

COMMUNICATION 131118

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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.