

The Regional Municipality of York

Committee of the Whole Community and Health Services June 13, 2024 FOR DECISION

Report of the Commissioner of Community and Health Services and Chief Planner Housing Solutions 2023 Progress Report

1. Recommendations

- 1. Council request the Provincial and Federal governments to:
 - a. Expand the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit to add new households for the 2024-25 program year and beyond.
 - Establish a trilateral table including Service Managers to negotiate the final threeyear allocation (2025-26 to 2027-28) of cost-shared funding under the National Housing Strategy.
- 2. The Regional Clerk forward this report and Attachment 1 to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing as the Region's 2023 Progress Report in accordance with the *Housing Services Act, 2011* and to local Members of Parliament, local Members of Provincial Parliament and Clerks of the local municipalities.

2. Purpose

This report updates Council on progress made in 2023 and over the last five years toward goals and objectives set by York Region's 10-year housing and homelessness plan, <u>Housing Solutions: A place for everyone – Phase 2, 2019 to 2023</u>. As in many jurisdictions across Canada, housing affordability remains a key issue in York Region and demand for housing and homelessness services provided by the Region and its partners continues to increase.

Key Points:

 As Service Manager, York Region is required by the Housing Services Act, 2011 to develop a 10-year housing and homelessness plan and report annually on progress

- York Region's first plan, <u>Housing Solutions: A place for everyone</u> was approved by Council in <u>June 2014</u> and updated in <u>October 2019</u>
- Of the 46 actions in the <u>2023 Action Plan</u>, 40 have been completed and 6 either deferred or continuing into 2024. In 2023, York Region helped a significant number of households from the wait list access community housing and rent benefits, continued to support purpose-built rental through development charges deferrals, and expanded emergency and transitional housing capacity.
- Lessons learned over the last five years are informing implementation plans to address needs across the housing continuum in 2024, and the next 10-year housing and homelessness plan, targeted for 2025.

3. Background

Council endorsed Phase 2 of Housing Solutions in October 2019

Service Managers in Ontario are required by the *Housing Services Act, 2011* to develop and implement a 10-year plan to address local housing and homelessness needs and to complete a review of the plan at least once every five years. York Region's first plan, *Housing Solutions: A place for everyone* was approved in June 2014. Council approved an updated plan in October 2019, which included updated goals, objectives, and performance measures.

Service Managers are required to report publicly each year on progress achieved in advancing their 10-year plans. Each June, Council has received a report on outcomes from the previous year, as well as an action plan and outlook for the next two years. This approach was adopted to allow the Region to respond to significant changes in policy directions and funding from senior levels of government. Council received a combined 2019/2020 progress report, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in June 2021, and the 2022 progress report in June 2023.

4. Analysis

Action plan for 2023 had 46 actions identified, with 40 completed

A total of 46 actions were identified in the action plan approved by Council in <u>June 2023</u>. A total of 40 have been completed and six are continuing into 2024. Table 1 highlights key accomplishments, with detailed outcomes and more information on ongoing actions provided in Attachment 1.

Table 1
Key Accomplishments Achieved in 2019-2023

Goal	Accomplishments			
Increase the Supply of Affordable and Rental Housing	 42 purpose built rental units were granted Development Charges (DC) deferrals in 2023 through the Region's DC Deferral Policy. Since 2019, 542 units have been granted DC deferrals. 			
	 Housing York Inc.'s (HYI's) Unionville Commons opened in 2023, providing 265 market and subsidized rental homes for seniors in the City of Markham. Since 2019, the Region has built or supported construction of almost 460 new community housing units. 			
Help People Find and Keep Housing	 From 2019 to 2023, 1,294 people successfully transitioned from emergency housing to permanent housing and 671 people were diverted from entering emergency housing to alternative housing options with friends and families. 			
	 976 households from the subsidized housing wait list accepted housing offers in 2023, including 527 households accepting the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit. The Region has cumulatively housed 2,765 households from the wait list since 2019. 			
Strengthen the Housing and Homelessness System	 Two new transitional housing sites opened in the Towns of Georgina and East Gwillimbury, adding 28 new units to the emergency and transitional housing system. 			
	 In 2023, the Region began providing annual funding for Inn From The Cold to extend its emergency housing and homelessness services and supports to year-round operations, adding 25 ongoing emergency housing beds to the emergency housing system. 			

York Region has seen an increase in purpose-built rental developments

Goal 1 of *Housing Solutions* is to increase the supply of affordable and rental housing. In 2023, 670 private purpose-built rental units were completed, compared to 353 purpose-built rental units completed in 2021 and 2022 combined. This confirms growing interest from the development industry in building purpose-built rental housing. As reported in <u>Growth and Development Review 2023</u>, approximately 8,200 purpose-built rental units are currently proposed region-wide.

Vacancy rates for purpose-built rentals increased from 1% to 1.9%, which remains below the 3% benchmark generally considered to indicate a healthy rental market. Purpose-built unit rents have increased by 22% since 2019, and condominium unit rents have increased by 26% over the same period. The percentage of new ownership housing affordable to households at the sixth income decile (those earning \$155,535) decreased from 0.75% in 2022 to 0% in 2023. This is the sixth year in a row that Regional affordability targets have not been met. Limited affordable ownership and rental housing options continue to affect the Region's long-term growth and sustainability. See the Housing Supply and Affordability Update Report included on this agenda for further information.

An Affordable Private Market Housing Implementation Plan is being proposed to identify actions, advocacy, and partnership approaches to help address housing affordability in the private market. Potential approaches (scenarios) to the Affordable Private Market Housing Implementation Plan (AHIP) were presented to the Housing Affordability Task Force in May 2024 to inform the final AHIP for consideration by Council in Q3 2024. Advocating for sources of long-term predictable funding such as the Permanent Public Transit Fund could help increase the supply of more affordable housing. As communicated to Council in March 2024, this work is one of three implementation plans that will provide input into the next 10-year housing and homelessness plan (Figure 1).

Homelessness **Community Housing** Private Market Unsheltered Non-profit Market Rental Housing Emergency and Co-operative Market Ownership Housing Transitional Housing Housing York Inc. **Homelessness Service System Plan Community Housing Supply Plan** Affordable Private Market Housing (Q3 2024) Implementation Plan (Q3 2024) (Q2 2024) Respond to immediate and long-term needs of Identify actions, advocacy, and partnership residents experiencing or at-risk of Guide long-term investments to increase approaches to address housing gaps by the homelessness, including exploring creating supply of community housing for housing private market in the short, medium, and longmore emergency, transitional and longer-term providers, including Housing York Inc. term. housing options. 2025 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan

Figure 1
York Region Housing Continuum and Related Implementation Plans

Since 2019, Region built almost 460 new community housing units, with approximately 497 more units in planning and development

Goal 1 also includes actions to increase community housing supply. Since 2019, this includes HYI's Unionville Commons (265 units) and MICAH-Larry Tod Place (32 units) in City of Markham, and HYI's Woodbridge Lane (162 units) in City of Vaughan. York Region has successfully leveraged senior government funding, with almost 40% of the cost of Unionville Commons and almost 70% of HYI's Mosaic House (97 units) in Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville coming from Federal and Provincial sources.

Requirements for senior government programs have prompted exploration of new strategies to advance projects, as communicated to Council in <u>November 2023</u>. For HYI's 62 Bayview Parkway in Town of Newmarket (up to 250 units) and 14th Avenue Box Grove in City of Markham (approximately 150 units), York Region took a risk-based approach to funding. The Region leveraged the Social

Housing Development Reserve to advance both projects until senior government funding is secured, which is often committed after construction has begun.

In addition to implementing new approaches to advance HYI projects, Council also funded a new Community Housing Supply Grant Pilot Program as part of the <u>2023 budget</u>. This marked the first ongoing investment of Regional funding to support non-profits and co-operatives to build new community housing. The upcoming Community Housing Master Plan will explore how Federal, Provincial, and Regional funding sources may be leveraged to support the Region in building more community housing, as housing affordability continues to worsen for low- and moderate-income residents.

Region has housed nearly 2,800 households from the wait list since 2019, including more than 1,200 who accessed the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit

Goal 2 includes actions to help people find and keep housing. Since 2019, the Region has housed nearly 2,800 households from the subsidized housing wait list through community housing, rent supplement units, and portable housing benefits. The Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB), a portable benefit jointly funded by the Federal and Provincial governments, has had the most significant impact since its introduction in 2020. York Region has helped more than 1,200 households access COHB as an alternative to waiting for a subsidized unit, including people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

In 2023, 976 applicants were housed, the highest number of households housed in a single year since the wait list was established in the early 2000s. Figure 2 shows number of households housed since the plan was updated in 2019, including those who accepted COHB starting in 2020.

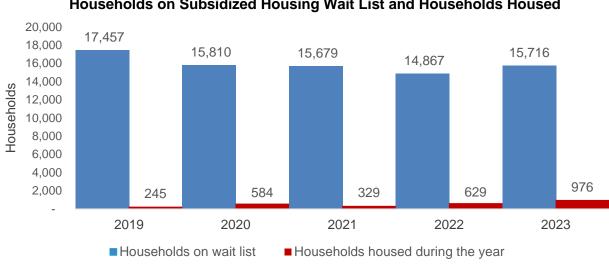


Figure 2
Households on Subsidized Housing Wait List and Households Housed

COHB has had a significant impact in helping to house people faster and reducing average wait times. Applicants accepting COHB in 2023 waited on average 2.3 years, compared to 9.6 years for those who accepted a subsidized unit. Staff have offered the benefit to all wait list households in order of priority status and application date. Over time, as applicants with older application dates

have refused COHB, staff have supported more recent applicants who need more immediate financial assistance to stabilize or find housing.

While COHB has increased housing options available through the wait list, this program is currently funded only until March 2029, potentially putting those tenancies at risk. As funding allocations are not predictable, and provided annually, planning is difficult. On average, between 2008 and 2023, over 400 applicants were housed annually, including through COHB, while the wait list grew by an average of 659 applicants each year. With wait list growth expected to continue to outpace households housed each year, York Region will need to continue to leverage all available tools, including COHB and continuing to build new community housing.

Federal and Provincial funding has been critical to advancing *Housing Solutions*, but predictable and long-term funding is needed to effectively plan

All levels of government are responsible for addressing housing and homelessness challenges. York Region receives funding under a number of different programs and pursues grant funding where applications are required. Between 2019 and 2023, York Region received approximately \$288 million in Federal and Provincial capital and operating funding to help advance this plan (Appendix A).

<u>Council</u> has consistently advocated for predictable and long-term funding. For example, funding to build new community housing and repair existing units – both key objectives of the plan – is inconsistent year over year, as shown in Figure 3, making it difficult to plan.

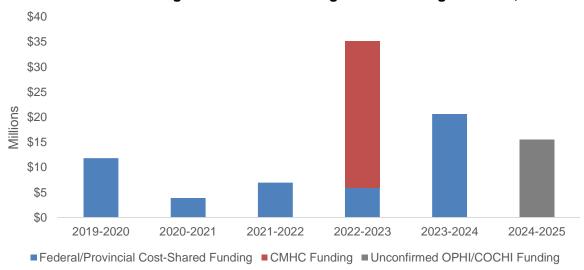


Figure 3
Federal/Provincial Funding Allocated to York Region for Housing Priorities, 2019-2025

Note: Figure 3 includes Federal/Provincial cost-shared funding (since 2019, Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative and Canada-Ontario Housing Initiative) allocated to York Region. Funding for 2024/2025 has not yet been confirmed. CMHC funding includes application-based programs (Affordable Housing Fund) and grant-based (Rapid Housing Initiative Round 3 Cities' Stream). Figure 3 does not include an additional \$7.4M in Rapid Housing Initiative funding for Inn from the Cold in the Town of Newmarket.

The Region receives grant funding from the Federal and Provincial governments through the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) and the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI). Funding commitments were originally going to be provided in three-year allocations, which has not been the case. For the 2023/24 year, which ended in March 2024, the Province did not confirm OPHI/COCHI funding until August 2023. This required the Region to submit an investment plan and commit funds within a short timeframe, without extending program timelines to complete projects. The funding provided is also inconsistent and provided on a use-it-or-lose-it basis. These programs are expected to end by 2028. This has made long-term planning challenging.

Figure 3 also shows funding York Region received to build from Canada-Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) through the Affordable Housing Fund and Rapid Housing Initiative, which have their own requirements for spending. For example, under the Rapid Housing Initiative, projects must be completed within 18 months after CMHC provides project approval. Future allocations are unknown for these programs; however, staff continue to apply on a project-by-project basis at every opportunity.

Federal and Provincial governments reached an agreement on a revised Action Plan that will allow access to Federal funding under the National Housing Strategy

In March 2024, the Federal government announced it was withholding \$357 million in funding to Ontario due to the Province not meeting targets under its National Housing Strategy (NHS) Action Plan.

On May 28, 2024, the Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities and the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing <u>announced</u> an agreement has been reached on a revised Ontario Action Plan that will allow access to the previously withheld funding. According to the announcement, the revised Action Plan will include new measures such as establishing Provincial supply targets with Service Managers, directing funding toward new projects, setting annual goals, and implementing robust data collection and reporting mechanisms. No additional details are available at this time.

COHB funding amounts for the current fiscal year have also not been confirmed. This poses a challenge for the Region to continue to support residents, including those experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. Staff will continue to monitor the situation and support all efforts to ensure funding flows as soon as possible.

This report includes a recommendation that Federal and Provincial governments engage Service Managers in negotiating the final three-year allocation under the NHS to ensure adequate funding to address local housing needs.

Region continues to advocate for increased Federal and Provincial funding to develop affordable and community housing

Senior levels of government remain important partners in achieving the plan's objectives. Since Council approved the revised plan in 2019, the funding landscape for housing and homelessness initiatives has continued to change.

Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* (Bill 23) made several changes to how municipalities fund growth-related infrastructure, including removal of housing services as a DC-eligible service. Region's 2022 DC Bylaw had included \$109 million to help fund growth-related share of costs to construct nearly 1,500 new community housing units over the next 10 years.

Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*, (Bill 185) tabled in April 2024, reverses some of the changes brought on by Bill 23, including repealing a mandatory phase-in of DC rates. If Bill 185 is passed as tabled, staff estimate the reduction in DC collections resulting from Bill 23 would be approximately \$330 million over the next ten years for the 'known' changes to the Act (from the previous estimate of \$700 million). As part of the consultation on Bill 185, Council requested reinstatement of housing services as DC eligible.

In <u>March 2024</u>, Council circulated a report to the Province outlining need for long-term, consistent funding to support affordable and community housing supply. The Region has also continued to advocate for Federal and Provincial funding to support asylum seekers, including a <u>January 2024</u> Council motion requesting an increased Federal allocation under the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit and additional funding to address the asylum seeker response.

York Region's housing and homelessness supports continue to see increased demand

York Region's By-Name List (a real-time list of known individuals experiencing homelessness who have connected with York Region's homelessness service system) reflects the current environment and factors that impact homelessness. In 2019, York Region's By-Name List reported 1,395 unique people experiencing homelessness. This has increased by 28% to 1,784 unique people in 2023. The increase in homelessness can be attributed to increase in cost of living, rent and food costs, newcomer migration, gender-based violence and complex needs.

The caseload for York Region's homelessness programs has increased by 9% between 2019 and 2023, from 4,814 people supported in 2019 to 5,356 people in 2023. This increasing trend demonstrates growing homelessness in York Region and a continued need to ensure adequate services and supports are available. Based on current growth trajectories, the number of people experiencing homelessness in York Region annually could increase to between 2,100 and 2,300 by 2030, excluding support needs of asylum seekers as forecasting this demand currently is not possible. Additional data about homelessness has been provided as part of a June 2023 Council memo and November 2023 Special Council Meeting.

York Region's emergency and transitional housing system continues operating at, or near, full capacity

York Region has far fewer emergency beds than its peer municipalities, estimated to be approximately 21 beds/100,000 population. The Region's 183 emergency beds and 66 transitional housing beds are regularly at or near capacity as a result of increased demand and because it takes longer for people to move out. The average length of stay in emergency housing grew from 26.5 days to 49.3 days. As people stay longer in emergency housing, less capacity is available for others to get help.

In comparison, Region of Waterloo, with a population of 587,165 people has a total of 629 emergency and transitional housing beds, or 107 beds/100,000 population; the Region of Peel, with a population of 1,451,022 people, has a total of 514 emergency and transitional housing beds or 35 beds/100,000 population.

York Region is seeing an increase in the number of people living unsheltered

Due primarily to insufficient emergency and transitional housing in York Region relative to need, more people are living unsheltered. Outreach Services has been providing supports and case management to an increasing number of people across the Region, from 408 people in 2019 to 730 people in 2023. Outreach workers visited approximately 204 known encampment locations in 2023, three times higher than the 62 known locations visited in 2021 when York Region first began tracking encampment locations.

York Region's Community Paramedicine Outreach Response Team is a partnership of physicians, Community Paramedics and Outreach Workers who deliver mobile, accessible and low barrier primary care, mental health and addictions services to people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. As of December 31, 2023, Community Paramedicine Outreach Response Team has helped 891 people since inception.

The Region developed and implemented York Region's first Heat Relief Strategy in 2023, distributing 450 cooling kits to people experiencing homelessness to help mitigate the effects of extreme heat. York Region has expanded supports and services for people experiencing homelessness during cold weather through York Region's 2023 to 2024 Cold Weather Response Plan, which temporarily expands emergency housing system capacity. The Region will continue to expand these supports as extreme weather events become more common.

The Homelessness Service System Plan report, also on the June 2024 Committee of the Whole agenda, includes additional actions for implementation this year to help address the need for more emergency and transitional housing and increase in encampments.

York Region's prevention programs ensure people at risk of homelessness keep their housing

It is better for people and far less costly to help people avoid experiencing homelessness. York Region's Homelessness Prevention Program and Housing Stability Program play an important role

in helping people keep their housing. These programs provide eligible residents experiencing or at risk of homelessness with financial assistance for rent, utilities and other housing costs to stabilize their housing and prevent homelessness.

The number of people who accessed the Region's Homelessness Prevention Program and Housing Stability Program ranged from 900 in 2021 to 1,046 in 2023. However, with increased living costs and housing unaffordability, it is becoming more difficult for people to sustain their current housing arrangements even with these supports.

York Region's Diversion program helps people find alternate housing options, such as with family and friends, to help prevent them from having to use emergency housing. Over the past five years, 671 people have been diverted from emergency housing to safe housing with friends and family.

Lessons learned from implementing *Housing Solutions* are informing implementation plans currently underway and the future 10-year housing and homelessness plan

The Region updated *Housing Solutions* in 2019 to allow flexibility to respond to pressures and opportunities while advancing an overall strategy. Key insights include:

- York Region has limited legislated and financial tools to address rising home prices and rents. Partnerships with other levels of government are more important than ever, as increased, long-term funding is needed to address growing housing need.
- Local municipalities have always been important partners. In recent years, more tools have been made available at the local level, including inclusionary zoning and the Federal Housing Accelerator Fund. Future plans will require even stronger collaboration.
- While the plan allowed the Region to respond to changing provincial and Federal funding and legislative contexts, a new 10-year plan will consider clear targets, identify need for resources to advance those targets, and will be supported by an advocacy agenda.
- New funding opportunities like COHB have helped the Region to assist households on the
 wait list in ways not envisioned when the plan was updated. COHB has demonstrated it is an
 effective tool. It requires sustained and long-term investment from senior levels of
 government. As COHB largely relies on available, reasonably priced private rental housing,
 York Region and local municipalities are encouraged to support retention of existing rental
 housing stock and construction of new supply.
- The COVID-19 pandemic caused significant economic disruption leading to loss of employment, reduction in incomes, and increased housing instability. The Region and its partners supported residents through new and existing programs, and successfully leveraged new Federal and Provincial funding sources like the Rapid Housing Initiative and the Social Services Relief Fund to build new transitional and community housing.
- The Region continued to expand emergency and transitional housing, annualizing Inn From The Cold operations, opening two new transitional housing buildings and expanding the

Region's seasonal shelter program. This work has added 25 new emergency housing beds, 33 new transitional housing beds and 20 new seasonal overnight shelter beds in the Towns of Newmarket, Georgina and East Gwillimbury. The Region continues to explore opportunities to develop emergency and transitional housing capacity to meet growing need.

When a person experiences homelessness, health needs often increase, and it can be
difficult to access ongoing health care supports. The Region implemented the Community
Paramedicine and Outreach Response Team enabling a holistic, low-barrier approach to
addressing health needs of people experiencing homelessness, diverting emergency room
visits.

Lessons learned from implementing the plan are being used to inform implementation plans currently underway to address needs across the housing continuum, and will also inform the goals, objectives and actions of a new 10-year plan, targeted for 2025. The finalization of the new 10-year plan has been delayed to at least 2025 as the Province is reviewing its requirements for these plans.

Progress Report supports Healthy Communities Area of Focus identified in York Region's Strategic Plan

This Progress Report aligns with the <u>2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan</u> – Healthy Communities Area of Focus. It describes how the Region is meeting the objective of sustaining and increasing affordable housing choices by delivering rent subsidies, adding community housing supply and supporting housing providers.

5. Financial Considerations

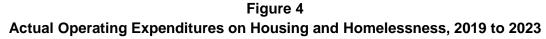
York Region received approximately \$288 million in Federal and Provincial funding from 2019 to 2023 to support the goals and objectives of Housing Solutions

Appendix A lists Federal and Provincial funding for community housing, homelessness and housing stability programs received from 2019 to 2023.

Since 2019, the Region invested \$408 million in operating funding and \$56 million in capital funding into housing and homelessness priorities

The Region's investment in housing, homelessness prevention and housing stability programs since 2019 included \$408 million in tax levy funding for Homelessness Community Programs and Housing Services, and approximately \$2 million through the Community Investment Fund. Total operating spending on housing and homelessness has increased steadily over the past five years.

Figure 4 shows actual operating expenditures from 2019 to 2023, including funding from senior levels of government. Housing Services capital investments over this five-year period totaled \$56 million in tax-levy funding (including development charges), as shown in Figure 4.



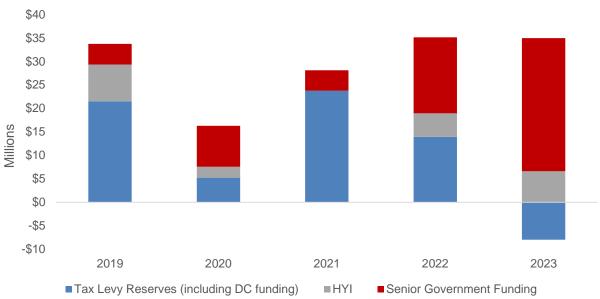
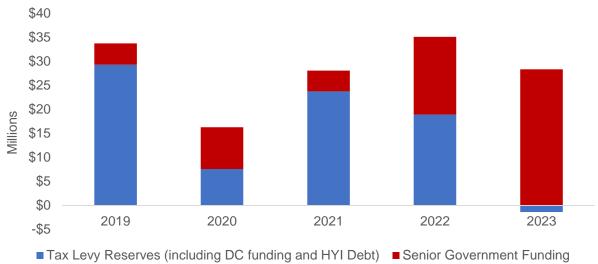


Figure 5 shows the impact of CMHC Affordable Housing Fund and Rapid Housing Initiative allocations in 2022 and 2023, which reduced tax levy investments for HYI's Unionville and Stouffville projects. The negative tax levy number in 2023 reflects funding being repaid into the Social Housing Development Reserve, as the Region has taken an approach that upfront Regional funding will be paid back into the reserve for future projects as funding from senior levels of government is secured.

Figure 5
Actual Capital Expenditures on Housing and Homelessness, 2019 to 2023



Province increased Provincial Homelessness Prevention Program funding for York Region to \$36.7 million in 2023

From 2019 to 2022, York Region received approximately \$15.7 million per year from the Province through the former Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative. In April 2022, Ontario launched the Homelessness Prevention Program, which consolidated multiple streams of funding including Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, providing York Region with approximately \$20.8 million. The new funding program supports Services Managers to prevent, address, and reduce homelessness.

In the 2023 Provincial budget, the Province increased total Homelessness Prevention Program funding by \$202 million. As a result, York Region's allocation increased by 77%, or \$15.8 million, to \$36.7 million for fiscal 2023/24. This additional funding helps to address historic Provincial homelessness funding shortfalls for some service managers, such as York Region, as identified in the 2021 Ontario Auditor General's report.

In <u>February 2023</u>, Council approved \$12.8 million in annual investment to address critical issues impacting residents related to housing, homelessness, community investments and mental health. Of this, \$4.8 million was allocated to homelessness. The new Provincial funding received by the Region was used instead of the Pandemic Management and Recovery Reserve Funding originally committed for this purpose.

6. Local Impact

Increasing housing costs, lack of affordable rentals and pressing need for homelessness support services have impacted all nine local municipalities. Local municipalities play a critical role in advancing *Housing Solutions* objectives. This involves increasing the rental housing stock and fostering development of affordable and emergency and transitional housing options through supportive planning policies. Addressing homelessness requires concerted efforts, with local municipalities collaborating alongside outreach workers, municipal staff, and community agencies to aid those experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. The Region continues to collaborate with local municipalities on housing-related initiatives.

7. Conclusion and Next Steps

Since 2019, the Region has made significant progress toward the goals and objectives of Housing Solutions Phase 2, including supporting residents to find and keep affordable housing and addressing homelessness.

A new 10-year housing and homelessness plan is targeted for Council's consideration in Q2 2025, informed by work underway on three implementation plans to address needs across the Region's housing continuum: <u>Affordable Private Market Housing Implementation Plan</u>, <u>Community Housing Development Master Plan</u> and <u>Homelessness Service System Plan</u>. While the new 10-year plan is

being developed, staff will continue to work towards goals and objectives of Housing Solutions to continue supporting residents to find and keep affordable housing and address homelessness.

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Appendix A – Federal/Provincial Funding Received by York Region for Housing and Homelessness Priorities, 2019-2023

Attachment 1 - Housing Solutions 2023 Progress Report #16144432

Federal/Provincial Funding Received by York Region for Housing and Homelessness Priorities, 2019-2023

Funding Stream	Program	Capital	Operating	Total Funding
Housing Programs	Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (F/P)	\$4,725,000	\$3,699,897	\$8,424,897
	Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (F/P)	\$7,476,100	\$21,422,300	\$28,898,400
	Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (F/P)	-	\$10,364,291 ¹	\$10,364,291
	Service Manager Federal Funding for Social Housing (F)	-	\$46,787,616	\$46,787,616
Homelessness and Housing Stability Programs	Investment in Affordable Housing (F/P)	\$4,087,185	\$215,115	\$4,302,300
	Rapid Housing Initiative (F)	\$11,399,920	-	\$11,399,920
	Affordable Housing Fund ² (F)	\$17,960,957	-	\$17,960,957
	Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (F)	\$5,195,000	-	\$5,195,000
	Homelessness Prevention Program (P)	-	\$47,082,281	\$47,082,281
	Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (P)	-	\$48,898,825	\$48,898,825
	Home For Good (P)	-	\$1,726,105	\$1,726,105
	Strong Communities Rent Supplement Program (P)	-	\$9,276,147	\$9,276,147
	Social Services Relief Fund (P)	\$7,300,000	\$40,446,545	\$47,746,545
Total Funding		\$58,144,162	\$229,919,122	\$288,063,284

¹ Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) funding is administered by the Ministry of Finance and paid directly to COHB recipients. The Region receives administration funding for enrolling eligible households. Full COHB allocation has been shown in the above table inclusive of administration funding.

² Program name changed from National Housing Co-Investment Fund to Affordable Housing Fund in November 2023.