Guidelines and additional program details and requirements.

Our government recognizes the need for more affordable housing in Ontario and we welcome these new federal investments in housing and homelessness prevention. By fully cost-matching the IAH and delivering the federal investments we can significantly impact the lives of those who are most vulnerable in Ontario and meet our vision of everyone having an affordable, suitable and adequate home.

Sincerely,



Chris Ballard
Minister of Housing

C: Chris Murray, City Manager, City of Hamilton

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