



Committee Report

To:	Warden Hicks and Members of Grey County Council
Committee Date:	January 14, 2021
Subject / Report No:	HDR-CW-03-21
Title:	Funding Agreements Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2
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Lower Tier(s) Affected:	All
Status:	

Recommendation

1. That Report HDR-CW-03-21 be received;
2. That the additional \$433,900 in unbudgeted Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2 funds be approved for use in 2021;
3. That individual agreements be prepared between each of the following parties:
 - a. Lutheran Social Services Owen Sound and Grey County in the amount of \$355,000;
 - b. The Women's Centre Grey Bruce and Grey County in the amount of \$240,000;
 - c. Maam Wiim Win Native Homes and Grey County in the amount of \$120,000;
4. That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreements on behalf of Grey County in a form satisfactory to the Director of Housing and the Director of Legal Services – County Solicitor, and which shall be substantially in the form attached to this Report HDR-CW-03-21, and that the County will take security from each party to the above agreements in accordance with them; and
5. That the agreements be signed prior to Council approval as per Section 25.6 of Procedural By-law 5008-13 as amended.

Executive Summary

The County of Grey received Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2 (SSRF) funding through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) to assist community agencies that support people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness with COVID 19 related expenses. Grey County is entering into an agreement with three community agencies to renovate existing buildings into much needed supportive or transitional housing. The remaining SSRF funds will be used to assist people to pay rental arrears due to losses of income during COVID 19 and in consultation with community partners and Grey Bruce Public Health remaining funds will be used to increase housing and mental health supports in our community.

Background

Recognizing the housing and homelessness sector has had to alter the ways in which services are provided to vulnerable populations in the COVID-19 outbreak, the Province has released additional funds through the Social Services Relief Fund. Phase 2 funding builds on the support currently being delivered and is to be used:

- to mitigate risk for vulnerable people in our communities,
- to encourage longer term housing solutions,
- to enhance rent assistance to households with rent arrears due to COVID-19.

Grey County received an allocation of \$793,347 in September 2020 and put forward three renovation proposals to the Province. All three have been approved.

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Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2 Funding plan		
Organization	Project	Funds (\$)
Maam Wiim Win	3 Indigenous Transitional Units	120,000
Women's Centre GB	2 transitional units (VAW)	120,000
Lutheran Social Services	4 transitional units	355,000
Grey County	Rental Arrears Program	174,547
Administration (3%)		23,800
	Total	\$793,347

Additional Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2 Funding plan		
Organization	Project	Funds (\$)
Women's Centre GB	2 transitional units	120,000

Y Housing	Additional emergency housing	100,000
Various Agencies	Outreach Supports	200,883
Administration (3%)		13,017
Total		\$433,900

As proposed in report [HDR-CW-08-20](#) the funds will be allocated to three renovations to create much needed supportive/transitional housing in Grey County.

Maam Wiim Win

Maam Wiim Win is proposing to provide 3 units of transitional housing with culturally appropriate supports. It is a well-known fact that Indigenous communities are significantly over-represented among the homeless and vulnerable populations. Many face multiple adversities and are more likely to face difficulties finding a place to call home compared to Non-Indigenous people. Maam Wiim Win Non-Profit plans to support individuals by transforming one of its houses into 3 individual units.

Women’s Centre Grey Bruce

Women’s Centre Grey Bruce provides emergency shelter and second stage housing for women experiencing domestic violence. Currently second stage has 10 RGI family townhome units for women and their children. Women’s Centre is proposing to convert two of the townhomes into four one- bedroom self-contained units for single women experiencing violence. Supports and outreach to obtain permanent housing would be provided in house. Grey County would be providing the extra RGI funding.

Lutheran Social Services Owen Sound

Lutheran Social Services owns a building that can be converted into 4 self-contained apartments of transitional housing. The building is zoned residential. The units would be used as part of the By Names List Rapid Housing program through Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). The program consists of community partners such as Grey Bruce Health, CMHA, Y Housing, Grey and Bruce Counties

Grey County will enter into agreements with the three proponents to renovate existing buildings into supportive or transitional housing. The agreement will ensure the housing remains supportive/transitional for a minimum of five years. The agreements shall include the registration of a charge against the project land to secure its repayment.

Legal and Legislated Requirements

At the request of the County, proponents will provide a registrable charge/mortgage of land to secure the loaned amount.

Financial and Resource Implications

All funds are Provincial.

Relevant Consultation

- Internal: Clerks Department
- External: Maam Wiim Win, Lutheran Social Services, The Women's Centre Grey Bruce

Appendices and Attachments

[SSRF Phase 2 Agreement Women's Centre Grey Bruce](#)

[SSRF Phase 2 Agreement Lutheran Social Services](#)

[SSRF Phase 2 Agreement Maam Wiim Win](#)

[Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2 Funding Letter Dec 2020](#)