

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	February 21, 2019
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy (HSC19008) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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COUNCIL DIRECTION

Not applicable

INFORMATION

On June 11, 2018, the federal government announced the redesign of the current Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS). The new program called Reaching Home aims to assist local communities in adopting an outcome-based funding model that supports the national goal of a 50% reduction in chronic homelessness by 2028. The Reaching Home program is in effect April 1, 2019 until March 31, 2024.

Hamilton's allocation for 2019-2020 is \$5,614,508 which is an increase of 6% from the current year's allocation of \$5,285,318. As has been the City's past practice, a call for application process will need to be completed by the end of 2019 which will broker services to support the coordinated homeless serving system as prescribed by the federal government.

Effective April 1, 2019, the City of Hamilton will be responsible for meeting new requirements as set out by the Ministry of Families, Children and Social Development. By 2020-2021, the City will need to meet new service system management requirements for the homelessness sector with the development, implementation and management of a coordinated access system, a Homelessness Information Management System (shared

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database), and the issuance of a Call for Applications process. Hamilton will need to develop an integrated system response that is grounded in Housing First and ensures diverse services are organized and delivered in a coordinated manner to advance reductions in homelessness.

Staff are currently reviewing the new administrative requirements and will provide a report by the end of Q2 2019 that outlines the impacts to the City and our service delivery partners of these new administrative requirements. The report will also outline the full five-year funding envelop for Hamilton.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None