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PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL FUNDING TO ASSIST THOSE MOST IN NEED

North Bay, ON – The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) has received a much needed injection of provincial and federal funding to help manage the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the most vulnerable in our community. This includes people living with low incomes, those who require social services support as well as those that are experiencing homelessness.

Yesterday, MPP Vic Fedeli announced that DNSSAB will be receiving \$589,000 through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative to address emerging needs. Some of that funding has been identified for the 24-hour emergency homeless support shelter that opened yesterday at the YMCA on Chippewa Street in North Bay. The federal government identified \$292,000 under the Reaching Home Funding to support the response capacity and prevent the spread of COVID-19 amongst those experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

“These are difficult times for everyone. No one could have predicted the impact this pandemic has had on our communities,” says DNSSAB Chair, Mark King. He adds, “The DNSSAB will be consulting with community partners to further identify the greatest need in our community and will evaluate further assistance according to real time urgent issues.”

Updates related to the COVID-19 pandemic are posted regularly on the DNSSAB website at www.dnssab.ca