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Dear Partners:

I am pleased to announce the Ministry of Housing (Ministry) is launching a Call for Grant Proposals for the Innovation, Evidence, and Capacity Building (IEC) Fund. The IEC Fund will provide up to \$1 million in 2017-18 and aims to increase local sector capacity, encourage an evidence-based orientation and support the capacity of the system under the key themes of the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy Update.

The IEC Fund will provide grants of varying amounts up to a maximum of \$100,000 in 2017-18 for each approved proposal. Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations, municipal associations, registered charities, municipalities, District Social Services Administrative Boards (DSSABs), and other public bodies (e.g. academic institutions, and school boards).

Attached is the Call For Grant Proposals document and Application Form for the 2017-18 IEC Fund for your reference. Please feel free to forward these materials to community partners who may be interested in applying. Eligible organizations include:

- Not-for-profit organizations
- Municipal associations
- Registered charities
- Municipalities
- DSSABs, and
- Other public bodies (e.g. academic institutions, and school boards).

Applicants should submit their completed application form in PDF format to [IECFund@ontario.ca](mailto:IECFund@ontario.ca) no later than 5:00 pm (EST) on Friday, May 26, 2017.

The launch of the fund provides the Ministry with a significant opportunity to address the varying levels of capacity amongst communities and to support local system transformation. I look forward to learning more about your ideas and initiatives through the proposals we receive.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact your regional Municipal Services Office (MSO) Team Lead or send an e-mail to [IECFund@ontario.ca](mailto:IECFund@ontario.ca)

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet Hope', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Janet Hope  
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