

**COMMUNICATION 131118**

Received from: Trisa McConkey, CPA, CGA, Treasurer  
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Topic: Safe Restart Fund - Request for Phase 2 Funding

**SUMMARY:**

Under the federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement, the Ontario government is providing up to \$4 billion in emergency assistance so that municipalities are supported as they respond to COVID-19.

**BACKGROUND:**

Funding for municipalities under the Safe Restart Agreement is being provided through four streams:

1. Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) –Municipal Affairs and Housing
2. Public Health–Ministry of Health
3. Transit Supports–Ministry of Transportation
4. Municipal Operating Funding-Municipal Affairs and Housing

**COMMENTS**

Under Municipal Operating Funding, up to \$1.39 billion is available to Ontario's 444 municipalities to provide the supports needed to respond to COVID-19 impacts and address operating pressures. Funding is being allocated in two (2) phases:

- \$695 million was allocated under Phase 1 on a per household basis. Municipalities have the flexibility to use Phase 1 funding to address their unique COVID-19 related operating pressures. Carleton Place was allocated \$284,900 under this phase.
- Up to \$695 million in Phase 2 funding is available to municipalities that can demonstrate COVID-19 related financial impacts exceed the allocation provided in Phase 1.

Requests for Phase 2 funding must be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing by October 30, 2020. The request must include the following:

1. Resolution of Council seeking additional funding under Phase 2
2. Financial report including Treasurer's statement as to accuracy and information about the Municipality's 2020 operating budget, Q3 actuals and year-end forecast.
3. Supporting documentation.

When submitting a request for Phase 2 funding, an amount of funding is not to be specified. The Province will allocate funding based on the financial reporting completed by the Treasurer as noted above in Item 2.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Receipt of additional funding would assist in mitigating the increased costs and financial pressures in Carleton Place due to COVID-19 in 2020.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council requests additional Provincial funding under the Safe Restart – Municipal Operating Funding Phase 2 stream to assist with mitigating increased costs and financial pressures due to COVID-19 in 2020.