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Re: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream

Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensees:

This letter is further to the recent letter from Richard Steele, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Long-Term Care, informing you of **up to \$100 million** in combined federal-provincial one-time 2020-2021 funding to support long-term care (LTC) homes with targeted improvements directly linked to new COVID-19 measures to reinforce safe physical distancing and retrofitting projects. This investment reflects up to \$80 million in federal funding and up to \$20 million in provincial funding under the new Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream.

To provide additional financial support for LTC homes for infrastructure improvements, the application intake for this new ICIP stream will take place from **November 23, 2020**, to **December 18, 2020**.

Funding Approach

Cost Share:

Under the requirements of the federal program, for-profit homes will be eligible for **25 per cent** federal cost-share, and not-for-profit homes will be eligible for **80 per cent** cost-share. In addition, the Government of Ontario will provide a proportional cost-share of **6.25 per cent** to for-profit homes and **20 per cent** for not-for-profit homes. Projects cannot exceed \$10 million in total eligible costs.

Long-Term care homes are required to pay any portion of the project cost that are not covered under the federal or provincial government cost-shares. Please see the **Program Guidelines** for additional details.

Project Eligibility Criteria

The federal government has indicated that investments under this ICIP stream are to support infrastructure, defined as tangible capital assets, including infrastructure related to pandemic response. According to federal parameters, eligible projects include (see Program Guidelines for full details):

- **Retrofits, Repairs and Upgrades** for long-term care infrastructure;
- **COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure**, including measures to support physical distancing;

The Ministry of Long-Term Care will review all submitted applications and nominate eligible projects to the federal government for approval.

The provision of ICIP funds is governed by the Integrated Bilateral Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario (the “Bilateral Agreement”).

All LTC homes interested in participating in this program will be required to submit applications for funding via the province’s Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) system no later than **December 18, 2020**, in order to be considered for nomination and approval. The ministry will review applications and nominate projects to the federal government using equitable selection criteria designed to give priority to projects related to Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) system upgrades and repairs. Projects must be approved by the federal government before they can be tendered and expenses incurred.

Eligibility, Reporting and Accountability

Eligible LTC homes are those homes whose licensee is party to a Letter of Agreement for Ministry Direct Funding to Long-Term Care Homes (DFA) with the Ministry of Long-Term Care. Any LTC home currently under redevelopment is not eligible for funding under ICIP.

Approved projects must start construction by no later than **September 30, 2021**, and must be substantially complete by **December 31, 2021**.

Progress reports for all approved projects must be submitted to the ministry, as required. More information on reporting requirements is provided in the **Program Guidelines**.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the ministry by e-mail at ICIP.LTC@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your continued service and dedication in support of our government’s commitment to transforming long-term care in Ontario, particularly throughout the COVID-19 outbreak, as we work together to implement enhanced measures to stop the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care homes.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

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