



	<b>REPORT NO.: 2018-13</b>
<b>MEETING DATE: MARCH 15, 2018</b>	<b>DATE PREPARED: MARCH 12, 2018</b>
<b>SUBJECT: GreenON Social Housing Program – Business Case Submission</b>	

### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT with respect to Report No. 2018-13 (Housing Services Division) we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to submit the GreenON Social Housing Program Business Case to Housing Services Corporation by March 28, 2018, as outlined in Confidential Attachment #1 of Report No. 2018-13, presented in Closed Session.

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

To provide The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB or the Board) with information regarding a new energy retrofit program called the GreenON Social Housing Program, a one-time investment into the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and energy savings for social housing buildings across Ontario.

### **BACKGROUND**

On February 9, 2018, the province announced the introduction of the GreenON Social Housing Program. This program is aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving the energy efficiency of social housing apartment buildings with fewer than 100 units. There will be a total of \$25 million invested across the province under this program through the Green Ontario Fund.

The Green Ontario Fund has engaged Housing Services Corporation (HSC) to administer the program. HSC has reached out to Service Managers across Ontario to submit Business Case proposals for eligible projects and properties.

Eligible projects would include:

- Replacing heating and/or cooling systems
- Upgrading exterior or interior insulation
- Solar walls
- Upgrading building windows and/or exterior doors
- Upgrading building lighting systems including converting to light-emitting diode (LED)
- Re-cladding or upgrading building envelopes

- Retrofits that utilize latest low-carbon and carbon-free energy technologies/systems
- The costs of required building energy audits

To be eligible under this program, properties must be low, mid or high-rise social housing apartment buildings with less than 100 units, and have shared common space and mechanical systems. Townhomes, single and semi-detached homes and multi-unit buildings with individual mechanical systems and/or separate accesses are not eligible under this funding.

### **COMMENTS**

Service Managers may request funding by submitting a Business Case that illustrates how the funding will be effectively used to implement retrofits to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy savings among providers in the Service Manager's area. Service Managers that receive a funding allocation less than their request may then hold their own local competitive review process for determining how to allocate funds among their local housing providers and owned stock.

TBDSSAB engaged the Non-Profit Housing Providers to seek submissions for the Business Case, and all eligible projects received have been included. Submissions for the GreenON Social Housing Program are due to HSC by March 28, 2018.

The details of the GreenON Social Housing Program Business Case submission are provided as Confidential Attachment #1 (in Closed Session).

Service Managers will be made aware of the results of the Business Case review by mid-April, and successful proposals will require Transfer Payment Agreements signed by June 30, 2018. Any funding then provided to the Non-Profit Housing Providers would require individual transfer payment agreements to be established. Awarded funding must be spent by March 31, 2021.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The GreenON Social Housing program is funded 100% by the Provincial government, through the Green Ontario Fund. Funding is requested in the amount of \$9,070,500, though the award may be less. The actual award amount will be presented to the Board for approval. TBDSSAB may use up to 5% of the full yearly allocation to assist with administrative expenses.



### **CONCLUSION**

It is concluded that the GreenON Social Housing Program meets the housing and homelessness objectives of TBDSSAB and that the funding as provided will enable greenhouse gas emission reductions and energy efficiency improvements to TBDSSAB

housing properties and properties owned by the non-profit housing providers, extending their useful life and reducing operating costs in the future. It is recommended that the Business Case presented in Closed Session be submitted to HSC prior to the March 28, 2018 deadline.

**REFERENCE MATERIALS ATTACHED**

Confidential Attachment #1: GreenON Social Housing Program Business Case  
(Presented in Closed Session only)

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