



Committee Report

To:	Warden Hicks and Members of Grey County Council
Committee Date:	March 11, 2021
Subject / Report No:	HDR-CW-06-21
Title:	Additional Funds Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2
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Lower Tier(s) Affected:	All
Status:	Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution CW59-21; Endorsed by Council CC29-21

Recommendation

- 1. That Report HDR-CW-06-21 be received;**
- 2. That the additional \$120,000 in unbudgeted Social Services Relief Fund Phase 2 funds be approved for use in 2021.**

Executive Summary

The Province allocated additional one-time mental health and addictions investment to Service Managers to address the need for mental health and addictions services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness during Covid-19. Staff proposed to use the funding to create additional transitional housing space with Women's Centre Grey Bruce as they are currently renovating to provide additional transitional housing. This funding will provide two additional transitional units.

Background

Additional funding in the amount of \$120,000 through the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) Phase 2 has been received. The Province allocated additional one-time mental health and addictions investment to Service Managers to address the need for mental health and addictions services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness during Covid-19. Staff submitted a business case to add to the renovation currently approved through SSRF Phase 2 for Women's Centre Grey Bruce. The extra funds will allow the renovation of two townhomes into four single transitional units.

The County received confirmation of the funds January 8, 2021 but the deadline to spend the funds was March 31, 2021. Not enough time for our non-profit to complete a renovation. The County asked the Province to extend the deadline of the funding to December 31, 2021 to match the previously received SSRF Phase 2 funding. The Province has approved the deadline of December 31, 2021.

As proposed in report [HDR-CW-08-20](#) the funds will be enhance the funding of the Women's Centre Grey Bruce renovation.

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.

Legal and Legislated Requirements

At the request of the County, proponent 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: The Women's Centre Grey Bruce

Appendices and Attachments

[Additional Funding- Grey County Allocation Letter](#)