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Dear Service Managers,

As announced in Ontario's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy (LTAHS) Update, I am pleased to provide you with further details of the Survivors of Domestic Violence – Portable Housing Benefit (SDV-PHB) Pilot.

The SDV-PHB Pilot is a two-year pilot program that will help survivors of domestic violence who have been approved under the Special Priority Policy (SPP) access safe and affordable housing. Instead of households living in shelters or other precarious housing situations until a social housing unit becomes available, the SDV-PHB Pilot would provide survivors of domestic violence with the option to receive a portable housing benefit so they can immediately find housing in their community.

The Pilot also includes a significant evaluation component that will evaluate the viability of a portable housing benefit as an alternative to traditional rent-g geared-to-income assistance and its impact on the lives of survivors of domestic violence. The Ministry will be procuring a consultant to conduct an interim program evaluation during the first year of the program.

A total of \$7.4 million over two years is available for the Pilot, which will begin on July 1, 2016.

The Ministry is looking for three Service Managers to administer the Pilot in their Service Manager areas. Interested Service Managers are encouraged to review the attached Expression of Interest and submit a proposal to the Ministry by **5pm, Friday, April 29, 2016**.

Proposals in response to the Expression of Interest must be submitted using an application form through the Province's Grants Ontario System. Please refer to the links below for registration and submission instructions:

- Registration Instructions:
<http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/HowtoApply/PRD11213168.html>
- Application Submission Instructions:
<http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/HowtoApply/PRD11213170.html>

In addition, Ministry staff will be hosting an informational teleconference for Service Managers to provide further details and respond to questions about the Pilot program, the Expression of Interest, and the application process. This teleconference will be held on **Tuesday, April 12, 2016** from 11:00am-12:00pm. If you are interested in attending this teleconference, please notify your regional Municipal Services Office Team Lead to provide you with further details about how to join the teleconference.

I look forward to working with you as we launch this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,


Janet Hope
Assistant Deputy Minister

Attachments: (1)