



## BOARD REPORT

REPORT NO.: 2025-21

MEETING DATE: JUNE 19, 2025

SUBJECT: HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM – INVESTMENT PLAN 2025-26

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### RECOMMENDATION

THAT with respect to Report No. 2025-21 (Integrated Social Services Division), we The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (the Board), approve the 2025-26 Homelessness Prevention Program Investment Plan (the Plan) as presented;

AND THAT the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to submit the Plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

AND THAT the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute any Agreements and other documents related thereto;

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

### REPORT SUMMARY

To provide The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB or the Board) with information regarding the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) and to present the 2025-26 Investment Plan for approval.

### BACKGROUND

HPP aims to address chronic homelessness across the province and provide greater flexibility to support a wide range of homelessness prevention and supportive housing activities. The funding will provide housing assistance and support services to vulnerable populations and support households to remain stably housed over time. There is also flexibility to fund capital projects and provide longer-term rental assistance as appropriate.

## COMMENTS

The proposed 2025-26 Investment Plan established for HPP provides a focus on supporting the ongoing provision of supports and services to address homelessness needs that have been identified in each community and have become more prevalent in recent years. The Investment Plan also includes a significant investment in capital projects to expand the transitional and supportive housing options for the District of Thunder Bay.

Outlined in the guidelines for HPP are a set of performance indicators that have been developed to monitor and track progress on the achievement of program outcomes, including the ultimate goal of measuring a reduction in homelessness and chronic homelessness. For each performance indicator identified, data elements will be reported annually in the Service Manager year-end report. Performance measures are in place and form part of the annual funding agreements with service and delivery partners.

The proposed Investment Plan identifies the recommendations for service category expenditures under HPP based on the review and analysis by Administration in considering existing needs, pressures, programs, and new initiatives.

The following is a comparison of the HPP Investment Plan for 2025-26 compared to 2024-25 by service category:

<b>Service Category</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
<b>Operating</b>		
Community Outreach and Support Services	\$3,559,549	\$2,623,567
Emergency Shelter Solutions	\$2,554,613	\$1,927,653
Housing Assistance	\$2,098,400	\$1,583,300
Supportive Housing	\$357,864	\$1,112,400
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$8,570,426</b>	<b>\$7,246,920</b>
<b>Capital</b>		
Emergency Shelter – Repairs and Upgrades	\$263,000	
Supportive Housing – New Facilities	\$6,888,124	\$8,474,630
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$7,151,124</b>	<b>\$8,474,630</b>
<b>Administration</b>		
Administration Fees	\$827,450	\$827,450
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$16,549,000</b>	<b>\$16,549,000</b>

To address new capital construction and to prepare for the potential funding opportunities, TBDSSAB continues to engage with potential transitional housing proponents to ensure that projects funded through HPP 2025/26 capital funding produce the greatest possible outcomes for people experiencing homelessness in the District of Thunder Bay.

Proposed capital projects will be brought forward to the Board for consideration in a separate report.

### STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

This program supports the previous TBDSSAB Strategic Plan vision of establishing flexible, inclusive services through the provision of relevant diverse housing supports and supports the current TBDSSAB Strategic Plan vision of humanizing human services. The program supports the success of the people we serve.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

HPP is a 100% provincially funded program. TBDSSAB has been notified that it will receive \$16,549,000 upon approval of the HPP Investment Plan for the April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026, funding year.

TBDSSAB is eligible to use up to 5% of the approved funding allocation for administration costs. The allowable administration costs for the Ministry fiscal 2025-26 is \$827,450.


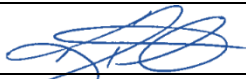
### CONCLUSION

It is concluded that this report provides the Board with information relative to TBDSSAB's HPP Investment Plan for the 2025-26 year.

It is recommended that the Board authorize the CEO to submit the HPP Investment Plan to MMAH and to execute all other required agreements related to the program and make all necessary submissions to meet program guidelines and timeframes.

### REFERENCE MATERIALS

None

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