



**City of Kingston
Report to Council
Report Number 21-051**

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Lanie Hurdle, Chief Administrative Officer
Resource Staff: Ruth Noordegraaf, Director Housing and Social Services
Date of Meeting: January 19, 2021
Subject: Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2 – Provincial Holdback

Council Strategic Plan Alignment:

Theme: Corporate business

Goal: See above

Executive Summary:

On April 1, 2020, the City of Kingston, as Service Manager for Kingston and the County of Frontenac, received \$1.4M through the Social Services Relief Funding Phase 1. This funding was intended to help municipalities cover extra operating costs only to support vulnerable populations in the service area during COVID-19. This Phase 1 funding was allocated without any specific reporting requirements to the Province. All of this funding has been spent or committed and all funds must be spent by March 31, 2021.

On August 12, 2020, The City of Kingston received an additional \$2,239,004 in Social Services Relief Funding Phase 2 which could be utilized for operating and capital expenditures to support vulnerable populations during COVID-19. The City provided the Province with a proposed plan on September 11th indicating how these funds will be spent by March 31, 2021.

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To ensure that the Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2 funding was targeted to where it was needed most, the Ministry held back a portion of the total funding from funding allocations and determined how best to allocate the funds over the past few months based on public health needs.

On December 15, 2020, the City of Kingston received written notice from the province that it will be receiving an additional holdback amount of Social Services Relief Funding in the amount of \$964,700 which can be used for operating and capital expenditures, in accordance with the Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2 Program Guidelines, meaning funds related to operating expenditures must be spent by March 31, 2021 and those related to capital expenditures must be committed by January 31, 2021 and spent by December 31, 2021.

This report provides an overview of the proposed uses of funding by spending category. Staff will report back to Council before the end of March 2021 should there be any changes in needs and proposed reallocation of funding.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the Social Services Relief Holdback Phase 2 Funding to housing and homeless services as described in Report Number 21-051.

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Authorizing Signatures:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Lanie Hurdle, Chief
Administrative Officer**

Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

Paige Agnew, Commissioner, Community Services	Not required
Peter Huigenbos, Commissioner, Business, Environment & Projects	Not required
Brad Joyce, Commissioner, Corporate Services	Not required
Jim Keech, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Desirée Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	
Sheila Kidd, Commissioner, Transportation & Public Works	Not required

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Options/Discussion:**Social Services Relief Funding Phase 1 (SSRF Phase 1)**

The City of Kingston was allocated \$1.4M to address needs of vulnerable populations during COVID-19. The funding was allocated to a number of shelter and self-isolation centre services to provide more space for physical distancing. The majority of costs were related to leasing, rentals, increased staffing and cleaning at various locations. The SSRF Phase 1 can only be allocated to operating costs. Below is a list of allocations made to various services for a total of \$1,430,900.

1. 113 Lower Union Street (Youth Shelter Relocation)	\$142,500
2. 805 Ridley Drive (Self-Isolation Centre)	\$318,656
3. 670 MacLean Court (In From The Cold Relocation)	\$280,036
4. Hotel Costs	\$ 12,962
5. Portable toilets (various locations)	\$49,012
6. Lionsheart Meal Program	\$39,000
7. Integrated Care Hub (July-December operations)	\$588,734

Social Services Relief Funding Phase 2 (SSRF Phase 2)

The City of Kingston was allocated \$2,239,000 which was used to offset the municipal capital contribution towards the acquisition of 805 Ridley Drive and to fund the ongoing operations of the Integrated Care Hub.

1. Acquisition of 805 Ridley Drive	\$1,130,000
2. Integrated Care Hub	\$1,109,000

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Social Services Relief Funding Phase 2 (SSRF Phase 2) – Provincial Holdback

The City of Kingston received notification on December 15, 2020 that it is being awarded \$964,700 through SSRF Phase 2 Provincial Holdback which can be allocated to operating and capital/property expenditures by March 31, 2021. The City must submit a simplified Investment Plan to the Province as soon as possible on how it proposes to spend these funds by spending category. The City intends to allocate the funding to operational expenses in the following manner:

1. Ongoing operational support of the Integrated Care Hub to extend support beyond July 1, 2021 (Staffing, Security, Cleaning, etc.)	\$500,000
2. Outbreak Management (Staffing, Hotels, PPE, Security, Transportation, etc.)	\$300,000
3. Contingency (Shelters, Food Security, Rent Bank, etc.)	\$164,700

The City does have the ability to modify the Investment Plan prior to March 31st if there is a need to re-allocate dollars.

Existing Policy/By-Law:

None

Notice Provisions:

None

Accessibility Considerations:

None

Financial Considerations:

None

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Exhibits Attached:

None