



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Trish Reed, Accessibility and Communication Specialist

Meeting Date: October 5, 2016

Subject: Report AAC16-047
Housing Division Update

Purpose

A report to update the Accessibility Advisory Committee on the 2016 Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF) and the Peterborough Renovates Program.

Recommendation

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC16-047 dated October 5, 2016 of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist as follows:

That the presentation by the Manager of the Housing Division on the 2016 Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF) and the Peterborough Renovates Program be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

Background

2016 Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF)

The 2016 federal budget announced the federal government's Social Infrastructure Fund (2016 SIF) that includes the following investments in housing delivered through Service Managers, such as the City of Peterborough:

1. An increase to the funding commitment under the current Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) program (totalling \$235.5 million province-wide over two years);
2. Funding for the construction and renovation of affordable housing for seniors (\$67.2 million province-wide over two years); and
3. Funding for the renovation and retrofit of social housing (\$209.3 million province-wide in 2016).

Peterborough has received a notional allocation of \$4.84M over twenty (20) months. The allocation is further broken down into 2 streams - \$3.238M as an increase in the IAH program and seniors housing; and \$1.6M for Social Housing Improvements.

The Province is requiring Service Managers to use the \$3.238M enhanced IAH/seniors funding stream to meet key provincial priorities as follows:

- (i) Supporting affordability for tenants in social housing with expiring operating agreements
- (ii) Seniors
- (iii) Persons with disabilities
- (iv) Indigenous peoples
- (v) The chronically homeless
- (vi) Youth
- (vii) Preventing homelessness as individuals transition from provincially-funded institutions such as hospitals
- (viii) Projects that support transit corridor intensification and/or community hubs.

Peterborough Renovates Program

The Peterborough Renovates Program (PRP) is a home repair program, funded by the federal and provincial governments. The program helps low to moderate income homeowners afford necessary home repairs and upgrades, including energy efficiency and accessibility related projects. Homeowners in both the City and County of Peterborough can apply for program funding through the delivery agent Habitat for Humanity.

This program provides grants and forgivable loans to qualifying applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. While funds for 2016-17 have already been allocated to applicants, funding is projected to continue for PRP through 2020.

- Grants for accessibility upgrades and modifications up to \$5,000
- Forgivable loans for other repairs and upgrades up to \$25,000

Any costs greater than \$25,000 need to be paid for by the applicant.

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