



BOARD REPORT

REPORT No.: 2026-21

MEETING DATE: JUNE 18, 2026

SUBJECT: HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM – INVESTMENT PLAN 2026-27

RECOMMENDATION

THAT with respect to Report No. 2026-21 (Integrated Social Services Division) we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, approve the Homelessness Prevention Program Investment Plan as presented and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to submit the plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing:

AND THAT the Board authorizes 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 2026-27 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 2026-27 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.

Following is a comparison of the HPP Investment Plan for 2026-27 compared to 2025-26 by service category:

Service Category	2026-27	2025-26
Operating		
Community Outreach and Support Services	\$ 4,502,541	\$3,559,549
Emergency Shelter Solutions	\$3,051,599	\$2,554,613
Housing Assistance	\$2,317,100	\$2,098,400
Supportive Housing	\$317,864	\$357,864
Total Operating	\$10,189,104	\$8,570,426
Capital		
Emergency Shelter – Repairs and Upgrades	\$0	\$263,000
Supportive Housing – New Facilities	\$5,532,446	\$6,888,124
Total Capital	\$5,532,446	\$7,151,124
Administration		
Administration Fees	\$827,450	\$827,450
Grand Total	\$16,549,000	\$16,549,000

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 2026/27 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 in September.

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, 2026 – March 31, 2027 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.


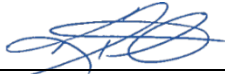
CONCLUSION

It is concluded that this report provides the Board with information relative to TBDSSAB's HPP Investment Plan for the 2026-27 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

Attachment #1 Letter from Minister Flack dated June 5, 2026

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June 5, 2026

Board Chair Jim Vezina
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Dear Board Chair Vezina:

Re: 2026-27 Funding Allocations for the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP)

I am writing with details regarding your funding allocations for the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) for the 2026-27 fiscal year. This funding reflects our government's ongoing investment in supporting Service Managers (SMs), municipalities, and Indigenous Program Administrators (IPAs) 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, which raised the total annual funding to approximately \$700 million.

HPP Funding Allocations – Thunder Bay DSSAB

Program Fiscal Year	Confirmed Allocation Amount
2026-27 allocation	\$16,549,000

The HPP Transfer Payment Agreement is current and continues to apply, and the HPP Program Guidelines have been updated with changes effective as of April 1, 2026. The revised HPP Program Guidelines is attached for your reference. Changes to the Guidelines are detailed in the “**Summary of Changes**” section.

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 June 26, 2026.

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SMs are asked to continue to update the same facility-level report Excel file they last submitted to the Ministry to reflect any changes in facility information. The Excel file can be submitted to the ministry as an attachment using the TPON system. The Ministry will continue to collect this data as a condition of SMs funding allocations throughout the life of the HPP program.

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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