

BRIEFING NOTE HS11-22

For Information or For Approval

Date: February 23, 2022

Purpose: Recommendation Allocation Reaching Home 2022-23 Funding

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Alignment with Strategic Plan: Healthy, Sustainable Communities

Maximize Impact Remove Barriers Seamless Access Learn & Grow

RECOMMENDATION:

That the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board receive, for approval, the recommendations for the allocation of the 2022-2023 Reaching Home Funding as set out in report HS11 - 22.

BACKGROUND:

In February 2021, the Government of Canada announced additional incremental funding of \$299.4 million to be added to the base Reaching Home funding of designated communities. In March 2021, the DNSSAB received confirmation that the incremental funding being added to the base funding for the community would be \$603,000. The new Funding Agreement between Canada and the DNSSAB as the Community Entity was completed in November 2021. The Agreement confirmed the change in the way the funding would flow from progress payments to advance payments and also added the \$603,000 to the 2021-22 funding within the 5 year, 2019-2024 budget. There was, however, no confirmed increase in the Agreement for the last two fiscal years of Reaching Home, 2022-23 or 2023-24.

Currently, the confirmed 2022-23 base funding amount is \$160,910. Two community projects have been identified by the CAB as core homelessness services and have been funded continuously since the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (the precursor to Reaching Home) funding began. Crisis Centre North Bay's *Shelter Supports: Rehousing*, provides workers who work with the individuals in Overflow to get them housed and *Supporting Youth in Transitional Housing* funds a worker at the Futures Transitional Youth Residence that provides life skills and stability to prepare youth experiencing homelessness for independent living in the community.

CURRENT STATUS/STEPS TAKEN TO DATE:

At the February 9th, 2022 Community Advisory Board (CAB) meeting, the CAB members brought forward a recommendation to prioritize the two Crisis Centre North Bay projects for the available 2022-23 base Reaching Home funding. The following proposed recommendation and funding reports were sent out to the CAB by email on Thursday February 10, 2022 for an email vote and the recommendation was approved by majority on Friday February 11, 2022.

2022 PROPOSAL (To December 31 st)				
Service Provider	Sub-Project	Funded Service(s)	Cost per Month	Cost to December 31 st
Crisis Centre North Bay	Shelter Supports: Rehousing	2 Full-time (40hrs/week each) (\$32.32/hr) Overflow employees	\$10,341.00	\$93,069.00
Crisis Centre North Bay	Supporting Youth in Transitional Housing	1 Full-time (40hrs/week each) Employee	\$6,044.20	\$54,397.80
TOTALS			\$16,385.20	\$147,466.80
2022-23 RH FUNDS REMAINING			\$ 13,443.20	

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION:

Crisis Centre North Bay Shelter Supports: Rehousing and Supporting Youth in Transitional Housing sub-projects will be fully funded at a cost of **\$16,385.20 per month** for a term of **9 months** from April 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 for a total of **\$147,466.80**. The allocation of the balance of the 2022-23 Reaching Home funds (**\$13,443.20**) will be decided at a later date. Should additional funding become available, further decisions regarding the continued financial support of the CCNB sub-projects beyond December 31, 2022 can be made at that time.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

\$147,466.80 of the 2022-23 funding allocation will be used for the two Crisis Centre programs. The allocation for the remaining balance of funds, \$13,443.20, would be decided at a later date.

RISK IDENTIFICATION AND MITIGATION:

The recommended funding allocation will only provide funding for the two sub-projects to December 31, 2022. Additional funding will be required for January to March 2023.

CONCLUSION:

This Reaching Home funding allocation will provide stability for the CCNB programs to December 31, 2022. The Federal Government has indicated that further increases to the Reaching Home base budgets for 2022-23 and 2023-24 are still being planned. Any future increase to this year's funding will be assessed at that time.