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Local Ontario Poverty Reduction Fund

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Recommendation

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Finance Implications

There are no financial implications, the cost of temporary staffing for the Out of the Cold Program will be funded by the Local Poverty Reduction Fund.

Health Impact Assessment

This program addresses barriers and is intended to enhance services to persons who are chronically homeless. Service data will be collected to monitor the results by program usage.

Background

Local Poverty Reduction Fund

The Local Poverty Reduction Fund is a \$50 million, six-year initiative created by the Province of Ontario to support innovative, community-driven projects that measurably improve the lives of those most affected by poverty.

The Local Poverty Reduction Fund provides funding to community organizations and municipalities to support and evaluate their poverty reduction initiatives, create partnerships and build a body of evidence of programs that work for Ontarians living in poverty.

By supporting projects in communities across the Province, Ontario aims to harness innovative ideas from local, community-based approaches and establish new ways of tackling poverty, rooted in evidence. Using the evidence gathered from these projects, the government will work to apply best practices across the Province and focus on funding programs that are proven to work and that can expand over time.

A Call for Proposals was issued in June 2015. The fund was available to a wide range of groups across

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Health Impact Review

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Ontario, including not-for profit corporations, registered charities, broader public sector organizations such as school boards, municipal governments and district social service administration boards, and Aboriginal communities and organizations.

Project Submission by the City of Greater Sudbury

The City of Greater Sudbury Social Services Division submitted an application to introduce two Client Navigator positions (one Aboriginal and one bilingual) to the Out of the Cold Emergency Shelter Program. The City of Greater Sudbury has been informed that our application has been selected as a successful recipient of the Local Poverty Reduction Fund.

The total Project cost is \$101,282, of which \$71,725 will be funded by the Local Poverty Reduction Fund and \$29,557 through in-kind services from the City of Greater Sudbury.

This unique program will reach people who are experiencing chronic homelessness and are typically disconnected from homelessness services. The main function of the Client Navigators will be to establish and maintain relationships with people using the Out of the Cold Emergency Shelter Program with a focus on connecting people to appropriate housing and health resources that will allow them to transition to housing stability. They will work collaboratively with other front line agencies that typically provide service to the same population including emergency shelter staff, community outreach teams, police, housing case managers, withdrawal management services and other social service agencies. The Social Planning Council is assisting by providing the evaluation component of the Project.

The Project will provide much needed supports to people who are experiencing chronic homelessness within the community and provide valuable information locally and Provincially about best practices for supporting people as they move from homelessness to housing stability.