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Board Chair Brian Hamilton Thunder Bay DSSAB Board.chair@tbdssab.ca

Dear Board Chair Hamilton:

Re: 2025-26 Confirmed Funding Allocation for the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP)

I am writing to confirm your 2025-26 funding allocation for the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) is \$16,549,000. This funding reflects our government's ongoing investment in supporting Indigenous Program Administrators (IPAs), Service Managers (SMs) and municipalities in helping vulnerable Ontarians and includes the \$202 million annual increase to HPP and the Indigenous Supportive Housing Program (ISHP) in the 2023 provincial budget, raising total annual funding to close to \$700 million.

Your HPP funding allocation for 2025-26 is consistent with planning allocations communicated to you in 2023. The HPP Transfer Payment Agreement and Program Guidelines are current and continue to apply.

To receive HPP funding, SMs are required to complete and submit an Investment Plan (IP) outlining how the funding allocation would be used to meet program objectives and outcomes. The IP template is available in the Transfer Payments Ontario (TPON) online system where completed plans must also be submitted. Please submit your IP in TPON no later than August 18, 2025.

To support stronger financial accountability, risk management and transparency, starting in 2025-26, SMs are required to submit to the Ministry signed copies of all service agreements entered into with service providers as well as detailed breakdowns of administrative expenses by eligible funding category. The ministry will be providing further information on these new program reporting requirements over the course of the year. Additional financial accountability measures are also being developed for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

Please reach out to your appropriate program-level contact on my team if you have any questions about these requirements.

To help support effective oversight and risk management of HPP by the ministry, beginning in fiscal 2025-26, SMs will be required to report:

On a monthly basis, aggregate information about the number of individuals moved from encampments to emergency shelters; the number moved into housing, and the number of new emergency shelter spaces created.

This reporting is in addition to the previously communicated HPP reporting requirements and supplements the existing monthly HPP Shelter and Encampment Survey that SMs are already required to complete. Further details will be included as part of the monthly survey process. As before, updates will be required monthly by the 15th of each following month.

Again, we sincerely appreciate your efforts to support vulnerable individuals in your communities and to keep people safe. I look forward to collaborating with you as we continue to deliver this important program.

Sincerely,

Hon. Robert J. Flack

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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