



Social Services

District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services
Administration Board

Conseil d'Administration des Services du District Sault Ste. Marie
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ADDENDUM AGENDA

DSSMSSAB REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 28 2021 at 4:30 PM

Zoom Video Conference

- 8.2 Correspondence dated January 13, 2021 received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing allocating \$439,052 in funding to support mental health and addictions related services and supports
- 8.3 Correspondence dated January 20, 2021 received from the Ministry of Health allocating one time funding for Covid related paramedic expenses related to the Garden River First Nations Base.

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January 13, 2021

Luke Dufour
Board Chair, Sault Ste Marie DSSAB
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Dear Luke Dufour:

I am writing to provide you with details regarding the \$10 million in new provincial funding announced on December 10, 2020, aimed at supporting a range of mental health and addictions-related supports and services across the province.

As you know, protecting the health and well-being of all Ontarians continues to be the government's number one priority. That is why my ministry has announced several investments since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak under the province's Social Services Relief Fund. This funding – worth \$510 million total – has been effective in supporting Service Managers and Indigenous Program Administrators to respond quickly, adapt services, and address the housing and economic impacts of COVID-19 in their communities.

However, we know that our municipal and Indigenous partners continue to face extraordinary challenges and that additional assistance is needed, particularly to support those living with mental health and/or addictions issues. As a result, Ontario's Ministry of Health has provided my ministry with \$10 million in one-time mental health and addictions funding for 2020-21 to be allocated to select Service Managers and Indigenous Program Administrators under existing program agreements.

From this investment, I am pleased to announce that we have approved **\$439,052** in funding for the Sault Ste Marie DSSAB for 2020-21.

This flexible funding will help address the pandemic needs of vulnerable people living with mental health and/or addictions issues and may be used for eligible operating activities in your local area. Below are additional details regarding your allocation, including examples of eligible uses of funding.

Program Details – Mental Health and Addictions Funding

Similar to the province's Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF), your allocation under the mental health and/or addictions funding will flow through your Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) agreement. This will help ensure the investment is delivered as quickly as possible and to provide maximum flexibility to address community needs. For this dedicated mental health and/or addictions funding only, the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative Program Guidelines are hereby amended by adding the terms set out in Supplement A to this letter.

This amendment forms part of your Service Manager Service Agreement effective January 1, 2013 with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ("Service Agreement") and any breach of any of the terms of the amendment shall constitute an Event of Default under the Service Agreement. All other provisions of the Service Agreement remain in full force and effect.

Please note that this funding is in addition to your base 2020-21 CHPI allocation, which the Ministry previously communicated to you on April 17, 2019, and any funding received under the initial or second phase of the SSRF. There will be no change to the program administration or payment process for payments under CHPI.

To receive this funding, you are required to sign this letter confirming your agreement to the terms and conditions of the funding, complete the attached Investment Plan and return them to the Ministry. You may submit your signed confirmation and completed Investment Plan via e-mail to Housing.Program.mah@ontario.ca.

Given the pressing need to help support vulnerable residents living with mental health and/or addictions issues during the pandemic, all funding must be spent by March 31, 2021. To ensure adequate time to spend your allocation, please ensure my Ministry receives your sign-back letter and completed attached Investment Plan **as soon as possible**.

Upon receipt of your sign-back letter, the Ministry will proceed to process your payment.

As noted above, your allocation under the mental health and/or addictions funding may be used for the following eligible operating costs to fund a range of mental health and/or addictions-related services and supports, including but not limited to:

- Mental health/illness and substance use supports and services, supports related to recovery (e.g. hiring mental health and addictions workers);
- Harm reduction and substance use assessment, support, treatment and withdrawal services;
- Crisis intervention and prevention services;
- Dual diagnosis and fetal alcohol supports;
- Medication assistance and medical care;

- Providing people with short-term mental health and addictions housing assistance (e.g., rent supplement or housing allowance) and mental health and addictions supports up to March 31, 2021); and
- Purchase technology/equipment needed to provide people with virtual mental health and/or addictions supports.

Please note that this funding is only being provided for the 2020-21 fiscal year and Service Managers are responsible for any program expenses not covered by the Funding.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Ministry will implement By-Name Lists across Ontario in 2021 to help connect people experiencing homelessness to housing and supports. Service Managers in many Ontario communities are implementing By-Name Lists to provide real-time data about people experiencing homelessness in their communities. By-Name Lists provide information that can be used to prioritize and connect people to the right housing services and supports in their area, to coordinate access to services and to track local homelessness and changes over time. The Ministry will work collaboratively with stakeholders, experts and Service Managers on the implementation of a By-Name List approach so that future requirements are focused on achieving the best and most cost-effective outcomes.

As always, I would like to thank you for all your work during these challenging times. We sincerely appreciate your efforts to assist our most vulnerable residents during the COVID-19 outbreak and I look forward to continuing our work together as we serve the people of Ontario.

Yours truly,



Steve Clark
Minister

c. Mike Nadeau, Chief Administrative Officer

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Mr. Mike Nadeau
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Dear Mr. Nadeau:

Further to the letter from the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, in which she informed your organization that the Ministry of Health (the “ministry”) will provide The District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board up to \$48,924 (\$1,251 for the 2019-20 funding year and \$47,673 for the 2020-21 funding year) in one-time funding to support paramedic services and dispatch centres as part of the COVID-19 response in the emergency health services sector. I am pleased to inform you that your grant will be adjusted in your electronic transfer payments.

This one-time funding covers your COVID-19 related expenses from March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

This funding is subject to the terms and conditions and reporting requirements as set out in Appendix A, enclosed with this letter. You will be required to submit an attestation with your actuals at year end. The ministry will then provide or recover the balance owing, as applicable.

You are required to monitor and track COVID-19 related spending separately from your regular program operating costs related to any previously approved base and one-time funding.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please contact Steve O'Neil, (A) Senior Field Manager, at 1-705-564-4338 or by e-mail at Steve.ONeil@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and commitment to protect the health and safety of the people of Ontario during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,



Susan Picarello
Assistant Deputy Minister

Enclosure

- c: Mr. Luke Dufour, Chair, The District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board
- Mr. Robert Rushworth, Chief, Paramedic Services, DSSMSSAB
- Mr. Jim Yuill, Director, Financial Management Branch
- Mr. Jeffrey Graham, A/Director, Fiscal Oversight & Performance Branch
- Mr. Stuart Mooney, Director (Interim), Emergency Health Program Management & Delivery Branch (EHPMDB)
- Mr. Steve O'Neil, (A) Senior Field Manager, North Field Office, EHPMDB