

## **Estimated 2023 Financial Actuals for Ministry of Health-Funded Programs Under the Ontario Public Health Standards (Provincial Portion)**

As part of the Ministry of Health 2023 Annual Report and Attestation (‘Annual Report’), boards of health are required to provide financial year-end actuals for each Ministry-funded program delivered for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023. The Annual Report has not yet been completed; the deadline is anticipated at the end of Q2 2024. The financial data provided below are reasonably accurate and complete. It is important to acknowledge that our financial systems are offline due to the ongoing cybersecurity incident. As such, minor adjustments may occur once the system is restored, and we can review the final reports. Note that our year-end position is considered an approximation under these circumstances.

### **Base Funding:**

- 1. Mandatory Programs – Cost-Shared (70% Provincially funded/30% Municipally funded):** The Ministry granted \$27,195,200 as the 70% Provincial contribution in 2023 to support the delivery of programs and services under the Ontario Public Health Standards (Mandatory Programs). Overall, Mandatory Programs were underspent due to staff being redeployed to COVID-19 and/or staff hiring issues. As per Ministry direction, expenditures from the COVID-19 General Program were claimed under Mandatory Programs to fully spend funding. Of the \$27,195,200 in funding, approximately \$26,436,742 was spent on Mandatory Programs, and \$758,458 was spent on the COVID-19 General Program. The City of Hamilton contributed \$13,010,147 to support the delivery of Mandatory Programs.
- 2. Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (100% Provincially funded):** This program was overspent due to additional costs related to denturists and specialists; the Ministry approved a total of \$4,118,125 in base funding and an additional \$200,000 in one-time funding. Actual expenditures are expected to be \$4,323,119, where the City of Hamilton is expected to contribute \$4,994.

### **One-Time Funding:**

Several one-time 100% funding opportunities were approved. These timelines were either January 1 to December 31, 2023 or April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. Boards of Health are required to report actuals for both timelines up to December 31, 2023.

- 1. Cost-Sharing Mitigation:**  
For the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023, the Ministry granted \$2,215,800 in one-time mitigation funding to offset the increased costs of municipalities as a result of the 70% (Provincial)/30% (Municipal) cost-sharing change for Mandatory Programs from a mixed 75/25% and 100% funding model prior to 2020, which was fully claimed. As of March 28, 2024, the Ministry announced the 2024 base funding has been restored to the level previously

provided under the 2020 cost-share formula, effective January 1, 2024. In addition, a 1% increase will be provided for growth funding for the following three years.

**2. COVID-19: General Program (Non-Vaccine):**

For the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023, Public Health Services requested \$5,515,478 to reimburse extraordinary costs above the Annual Service Plan and Budget subsidized expenditures associated with COVID-19 case and contact management, outbreak management, infection prevention and control, and surveillance. The Ministry approved \$3,180,100. Of the approximate expenditures of \$3,073,992, \$758,458 will be claimed under the Mandatory Program as stipulated by the Ministry of Health. This will leave approximately \$2,315,534 to be claimed under the COVID-19 General Program, with an expected underspending of \$864,566. The City of Hamilton has submitted a letter to the Ministry requesting the opportunity to retain these committed funds to help alleviate the costs of the 2024 Mandatory and COVID-19 General and Vaccine Programs.

**3. COVID-19: Vaccine Program:**

For the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023, Public Health Services requested \$7,279,767 to reimburse extraordinary costs above the Annual Service Plan and Budget subsidized expenditures associated with the planning and implementation of the COVID-19 Vaccine Program. The Ministry approved \$4,656,500, and the actual expenditures are expected to be \$4,532,230, with an expected underspending of \$124,200. The City of Hamilton has submitted a letter to the Ministry requesting the opportunity to retain these committed funds to help alleviate the costs of the 2024 Mandatory and COVID-19 General and Vaccine Programs.

On March 28, 2024, the Ministry granted an additional \$591,900 to reimburse extraordinary costs related to the COVID-19 Vaccine Program for the period of January 1 to March 31, 2024. This amount is expected to be fully spent.

**4. School-Focused Nurse Initiative:**

For the funding period of April 1 to June 30, 2023, the Ministry granted \$575,000 to support additional nursing capacity to provide rapid-response support to school boards and schools in facilitating public health and preventative measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the Annual Report reporting period of April 1 to June 30, 2023, actual expenditures were \$575,000, with \$0 to be recovered by the Ministry.

**5. Public Health Inspector Practicum Program:**

For the period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, Public Health Services requested \$10,000 to hire Public Health Inspector Trainees for program support and to provide future Public Health Inspectors with training and hands-on field experience. This funding has been in place for many years and must be requested annually.

The Ministry granted \$10,000, which was fully spent.

**6. Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program Capital: Public Health Services Seniors Dental Clinic:**

For the period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the Ministry granted \$586,500 and \$135,700 carry-over to build two operatory Public Health Services' Seniors Dental Clinics with a dedicated instrument reprocessing/sterilization area. On March 28, 2024, the Ministry granted an additional \$305,000 of funding to cover the additional cost of the project. The total cost to December 31, 2023 is \$94,114; the remaining costs are expected from January 1 to March 31, 2024.

**7. Needle Syringe Program:**

For the period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the Ministry granted \$20,800 for extraordinary costs associated with delivering the Needle Syringe Program. For the Annual Report reporting period of April 1 to December 31, 2023, actual expenditures were \$0. The balance of actual expenditures from January 1 to March 31, 2024 is expected to be \$20,800, with \$0 to be recovered by the Ministry.

**8. Smoke-Free Ontario Enforcement Tablet Upgrades:**

For the funding period from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the Ministry granted \$3,600 for purchase to support Tobacco Inspection System Software for mobile units. For the period of April 1 to December 31, 2023, actual expenditures were \$0. The remaining balance will be expensed in the period between January 1 to March 31, 2024.