Home for Good
Provincial Supportive Housing Funding

SSHA consultation – Monday May 8 2017

The Ministry of Housing has announced operating and capital funding to create new supportive housing over the next two years.

Funding is directed towards homelessness focussed housing assistance and support services for people who fall within the provincial priority homelessness areas – chronic homelessness, youth homelessness, Indigenous homelessness, and homelessness following transition from institutions and service systems.

Funding available

Approximately $25 million and $50 million will be available in 2017-18 and 2018-19, respectively, for housing assistance and supports delivered by Service Managers across Ontario. Ongoing operating funding will be available, subject to provincial budget approvals. Some capital funding is also available, though no ongoing operating funds are available for these projects.

Additional funding will be administered separately by the Province for an Indigenous supportive housing stream (no details are provided yet).

Eligible programs as outlined by the Province

Reflected in the Ontario Supportive Housing Policy Framework, Home for Good funding can be allocated to housing assistance programs (housing allowances, rent supplements, first and last month's rent) and support services (on/off-site, follow-up, case management).

Timelines

EOI submissions are required by the Province from Service Managers by May 19.

Provincial timelines suggest that funding allocations will be made in July, with funds made available in October 2017.

Further consultations to generate input on how investments can best meet the need for supportive housing in Toronto will be conducted with all stakeholders prior to further program development later this year.

Based on input from these consultations, an RFP to allocate funding to specific projects will likely be released mid-year, with the goal of being able to initiate projects as soon as the provincial funding is made available.
May 8 Consultation Outline

This consultation is targeted at key supportive housing stakeholders in Toronto with the goal of providing input into the development of the City's EOI submission. The consultation will encourage participants to share ideas about supportive housing priorities for Toronto, guided by the following discussion questions:

- What are your ideas for how this funding should be invested to create new supportive housing within the provincial Home for Good timelines and program guidelines?
- What population groups should be considered as priorities for receiving supports? What level of supports are needed for these groups?
- How should clients be assessed and referred to new supportive housing created?
- Should funding be available for new projects/units or enhancing the level of support provided in existing programs as well?
- What should the measurable outcomes for this program be? How will we know if the funding invested has been successful in achieving an impact?

Those who are unable to attend the consultation are able to provide input via email: ssh@toronto.ca