

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

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