



John Tory
Mayor

May 4, 2022

Executive Committee
City Hall
100 Queen Street West,
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Dear Executive Committee Colleagues,

Re: EX32.6 Intergovernmental Partnerships and Advocacy Efforts to Advance the City's HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan

I know we are all committed to working with the other governments to build more affordable and supportive housing in the City of Toronto.

I appreciate your ongoing support of my work to secure strong partnerships with the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to support the City's HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan.

I am proud to confirm the Ontario Government has committed \$27 million in additional funding for supportive housing operating costs. This much-needed operating funding will support the 2,189 supportive housing units that will be operating by the end of this year.

The Province has also committed to partnering with the City on our 24 Month Housing and Homelessness Recovery Plan to provide ongoing operating funding for supportive housing units set to come online by the end of 2023.

I have attached the letter from Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark confirming the provincial funding.

I want to thank Minister Clark, Finance Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, Deputy Premier Christine Elliott and Premier Doug Ford for supporting our request and partnering with us on these vital programs.

Supportive housing is the right thing to do – it truly helps provide a pathway out of homelessness. But it does take the commitment of all our governments working together to get this done.

This \$27 million from the Government of Ontario is good news for our city and for our collective work to get supportive housing built to help people across Toronto.

I thank the committee and City Council for consideration of this item so the funds can flow to supportive housing operations as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

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Your Worship
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Dear Mayor Tory:

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to working in partnership to build more affordable and supportive housing in the City of Toronto.

Our government believes everyone deserves a place to call home, and we understand the pressures the City of Toronto is facing regarding housing, including for people experiencing homelessness. We recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has increased pressure on the housing system in the City of Toronto.

That is why our government continues to make significant investments across our housing and homelessness prevention programs to provide a wide range of services and supports, including long term, stable housing. In 2021-22 alone, our government has allocated over \$330 million in funding to the City of Toronto, so the City can respond to its local needs. When the various housing and homelessness prevention funding streams are added together, this amounts to nearly \$1.1 billion in financial support our government has provided to the City of Toronto since the onset of COVID-19 in 2020.

I wrote to you on April 22, 2022, outlining a number of supports that the province has recently provided to the City of Toronto for the housing and homelessness needs you have identified in the coming fiscal year. This included the City of Toronto's 2022-23 Homelessness Prevention Program allocation of \$169 million, which was an increase of 4% from the 2021-22 allocation. The City of Toronto has also been allocated \$47 million through the fifth phase of the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF). Together, these historic funding commitments will allow the City of Toronto to continue providing services and supports that address the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on vulnerable households through to December 31, 2022.

However, we recognize that the City of Toronto has requested additional funding, beyond the \$1.1 billion provided to date, in order to support its 24-month Housing and Homelessness Recovery Plan. The province is committed to partnering with the City of Toronto on this housing plan. We know that creating 3,000 permanent homes, 2,000 of

which will be new supportive housing, will create additional operating costs of \$27 million for the remainder of 2022.

On behalf of myself, Minister Bethlenfalvy and Minister Elliott, who have been consulted on this issue, I am pleased to confirm with this letter that the government will make \$27 million in additional funding available to the City of Toronto for the 2022-23 fiscal year. We are also aware that the total, annual cost of the program will grow to \$48 million per year in ongoing operating funding by the time all units come online by the end of 2023. Our government will continue working collaboratively with the City of Toronto in regards to addressing this ask to support the operation of its new supportive housing units.

The province looks forwards to building on these historic investments and continuing its engagement with the City of Toronto on our government's ongoing review of supportive housing, which began in 2020, in view of our mutual goals of providing long term and stable housing options for the people of Toronto.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

- c. The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Christopher Murray, City Manager, City of Toronto
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