



Report to: Program Planning Committee
From: Donna Stewart, Director of Integrated Social Services
Date: March 21, 2018
Re: Social Infrastructure Fund - Issue Report

Purpose

To inform the Board of the **Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF) Year 3** agreement for affordable and social housing under the province's Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) Program. The SIF Year 3 program will be delivered under the Social Housing program and is a joint initiative between the provincial and federal government that will provide over \$640 million for housing over three years. 2018-19 is the third year of this initiative.

Background

The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has been administering the IAH program through the following 3 components Direct Shelter Subsidy, Ontario Renovates and Home Ownership since its inception in 2011. The cumulative IAH expenditures on these components within the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB since 2011 is just a over \$2.5M.

SIF Year 3 Funding

In a [letter](#) dated August 9, 2017, the Ministry of Housing indicated that there is need for more affordable housing in communities across Ontario and that municipalities cannot meet that need on their own.

In this same letter, he announced that as part of Ontario's continued commitment to increasing affordable housing options across the province, that our DSB will receive an increase in funding of \$191,900 in 2018-19 in under the Investment in Affordable Housing program.

This partnership between governments is providing over \$640 million through the SIF agreement for affordable and social housing to March 31, 2019.

It is comprised of four separate programs to address housing need, including:

- An increase to the funding commitment under the current SIF-IAH program (2016-17 to 2018-19);
- The construction and renovation of affordable housing for seniors (2016-17 to 2017-18);
- The renovation of social housing (2016-17); and
- The construction of and renovation of shelters and transitional housing for survivors of domestic violence (2016-17 to 2017-18).

An amending agreement to the 2016 SIF Service Manager Administration Agreement has been provided and the current SIF-IAH program guidelines will remain in effect for the 2018-19 funding.

Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF) - IAH Fund Allocation

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB will invest these dollars into the Direct Shelter Subsidy Program to help more families achieve affordable housing in the district.

As of March 1, 2018, there are 181 families receiving the Direct Shelter Subsidy across the Manitoulin-Sudbury District.

SIF Year 3 funding (\$191,900) would carry through to March 31st, 2025 and effectively create an additional 10 affordable housing units and allow them to remain in their current rental accommodations.

Conclusion

Staff are recommending that the Board approve the final [SIF Year 3 Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan](#).