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**MEMORANDUM TO:**

Ontario Works Administrators

- CMSMs and DSSABs

Director, Social Assistance Service Delivery Branch

- Social Assistance Program Managers

**FROM:**

Jeff Butler

Director, Ontario Works Branch

**SUBJECT:**

**Additional Funding for SAMS Implementation**

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I am writing to inform you that the ministry will be providing an additional \$5 million in one-time funding to assist Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) and District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs) with the implementation of the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS). This doubles the cumulative amount of SAMS implementation funding provided to date, following the ministry's initial commitment of \$3 million in December 2013 and an additional \$2 million in May 2014. The funding is 100 per cent provincial with no cost-sharing requirement.

Distribution of the \$5 Million in One-Time Funding (100% Provincial):

The new funding will be distributed in the same fashion as the previous funding. A base of \$50,000 will be provided to all 47 CMSMs and DSAABs, with the balance of the \$5 million investment being distributed based on each delivery agent's share of the Ontario Works caseload. This doubles the amount of funding available to each delivery agent.

The intent of the funding is to assist with additional costs delivery agents have incurred during SAMS implementation and can be spent on any eligible program delivery activity, such as staff overtime, backfill, etc. As the funding is expenditure-based, delivery agents should work with their Program Supervisors to identify how it will be used.

The ministry remains confident of the value that SAMS will bring to both staff and clients. We acknowledge the challenges that the implementation period has brought and appreciate the very hard work that you and your staff have put in to make it a success. We look forward to continue working with you in reaching a successful outcome.

If you have questions on this material, please contact Gurpreet Sidhu-Dhanao at [Gurpreet.Sidhu-Dhanao@ontario.ca](mailto:Gurpreet.Sidhu-Dhanao@ontario.ca) or by phone at 416-325-6272.

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