



Office of the Commissioner  
Community and Health Services Department

## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of Committee of the Whole

From: Katherine Chislett  
Commissioner of Community and Health Services

Date: September 12, 2019

Re: Social Housing Improvement Program Participation Update

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This memo provides an update on the provincially funded Social Housing Improvement Program (SHIP) approved by Council on [September 22, 2016](#) through New Funding for Affordable Housing – 2016 Social Infrastructure Fund. Across York Region, 32 housing providers including Housing York Inc. were eligible participants within the program parameters.

### **Council approved provincial allocation of \$5,094,118 in funding for Non-Profit Housing Provider capital repairs**

As a joint initiative in 2016, the federal and provincial governments announced their commitment to over \$640 million for affordable housing over three years.

The federal government established the Social Infrastructure Fund as part of its March 2016 Budget. Phase one provided funding for social infrastructure including: affordable housing; early learning and child care; cultural and recreational infrastructure; and community health centres on reserve. The housing portion of the Social Infrastructure Fund aimed to improve the quality and increase the supply of affordable housing and to support economic growth across Canada.

The Province had committed to cost-matching the increase to the Investment in Housing for Ontario Program over a three-year period, resulting in over \$640 million in new housing funding.

In June 2016, York Region was selected to receive a funding allocation of \$5,094,118 under SHIP.

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## **Social Housing Improvement Program provided much needed capital repair funding to 32 housing providers**

An open application process was held for Housing Providers. Projects were submitted and then evaluated by an evaluation committee based on scoring criteria. The SHIP funding was allocated to 41 projects for 32 housing providers to make improvements to the existing housing stock. Housing York Inc., who has nearly 40 per cent of total affordable housing units in the Region, received 14 per cent of the total SHIP funding in the amount of \$739,484.49 as this was an opportunity to provide more funding to Housing Providers who have limited access to other funding sources. Attachment 1 includes a breakdown of work by category.

All housing providers that received SHIP funding are required to remain affordable for the ten year period after the completion of the funded project, including a minimum of five years during which the provider will operate as social housing under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*.

## **All Social Housing Improvement Program projects were completed by the provincial funding milestone**

The province required all of the SHIP projects to be completed by March 31, 2019. All 41 projects were successfully completed by that date, using 100 per cent of the funding provided.

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