

<b>To:</b>	Chair and Members of the Committee of Management
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<b>Subject / Report No:</b>	LTCR-CM-32-20
<b>Title:</b>	IPAC Minor Capital Funding
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## Recommendation

1. **That Report LTCR-CM-32-20 regarding Infection Prevention And Containment (IPAC) Minor Capital Funding and unbudgeted projects be received; and**
2. **That Long-Term Care Committee of Management endorse the recommended projects contained in Report LTCR-CM-32-20; and**
3. **That these recommended projects be funded by IPAC Minor Capital Funding.**

## Executive Summary

The County of Grey has received \$266,826 in Infection Prevention and Containment (IPAC) Minor Capital Funding through the Ministry of Long-Term Care. These funds are the County of Grey's allocation of the provincial \$61.4 million funding targeting infection prevention and control efforts. This funding needs to be spent by March 31, 2021.

## Background and Discussion

On September 29, 2020, the Ministry of Long-Term Care announced \$540 million for the Long-Term Care sector, targeting critical areas of need including emergency prevention and containment, staff recruitment and retention, infection prevention and control (IPAC) and personal protective equipment (PPE).

To provide additional support for long-term care homes in making improvements that support IPAC efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry is allocating \$61.4 million funding of this \$540 million towards urgent minor capital upgrades and improvements directly linked to improved infection prevention and control (IPAC) practices for the safety of their residents, staff and families. The County of Grey's allocation of this is \$266,826 in total for the three homes. This funding was received on October 22, 2020.

Eligible measures will include minor renovations to support physical distancing, plumbing or water supply cleaning and repair, HVAC systems upgrades or repairs and/or replacement of furniture and equipment that cannot be fully cleaned.

Funding will be effective April 1, 2020 and received as one payment. All homes will receive a base allocation of \$50,000 as well as a per-bed allotment. The per-bed allotment provides older homes with a higher amount of funding to address minor capital of older facilities. LTC homes will be required to report the expenditures associated with the IPAC Minor Capital expenses (their allocation of the \$61.3 million) on a separate line in Section 1 of the Annual Report. Funding must be spent by March 31, 2021.

The following table demonstrates the amount each home has available to spend:

Table 1 – Amount of IPAC Minor Capital Funding per Home

Home	IPAC Minor Capital Funding
Grey Gables	\$67,272
Lee Manor	\$88,354
Rockwood Terrace	\$111,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$266,826</b>

Grey Gables is recommending using IPAC minor capital funding for the following projects:

- modifications to the staff change rooms to support IPAC
- the purchase of portable Hepa-Care machines which transitions a room into a negative pressure room
- the purchase of mobile ultraviolet Sterilizer units that will sterilize rooms such as resident rooms/laundry room/ kitchen
- the purchase of three handheld sanitizing fogging machines to use in common areas and dining rooms.

Lee Manor is recommending using IPAC minor capital funding for the following projects:

- to support IPAC measures including a portable Hepa-Care machine
- the purchase of an ultraviolet sterilizer unit
- the purchase of a hand sanitizing fogger
- the purchase of floor cleaning machines
- the purchase of furniture that cannot readily be sanitized
- the purchase of portable water supply units.

Rockwood Terrace is recommending using IPAC minor capital funding for the following projects:

- to support IPAC measures including a portable Hepa-Care machine
- the purchase of an ultraviolet sterilizer unit
- the purchase of a hand sanitizing fogger

- the purchase of floor cleaning machines
- the purchase of furniture that cannot readily be sanitized.

## Legal and Legislated Requirements

This funding is part of the Ministry's response to provide timely and effective support to the long-term care sector to help stabilize homes amidst the evolving challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding will help long-term care homes make rapid priority physical infrastructure upgrades that will improve IPAC conditions and practices.

Health and safety concerns for staff and residents will be reduced.

## Financial and Resource Implications

The County of Grey has received \$266,826 in Infection Prevention and Containment (IPAC) Minor Capital Funding through the Ministry of Long-Term Care. This funding will be used to support Infection prevention and control measures for the three homes in 2020.

## Relevant Consultation

- Internal (Long Term Care staff)
- External

## Appendices and Attachments

[Attachment to LTCR-CM-32-20 Minister's Letter IPAC Minor Capital Funding](#)

[Attachment to LTCR-CM-32-20 ADM Letter IPAC Minor Capital Funding](#)