

Community Housing Renewal Strategy Update

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Report Summary

This report provides information regarding the Community Housing Renewal Strategy funding allocation received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). The report also provides an update as to how the initial three (3) year tranche of funding was allocated.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP)

This report refers to Housing and Create a Healthier Community as identified in the Strategic Plan and the priorities of Families, Resiliency and Housing as identified in the Health Impact Assessment Tool. This report has no connection to the Community Energy & Emissions Plan.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Background

On April 17, 2019, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) announced the launch of the Community Housing Renewal Strategy, a multi-year plan to sustain and grow the community housing system. Greater Sudbury was provided with a three (3) year allocation to support the strategy, leveraging federal investments under the bilateral agreement between MMAH and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

The Investment Plan approved by Council in June 2019, utilized the Capital Expenditures Stream of both the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) and the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) to address the shortfalls in capital needs for the existing Urban Native Housing Program as well as the balance of the City of Greater Sudbury's community housing portfolio. On October 11, 2019 Housing Services received approval of the Investment Plan from the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing.

Community Housing Renewal Strategy - Funding Allocations

The first tranche of three (3) year funding for Greater Sudbury was as follows:

Program	2019-2020 Allocation	2020-2021 Allocation	2021-2022 Allocation
Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI)	\$607,628	\$1,457,726	\$2,486,554
Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI)	\$1,381,900	\$715,900	\$1,114,600
Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB)	n/a	\$345,045	\$452,112

Update

With the work that was completed through the Social Housing Revitalization Plan and the data mined from Amaresco Asset Planner software regarding community housing building envelopes, Housing Services provided funding to nineteen (19) community housing providers, as well as, Greater Sudbury Housing Corporation and the Native People of Sudbury Development Corporation to address the shortfalls in their capital needs. A list of capital work is attached (Appendix A – Community Housing Renewal Strategy – funding provided to Non Profits).

The Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) is a portable housing benefit available to eligible applicant households currently on the City's centralized wait list. The portable benefit is paid directly to the applicant to offset rent costs and provides the ability to live in their preferred area of the community. Once an applicant household has been approved to receive the portable housing benefit by the Ministry of Finance, they are removed from the centralized wait list to be housed.

In 2020, Housing Services assisted 110 households. In 2021, an additional 30 households will be approved.

Through the support of the federal and provincial governments, these funds help to support Council's goal to improve access for all citizens, to safe, affordable, attainable and suitable housing options; existing housing stock is being improved in the community; and affordable housing options are being implemented.

Next Steps

Housing Services will update Council upon the announcement of the second tranche of Community Housing Renewal funding.

Resources Cited

Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Community Housing Renewal Strategy,
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