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Information on Funding of Homelessness Initiatives

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Recommendation

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Background

City of Greater Sudbury Homelessness Initiatives

The City of Greater Sudbury receives funding from Federal, Provincial and Municipal Government to support homelessness programs. The funding is used in a coordinated and strategic way to maximize the benefits to the citizens of Greater Sudbury. While the financial support of emergency shelter programs is a key component of the safety net provided to the community, funding is also used to provide supports which prevent homelessness, coordinate homelessness services, and develop alternate housing options such as transitional housing.

The following is an overview of the programs and services provided by Social Services in support of Homelessness Initiatives.

Provincial and Municipal funding sources

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Homelessness Network

The Homelessness Network is a group of eight local agencies that Administer and Co-ordinate the Prevention Supports and Housing First System to assist and support citizens to move out of the cycle of homelessness. This program is funded by the Provincial Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP) and Municipal funding.

The Homelessness Network administers several programs, which include:

- Provincial Rent Bank (approximately \$69,000/year provided through Provincial funding)
- Emergency Energy Fund (approximately \$34,000/year provided through Provincial funding)
- Extreme Cold Weather Alert (approximately \$50,000/year provided through Municipal funding)
- CGS Rent bank Program (approximately \$20,000/year provided through municipal funding)

In 2010 the Homelessness Network assisted 1942 households who were at risk of homelessness, of which 97.9% were able to remain housed.

Emergency Shelter Programs:

Emergency Shelter services are provided by the Salvation Army and L'association des jeunes de la rue. Costs for this program are shared between the Province Per Diem funding and Municipality operational top up funding. For the year 2011 the cost sharing formula is 81.2% Provincial and 18.8% Municipal. These costs are being uploaded to the Province, and by the year 2018 will be funded 100% by the Province.

Provincial Per Diem is an amount set out by the Province and administered by the City of Greater Sudbury's Social Services office and is based on occupancy within the Emergency Shelter program. For 2010, the Per Diem rate provided by the Province was \$46.70 per day (\$47.30 per day for 2011).

Municipal operational top up funding has been provided to the Emergency Shelter service providers on an annual one-time basis through budget options. The operational top up is required to fill the gap between the total operating costs of the program less the Provincial Per Diem funding received from the Province. In 2010 operational top up funds were offset by using Provincial Social Assistance Restructuring Funding (SAR) for the female youth and womens & families components as the program met the funding criteria.

In 2010, 987 individual men, women, youth and children stayed at one of the emergency shelter programs within the City of Greater Sudbury. The average length of stay in the men's and women's and families program was 19 days; the average length of stay for the youth was 38 days.

Survey of other communities

In November 2008 an informal email survey was sent out to other Ontario Municipalities about funding of emergency shelter programs. The results from the offices that responded indicated:

- 14 of the 15 offices (93%) that fund emergency shelters in their community provide some other type of funding in addition to the Provincial Per Diem available.

Other funding sources:

- 6 offices used Municipal top up funding
- 6 offices used Provincial CHPP funding
- 3 office used Federal HPS funding
- 2 offices used NCB or OCB reinvestment funds (now called SAR funding)
- 2 offices offer property at no cost or below market rate rental of property
- Other programs combined programming and receive funds through Corrections Canada, MCSS, Trillium, United Way

Federal Funding Source:

Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS)

The City of Greater Sudbury has been designated the Community Entity for administering the Federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) funding within the community. The Community Entity is the link between the Federal Government and the Community Advisory Committee. The Community Advisory Committee on Homelessness was created to implement the priorities established in the Community Plan that address homelessness within the City of Greater Sudbury with the resources available from the federal government's Homelessness Partnering Strategy. Federal funding has been at a rate of \$226,189 per year from 2007- 2011.

The HPS funding was used in our community to address the three priorities as determined through the Community Plan Update and endorsed by Council on January 23rd, 2008. The three priorities are:

1. To provide transitional shelter for those who are chronically homeless through partnerships.
2. To develop a reporting method that will allow of the monitoring, measurement and evaluation of the overall effectiveness of the system that is currently in place to deal with the most

vulnerable in the City of Greater Sudbury.

3. Support the Community in change management to the Housing First Strategy.

Results:

- six new transitional beds at Rockhaven addiction treatment program for men who have completed the addiction program
- six new transitional beds at Foyer Notre Dame for young women aged 16 to 19 who are completing high school
- six new transitional beds at Canadian Mental Health Association for people experiencing mental health issues.
- two Report Cards on Homelessness for the City of Greater Sudbury
- training provided to community partners on the Housing First Strategy.

Future

The Federal Government has announced a further funding commitment of three years under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy at a rate of \$226,189 per year (2011 to 2014). A Community Consultation was held in December 2010 and a new Community Plan has been developed.

Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS)

Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) is a community-driven national information system for shelter service providers. The system helps facilities (such as emergency shelters) with their operations and planning activities, while also collecting data on the characteristics of the homeless population across Canada. Within our community there are four emergency shelter programs, eight Homelessness network agencies, and the Elgin Street Mission who collect HIFIS data.

Overview of Funding Sources 2010

Funding Source:	Federal	Provincial	Municipal
Transitional Housing (HPS Funding)	\$226,189		
HIFIS	\$53,553		
Homelessness Network		\$118,641	\$433,524
Provincial Rent Bank		\$69,581	
Emergency Energy Fund		\$34,620	
City Rent Bank			\$20,000
Extreme Cold Weather Alert			\$50,000
Emergency Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social Assistance Restructuring - Per Diem funding - Municipal Operational Top Up 		345,000 479,755 0	0 115,474 360,000
Total	\$279,742	\$1,047,597	\$978,988

Summary of Emergency Shelters

Program Costs:

	2006 Actuals	2007 Actuals	2008 Actuals	2009 Actuals	2010 Actuals	2011 Budgeted
Operational Top Up	612,281.00	541,575.00	690,000.00	680,000.00	705,000.00	705,000.00
Per Diems	876,633.95	768,212.35	882,846.30	859,924.00	595,229.41	1,574,763.00
Net Program Costs	1,488,914.95	1,309,787.35	1,572,846.30	1,539,924.00	1,300,229.41	2,279,763.00

Funding Breakdown:

Federal	154,194.00	329,575.00	-	-	-	-
Provincial - Social Assistance Restructuring	-	-	-	-	345,000.00	282,000.00
Provincial - Per Diem	702,654.61	640,634.32	705,720.84	687,939.20	479,754.90	1,278,707.56
	702,654.61	640,634.32	705,720.84	687,939.20	824,754.90	1,560,707.56
Municipal - Operational Top up	458,087.00	212,000.00	690,000.00	680,000.00	360,000.00	423,000.00
Municipal - Per Diem	173,979.34	127,578.03	177,125.46	171,984.80	115,474.51	296,055.44
	632,066.34	339,578.03	867,125.46	851,984.80	475,474.51	719,055.44

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Per Diem Rates

Per Diem	39.15	39.95	40.75	41.60	42.50	43.00
PNA	3.80	3.90	4.00	4.10	4.20	4.30
	42.95	43.85	44.75	45.70	46.70	47.30