



	REPORT No.: 2018-31
MEETING DATE: MAY 17, 2018	DATE PREPARED: APRIL 26, 2018
SUBJECT: GREENON SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAM – ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING	

RECOMMENDATION

That with respect to Report No. 2018-31 (Housing Services Division), we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB or the Board), authorize the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer to execute a Transfer Payment Agreement with Housing Services Corporation pursuant to the GreenON Social Housing program;

AND THAT Administration evaluate eligible projects and allocate GreenON Social Housing program funds to non-profit housing providers;

AND THAT the Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer to execute any required Agreements with the successful non-profit housing providers;

AND THAT any necessary By-law be presented to the Board for consideration.

REPORT SUMMARY

To provide the Board with information regarding the GreenON Social Housing Program allocation, and request for authorization to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement with Housing Services Corporation.

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. A total of \$25 million is to be invested across the province under this program through the Green Ontario Fund.

The Green Ontario Fund 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. Submissions were to be submitted by March 28, 2018.

TBDSSAB established a list of qualifying projects for its owned property portfolio and also engaged the non-profit housing providers to seek submissions for the business case. A total funding request of \$9,070,500 was prepared and presented to the Board for approval to submit to HSC (Report No. 2018-13 and Resolution No. 18/34).

COMMENTS

On April 25, 2018, TBDSSAB received a letter from Housing Services Corporation announcing the results of the business case submission and review. TBDSSAB has been provided a funding allocation of \$216,001. This letter is presented as Attachment #1.

Though this amount is much less than was proposed in the business case, it is recognized that the total provincial allocation was \$25 million, and 41 of 47 Service Managers submitted proposals totaling more than \$210 million. Additionally, it is probable that given the large amount of funding TBDSSAB has received in the past few years under other energy funding projects (SHARP, SHAIIP), other Service Managers may have been given a priority for the available GreenON funds.

With this funding amount, Administration is recommending that the entire amount be provided to the non-profit providers, and no funds be allocated to TBDSSAB-owned units. Further, Administration is recommending a focus on funding projects that best address the priority of greenhouse gas emission reductions. As outlined in the GreenON Social Housing Program submission guide:

To ensure that program funds are able to maximize reductions in GHG emissions, eligible work must be prioritized, where possible, to focus on retrofits that target building heating and/or cooling equipment.

As a result, TBDSSAB will work through the non-profit provider submissions, seek additional information and prioritize projects to establish agreements for the allocation of program funding.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The GreenON Social Housing Program funding allocation of \$216,001 was not included in the 2018 TBDSSAB Operating Budget. The program is 100% provincially funded and does not impact the levy to Municipalities and Territories Without Municipal Organization.



The program allows the Service Manager to use up to 5% of the funding allocation, or \$10,800, to administer the agreements with HSC and the non-profit housing providers. Administration will evaluate proposed projects against established criteria to determine how the remaining balance will be distributed to Non-Profit Housing providers.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded that this report provides the Board with information concerning Administration’s request for authorization to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement with respect to the GreenON Social Housing Program allocation, outline to evaluate eligible projects and allocate GreenON Social Housing program funds to non-profit housing providers and to request authorization to have the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer to execute any required Agreements with the successful non-profit housing providers.

REFERENCE MATERIALS ATTACHED

Attachment #1 – [Letter from Housing Services Corporation, dated April 24, 2018](#)

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Attachment #1
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Sent via e-mail only
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April 24, 2018

Ken Ranta
The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board
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Dear Mr. Ranta:

Thank you for your application for the GreenON Social Housing program, RFA 18-228-07. Through the Green Ontario Fund, the province is providing \$25 million to help Ontario social housing buildings with less than 100 units invest in energy efficient retrofits. The program is administered by the Housing Services Corporation (HSC) in support of Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan.

Interest in the \$25M program far surpassed expectations, and HSC received 41 submissions from Service Managers across the province representing over \$210M in funding requests. Submissions were evaluated by an independent panel of representatives from the Ontario Ministry of Housing, Manitoba Housing, and the Green Ontario Fund. The panel was pleased to see the quality of the submissions and the caliber of projects put forward. In fact, all applications demonstrated a need for funding in their region and the ability to fulfill the program objectives of reducing greenhouse gas emissions across the province.

Accordingly, the panel determined that all Service Manager applicants would be given the opportunity to undertake at least one project in their region that contributes to the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. To ensure fairness in funding allocations, a model was developed that allocated a percentage of program funding weighted by quartile. Service Managers were then assigned to a specific quartile based on the ranking of their scored submission, and allocations were calculated based on the quartile percentage.

I am pleased to inform you that The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board has been awarded a funding allocation of \$216,001. We ask that you keep this information confidential until May 5, 2018, to give the province the opportunity to announce the funding publicly in your region in the coming weeks.

Given the overwhelming level of interest and need demonstrated by the volume of applications for the program, HSC will also be providing a detailed report to the province to hopefully inform future program opportunities.

Attached you will find a copy of the Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) and Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) form, which must be executed by June 29, 2018 under the GreenON Social Housing program requirements. Your fully executed TPA should be submitted electronically to Rosabelle Gonzales at rgonzales@hscorp.ca by no later than 5:00pm on June 29, 2018. Along with the TPA, please ensure the following:

- Schedule B of the TPA is completed for Contact information of the Primary Contact and the Senior financial person in the Service Manager organization to respond as required to requests from HSC;
- Schedule G of the TPA is completed with information for your Program Delivery Fiscal Plan as outlined;
- your completed EFT form is submitted; and
- proof of insurance is submitted as outlined in Section A12 of the TPA in the amount set out in Schedule B of the TPA and includes Housing Services Corporation listed as an additional insured.

A member of our team will be in touch with you shortly to discuss the allocation and next steps. If you have any questions regarding the application process or Transfer Payment Agreement in the meantime, please contact Rosabelle Gonzales at rgonzales@hscorp.ca. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this initiative to reduce greenhouse gas pollution and improve the sustainability of Ontario's social housing stock.

Sincerely,

HOUSING SERVICES CORPORATION



Howie Wong
CEO

Attachments