



March 27, 2017

Dear Service Managers,

Further to the March 9, 2017 announcement by the Honourable Chris Ballard, Minister of Housing, I am pleased to provide you with details about the Province's new investment in supportive housing.

The Service Manager delivered component of this investment will be captured under a new program called Home For Good (HFG). HFG is an ongoing investment to support the goal of ending chronic homelessness by 2025. It will provide housing assistance and support services to people within the following four provincial priority homelessness areas:

- Chronic homelessness;
- Youth homelessness;
- Indigenous homelessness; and
- Homelessness following transitions from provincially-funded institutions and service systems (e.g. hospitals and prisons).

The Ministry of Housing will distribute two years of funds dedicated for Service Managers through an Expression of Interest process. All 47 Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and District Social Services Administration Boards are eligible to apply to participate.

Approximately \$25 million and \$50 million will be available in 2017-18 and 2018-19, respectively, for housing assistance and supports. In addition, funding will be available for approximately 400 new capital units in each year.

Service Managers selected for initial program delivery will continue to receive operating funding on an ongoing basis (subject to annual provincial budget approvals, and fulfilment of accountability requirements). Depending on the results of the first two years, the province may consider expanding the program to additional communities in the third year (2019-20). The overall supportive housing investment includes up to \$100 million for housing assistance and support services in 2019-20, of which approximately \$75 million will be available for Service Managers.

Interested Service Managers are encouraged to review the attached Expression of Interest, and submit a proposal to the Ministry by **5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Friday, May 19, 2017**. Proposals must be submitted through the Grants Ontario System (GOS). Step-by-step instructions about how to submit an application through GOS are attached.

Ministry staff will be hosting an informational HFG teleconference on Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration information will be distributed to Service Managers through MSO Team Leads.

I look forward to working with you as we launch this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Hope".

Janet Hope
Assistant Deputy Minister

Attachments: (2)