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Mr. Les Gamble
Board Chair
Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board
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RE: SIF-IAH Notional Funding Allocation – 2018-19

Dear Board Chair Gamble:

In Ontario, we know that the measure of any government's priorities can be found in where it chooses to invest, and that the quickest way to overcome a challenge is by working together.

As Ontario's Minister of Housing, I know there is need for more affordable housing in communities across Ontario and that municipalities cannot meet that need on their own.

That's why I am pleased to inform you that, as part of Ontario's continued commitment to increasing affordable housing options across the province, your community will receive an increase in funding of \$191,900 in 2018-19 under the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) program.

| Program | 2018-19 Allocation |
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| Increase to IAH | \$191,900 |

As you might recall, in June 2016 the Governments of Canada and Ontario increased our matching funding commitments to the IAH program as part of a broader increase in matching funding to the Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF) Agreement.

This productive partnership between governments is providing over \$640 million through the SIF Agreement for affordable and social housing to March 31, 2019. It is comprised of four separate programs to address housing need, including:

- the above-mentioned increase to the funding commitment under the SIF-IAH program (2016-17 to 2018-19);
- the construction and renovation of affordable housing for seniors (2016-17 to 2017-18);
- the renovation of social housing (2016-17); and
- the construction of and renovation of shelters and transitional housing for survivors of domestic violence (2016-17 to 2017-18).

In June 2016, our government also committed that a portion of the provincial funds for the SIF-IAH would be allocated in 2018-19 and that those allocations would be communicated in 2017-18.

As with the first two years of the SIF-IAH, we are requiring Service Managers to dedicate SIF-IAH funding to meet the housing needs of the following priority groups and activities:

- supporting affordability for tenants in social housing buildings with expiring operating agreements and/or federal subsidies;
- seniors;
- persons with disabilities including adults with developmental disabilities;
- Indigenous peoples;
- the chronically homeless;
- youth;
- preventing homelessness as individuals transition from provincially-funded institutions such as hospitals, correctional facilities and the child welfare system; and
- projects that support transit corridor intensification and/or community hubs.

An Amending Agreement to the 2016 Social Infrastructure Fund Service Manager Administration Agreement will soon be provided for signature and the current SIF-IAH Program Guidelines will remain in effect for the 2018-19 funding.

As we continue the important work of building more affordable housing, I want to thank you for your efforts to date, which have helped improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable among us.

It is my firm belief that by working together, we can deliver important action to ensure every family has an affordable place call home.

Sincerely,



Peter Milczyn
Minister

cc: Mr. Fern Dominelli, Chief Administrative Officer, Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board