



# PROVINCIAL FUNDING SHORTFALL OF HUMAN AND HEALTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

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# PURPOSE

- Outline provincial funding formulas for programs delivered by the Region on behalf of the province
- Demonstrate the growing provincial funding gap and associated impacts
- Provide information for continued advocacy efforts

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# SCOPE OF ANALYSIS

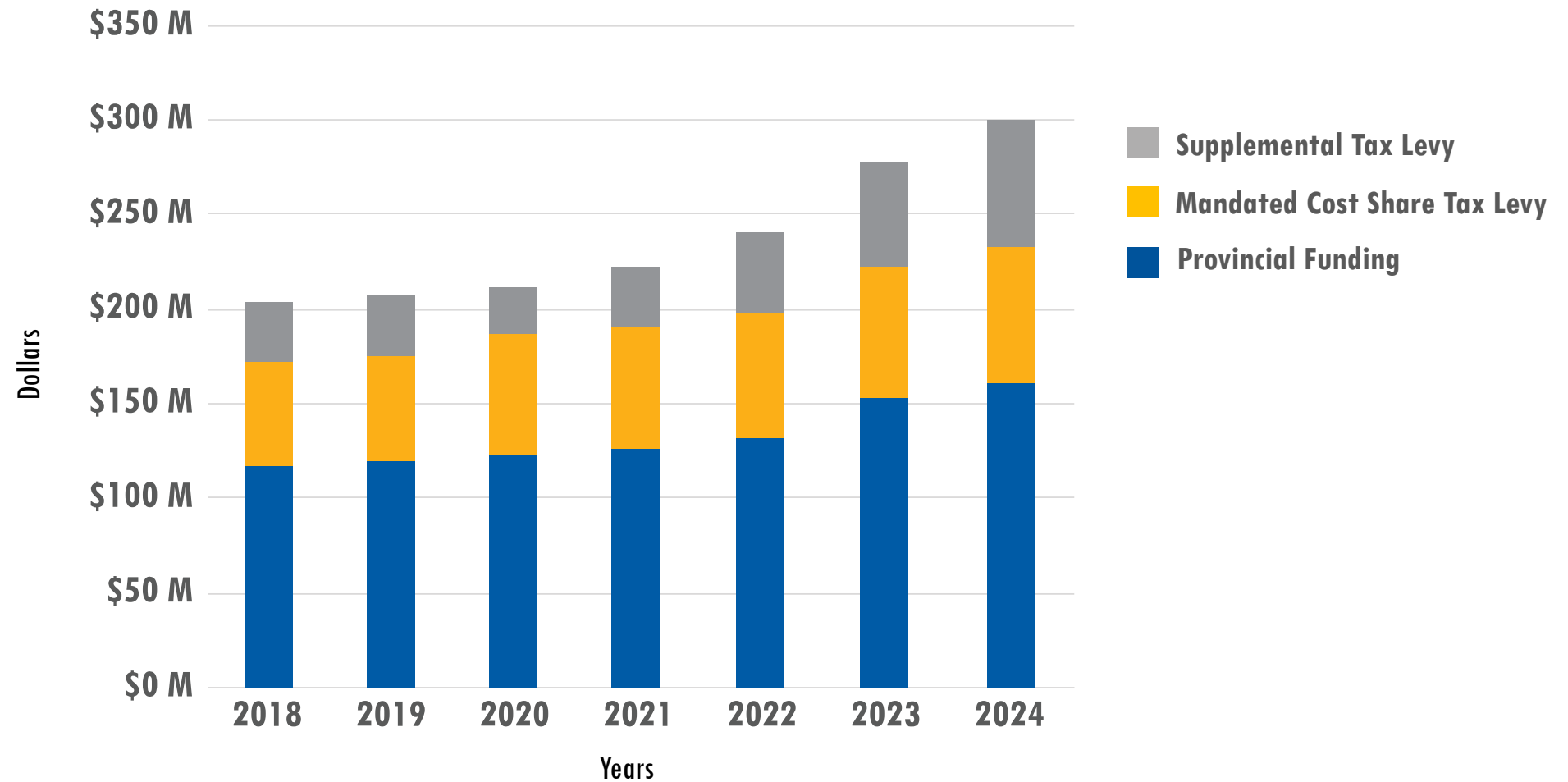


# SCOPE OF ANALYSIS AND PROVINCIAL FUNDING MODELS

Services	Ministry	Programs	Funding Models
Homelessness Community Programs	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	Emergency and Transitional Housing Operations, Outreach and Supports	Provincially funded with a limit on total provincial funding, no tax levy cost-share requirement
Long-Term Care	Ministry of Long-Term Care	Newmarket Health Centre and Maple Health Centre	Provincially funded with a limit on total provincial funding, no tax levy cost-share requirement
Paramedic Emergency Services	Ministry of Health	Emergency Services	Cost-share 50% provincial / 50% regional with a limit on total provincial funding
Public Health	Ministry of Health	Child and Family Health* Healthy Living Infectious Disease Control Health Protection	Cost-share 75% provincial / 25% regional with a limit on total provincial funding

\*Excludes – Seniors Dental and Healthy Babies, Healthy Children

# FOUR SERVICE AREAS COMBINED - TOTAL ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES



Provincial funding arrangements do not cover costs

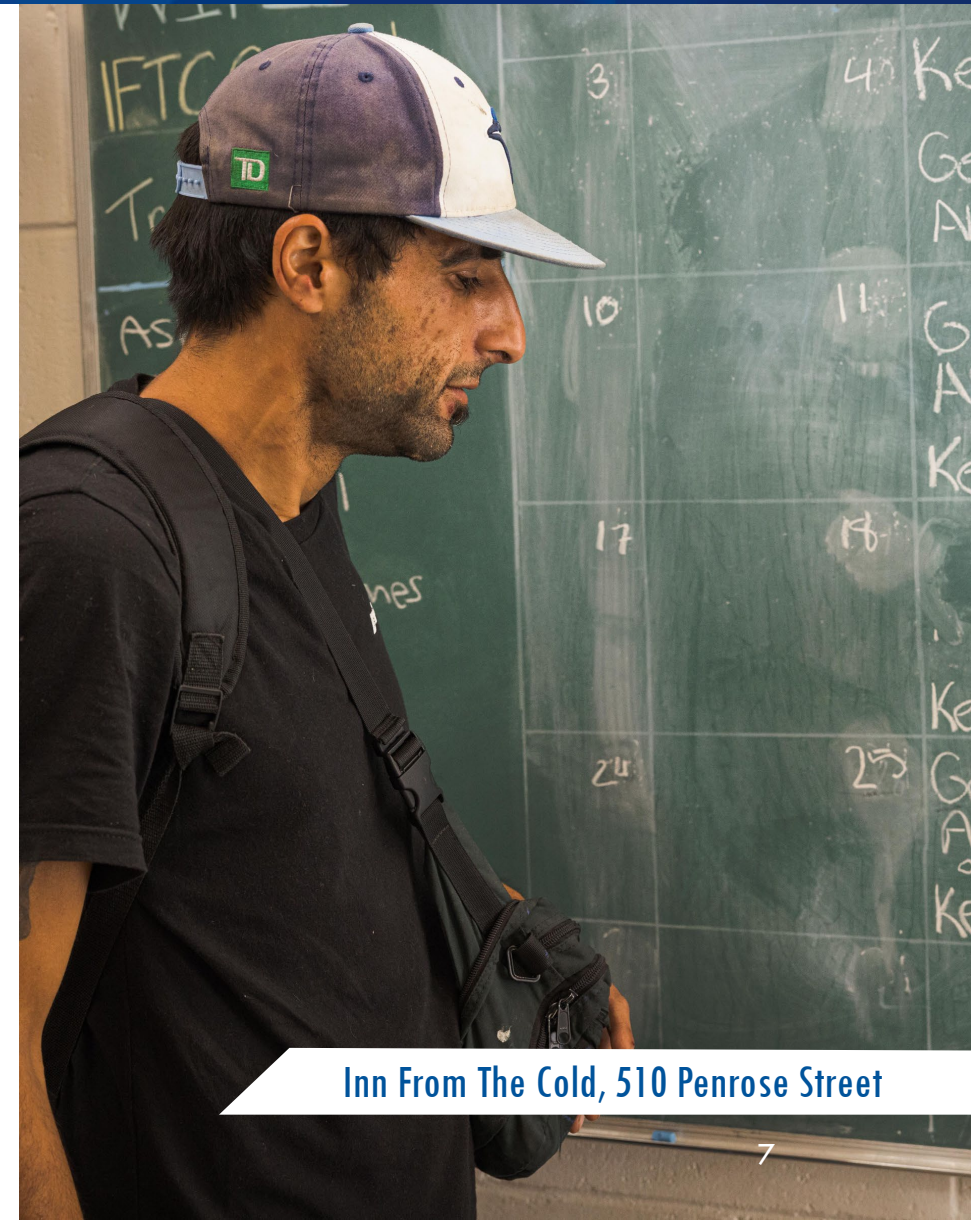
# HOMELESSNESS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS: CONTEXT

## PROGRAM PURPOSE

- Programs are designed to help people who are either at-risk or experiencing homelessness to find or keep housing

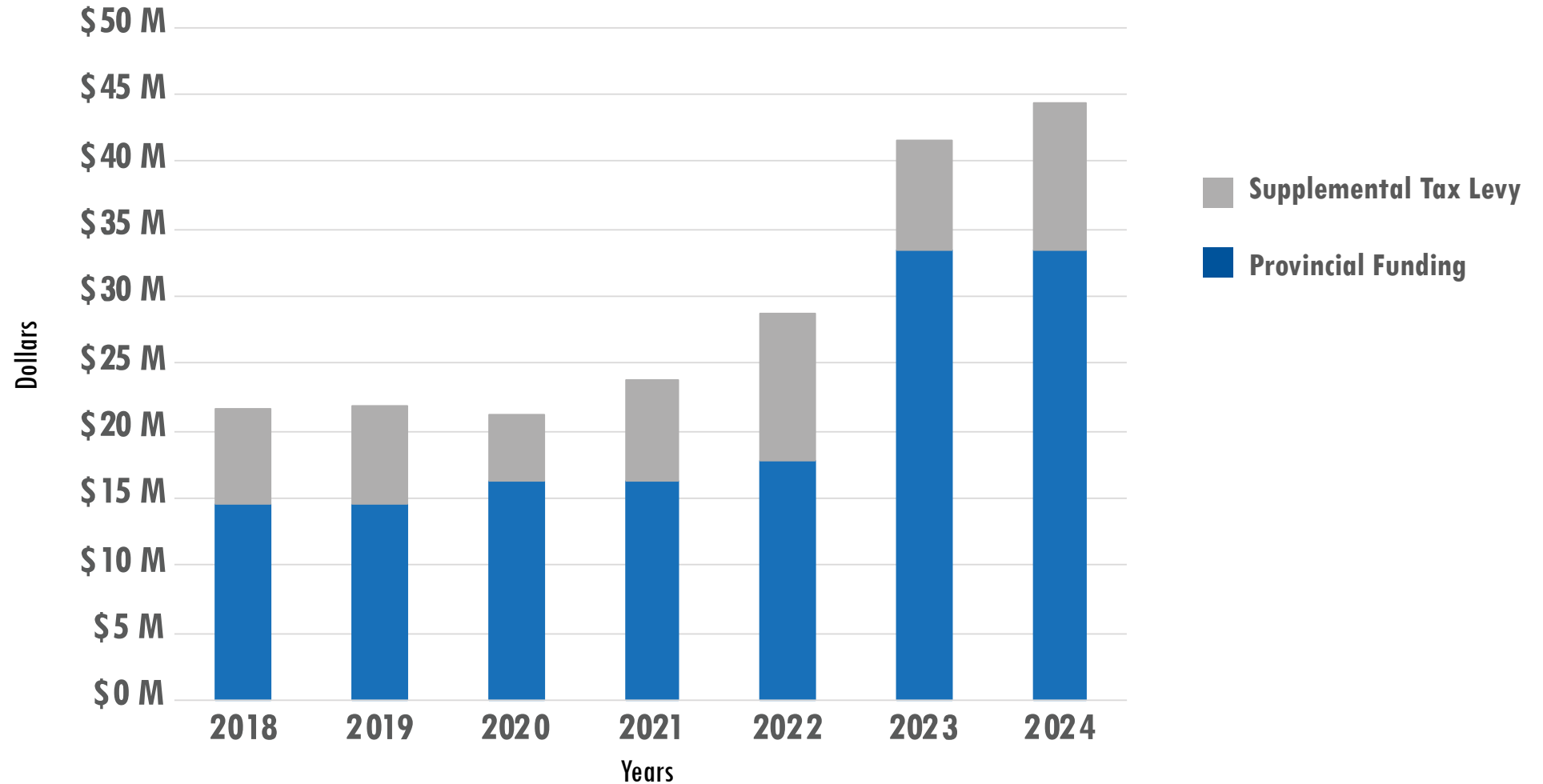
## COST INCREASE DRIVERS

- Increases in number of people experiencing homelessness and length of stay in emergency housing



Inn From The Cold, 510 Penrose Street

# HOMELESSNESS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS: TOTAL ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES



Provincial investments are not keeping pace with program needs



# LONG-TERM CARE: CONTEXT

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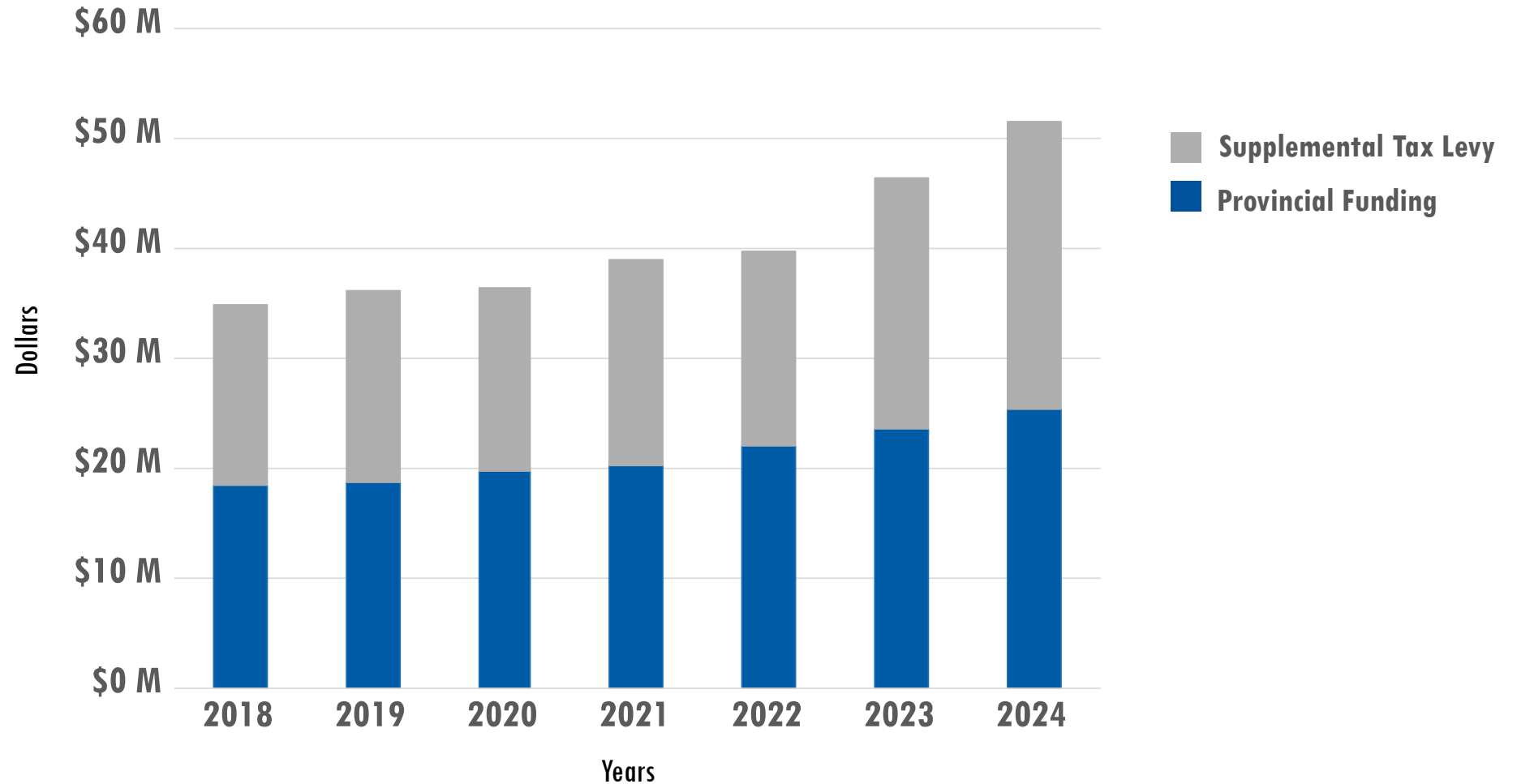
- Operation of two long-term care homes where residents receive 24-hour nursing and personal care

## COST INCREASE DRIVERS

- *Fixing Long-Term Care Act:*
  - Mandate for minimum direct hours of care
  - Expanded menu options catering to personal and cultural preferences
  - Enhanced Infection prevention and control mandates
- Enhanced compliance inspection due to regulations



# LONG-TERM CARE: TOTAL ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES



Provincial funding does not cover costs to meet mandates

# PARAMEDIC EMERGENCY SERVICES: CONTEXT

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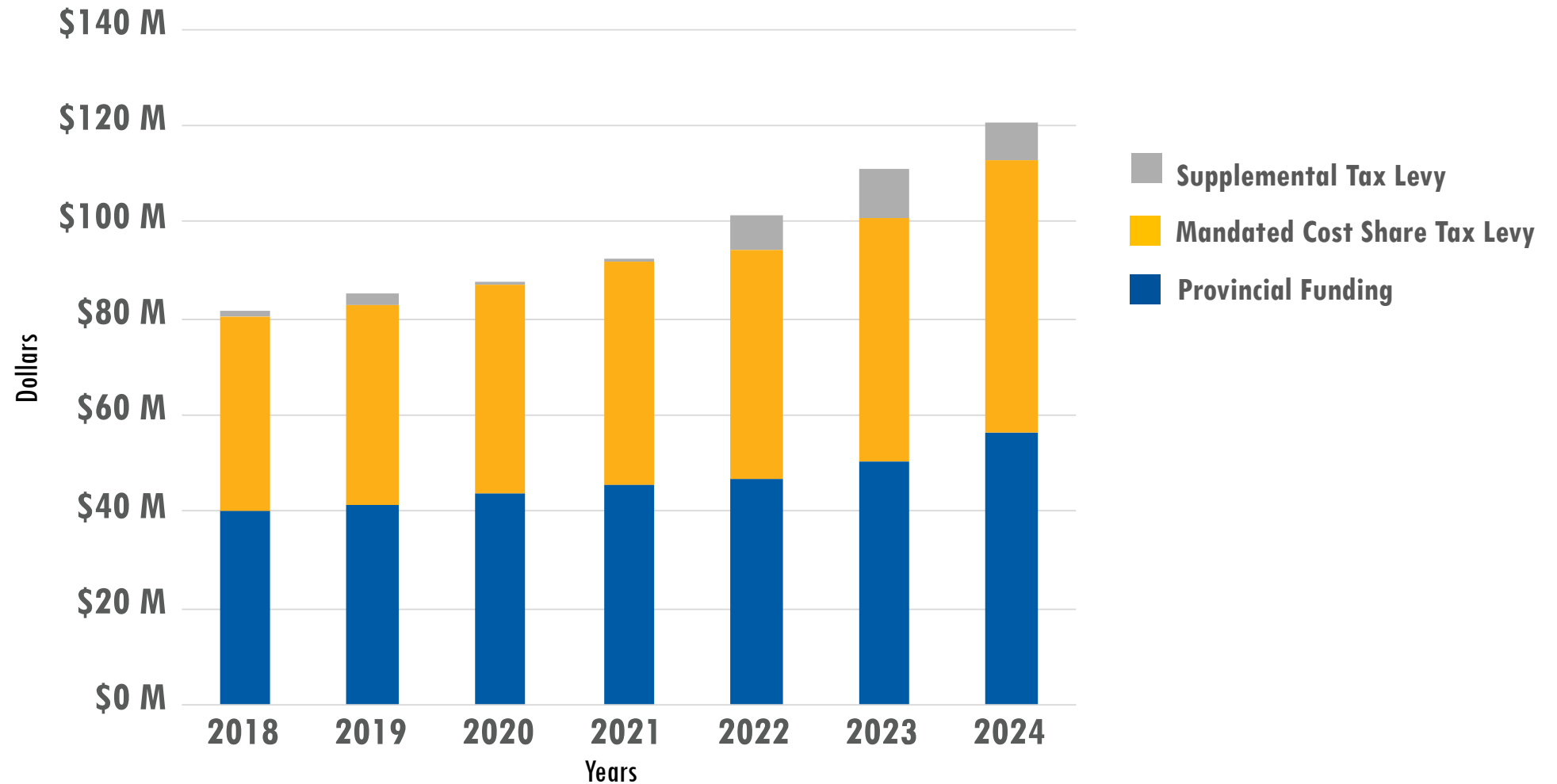
- Paramedics respond to emergency medical calls, deliver lifesaving treatment and stabilize, monitor and transport patients to hospital

## COST INCREASE DRIVERS

- Call projections outpace population growth
- Increased time on task from initial patient contact to discharge or transfer



# PARAMEDIC EMERGENCY SERVICES: TOTAL ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES



Supplemental tax levy used to bridge funding lag



# PUBLIC HEALTH: CONTEXT

## PROGRAM PURPOSE

- Public Health delivers 36 programs and services with the approach to:
  - Monitor and assess the health of communities
  - Promote healthy behaviours, policies and environments
  - Prevent diseases and keep our communities safe

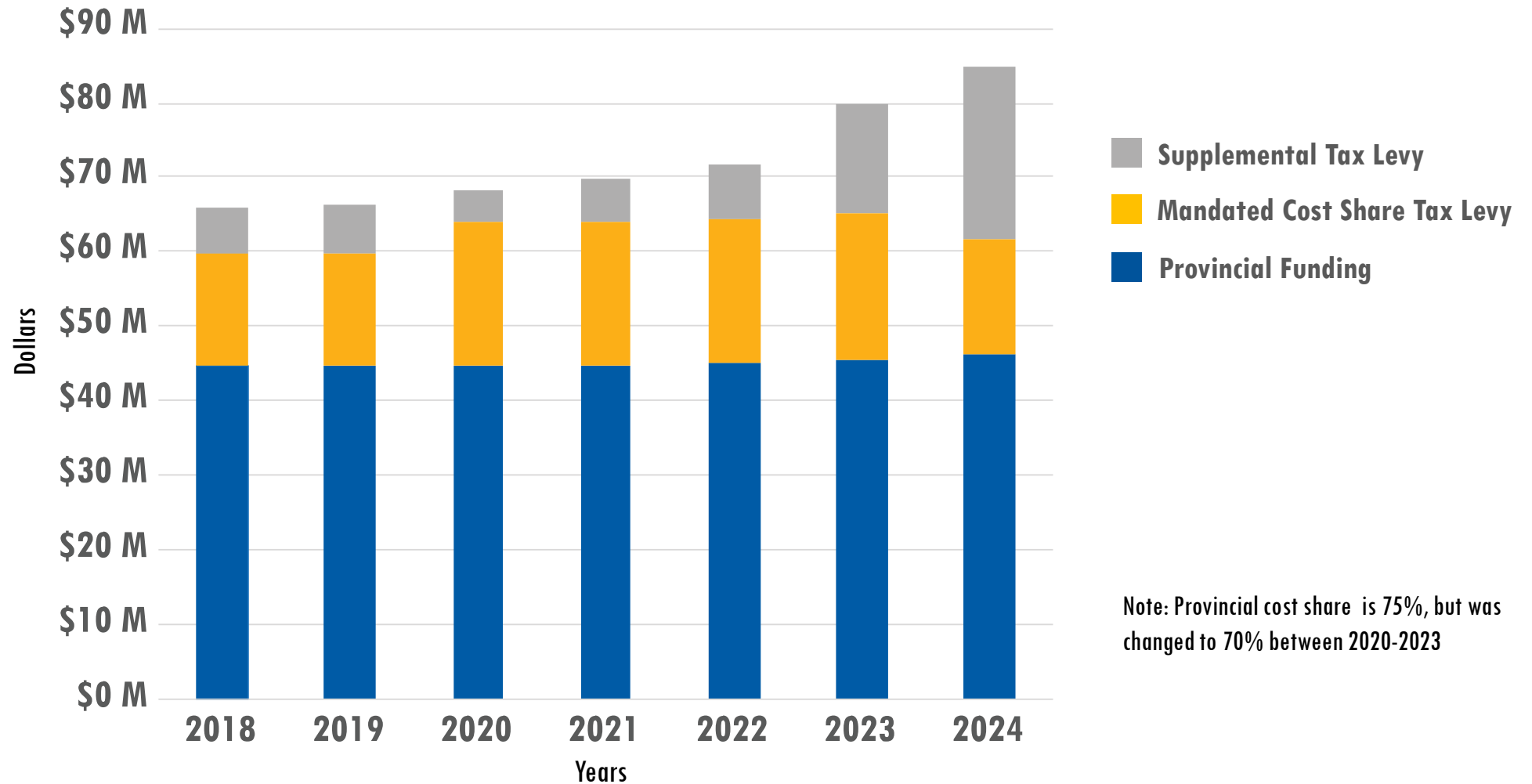
## COST INCREASE DRIVERS

- Rise in reportable infectious diseases
- Growing number of establishments requiring inspections
- Change in substance use and harm patterns



Public Health Staff at York Region Sexual Health Clinic

# PUBLIC HEALTH: TOTAL ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES



Provincial funding arrangement is not keeping pace to cover expenses

# SHORTFALL EXAMPLE: COST-SHARE ARRANGEMENT

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Provincial Cost Share Contribution	75%
Funding Required to Deliver Program	67,403
Ministry Funding Cap	46,665
<b>Provincial Funding Shortfall</b>	<b>20,738</b>



# CUMMULATIVE FUNDING SHORTFALL

Service	3-Year Funding Shortfall 2022 to 2024 (\$M)	Budgeted 2025 Funding Shortfall (\$M)
Homelessness Community Programs	29.8	24.5
Long-Term Care Homes	66.8	27.1
Paramedic Emergency Services	12.8	4.6
Public Health	32.9	20.7
<b>Total Operating Shortfall</b>	<b>142.3</b>	<b>77.0</b>

# ADVOCACY WITH PARTNERS

- ✓ Regular, proactive discussions with provincial ministries for funding to reflect population growth, socio-demographic shifts and increased costs to deliver services
- ✓ Improve provincial systems and services to create efficiencies and showcase successful local innovations
- ✓ Share analysis with sector and community partners
- ✓ Collaborate with Association of Municipalities of Ontario to advocate for a Social and Economic Prosperity Review



# RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Regional Chairman and all nine mayors, send a joint letter to the Premier of Ontario and the Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Long-Term Care, and Health, requesting a meeting to:
  - a. Discuss the existing funding arrangements for mandated health and human services, taking into account population growth, socio-economic shifts and increased costs, and establish permanent sustainable provincial funding solutions to ensure York Region receives the funding needed to deliver these important programs
  - b. Request review of the existing funding arrangements for mandated human and health services

# RECOMMENDATIONS

2. York Region staff work with community partners, AMO and other public sector organizations to advocate to provincial counterparts for sustainable funding to ensure services delivered by municipalities can meet growing and changing community needs.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate the report, to local municipalities, local hospitals, Human Services Planning Board, Newcomer Inclusion Table, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, United Way Greater Toronto, AdvantAge Ontario, Ontario Long-Term Care Association, Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs, Association of Public Health Business Administrators, Ontario Alliance to End Homelessness, Ontario Health Teams in York Region and local Members of Provincial Parliament requesting they join in the Region's advocacy efforts.