

2018 Toronto Public Health Budget and Provincial Funding Enhancement for Cost-Shared Mandatory Programs and Services

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The Board of Health:

Requested the Medical Officer of Health to report back to the Board of Health at its next meeting on May 7, 2018 on options and opportunities regarding the recent provincial public health funding announcement

Confirmed Provincial Funding Increase:

- The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care increased Toronto Public Health's base funding for 75% Provincial / 25% City funded mandatory programs by **2% (\$2,530.5 thousand)** in 2018
- **\$1,418.0 thousand** of this increase was approved through the 2018 budget process
- Up to **\$1,112.5 thousand** of this increase is available to address public health needs

- Housing is a pressing issue in Toronto
- Housing is a key social determinant of health
 - Homeless people have much poorer health than the general population
- A number of the risk factors for homelessness overlap with the risk factors for substance use

- Opportunities to reduce health inequities and support the shelter system
 - Outreach Program
 - Safe disposal of harm reduction supplies
 - Infection prevention and control in shelters and respite centres
 - Collection of health data in the homeless populations
 - Access to healthy food
 - Communications strategy

Questions?