

# CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 1

## CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OR ADVICE

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On March 8, 2021, the Government of Canada formally notified Toronto Public Health that the project entitled 'Expanding Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT) Services to Include Injectable Opioid Agonist Therapy (iOAT) for Safer Supply at the Works' would be funded by the Health Canada Substance Use and Addictions Program.

This means that the Government of Canada, through the Health Canada Substance Use and Addictions Program, will provide \$2.306 million in funding from 2021-2023 in support of longer-term safer supply programs as follows:

<b>Funding Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2021	577,885
2022	1,344,120
2023	383,830
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,305,835</b>

Toronto Public Health is requesting to increase its 2021 Approved Operating Base Budget by \$0.578 million gross, \$0 net and 4 temporary positions to reflect 100 percent confirmed funding by Health Canada to support the Expanding Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT) Services to include Injectable Opioid Agonist Therapy (iOAT) for Safer Supply at the Works.

As per the contribution agreement, an additional \$1.344 million gross and \$0 net will be included in the 2022 Budget Submission and \$0.384 million gross and \$0 net will be included in the 2023 Budget Submission.

### Program Overview

To help mitigate the harms of Toronto's increasingly toxic illicit drug supply, The Works will pilot a community-based iOAT project adapted for safer supply which builds on existing OAT clinic infrastructure. This service will be the first iOAT project in Toronto. It will introduce an innovative approach to the enhanced safer supply model whereby clients will have the options of community clinic and/or pharmacy-based observed consumption of injectable hydromorphone (iHDM) and oral long acting opioids for evening carry-over. The iOAT options will be integrated into the existing service compendium at The Works to allow for flexibility to meet client-specified substance use goals. This project will expand the service continuum for clients currently accessing The Works and will also extend referral pathways for clients whose needs are not adequately addressed by participating in supervised consumption services, OAT, and/or other safer supply interventions that may be provided elsewhere in Toronto. TPH will hire four temporary staff as part of this project.

This safer supply project will be informed by existing iOAT guidelines, guided by partnership with people who use drugs and the harm reduction community, and implemented within existing regulations.

The goals of The Works' community-based iOAT safer supply pilot project are to address the high risk of overdose mortality and morbidity experienced by marginalized people who use drugs in Toronto by offering iOAT safer supply services that seek to:

- reduce illicit drug use;
- reduce overdose risk and harms related to illicit drug consumption; and
- contribute to the limited body of evidence about iOAT adapted for safer supply.