



## Committee Report

**To:** Councillor Mark Goetz, Chair and  
Members of the Human Services Committee

**From:** Christine MacDonald  
Director of Human Services

**Date:** March 2, 2023

**Re:** Housing and Homelessness Programs Funding Allocations

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### Staff Recommendation:

The Housing and Homelessness Programs Funding Allocations Report is for information.

### Background:

On February 3, 2023, Bruce County received the confirmation of the funding allocation for the Canada Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI), the Ontario Priority Housing Initiative (OPHI), the Canada Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) and the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025.

Below is a year-over-year comparison of each of the programs.

Program	2022/2023 Fiscal Year	2023/2024 Fiscal Year	2024/2025 Fiscal Year
COCHI	\$306,450	\$364,000	\$495,100
OPHI	\$348,700	\$314,800	\$303,800
COHB	\$192,500	\$172,100	N/A
HPP	\$937,500	\$937,500	N/A

The Ministry has indicated they are reviewing the funding formula for 2024/2025 for COHB and HPP and as such have not provided information for planning for the 2024/25 fiscal year to date.

Updated program materials including Transfer Payment Agreements, Program Guidelines and Investments Plans are forthcoming and will be brought forward to the Human Services Committee when received.

### Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

Staff will work with the Finance Division to amend the 2023 approved County Budget based on approval of this report and will continue to monitor the budget to ensure appropriate expenditures.

When received, staff will ensure alignment with the COCHI-OPHI Transfer Payment Agreement through the duration of the program.

Staff will ensure alignment with the HPP Multi-Component Agreement throughout the program.

Staff are reviewing the impact of the various program changes and additional pieces of work on the Housing Services team and will be providing further information to committee in the future.

**Interdepartmental Consultation:**

Staff consulted with the Corporate Services Department on the analysis of this report.

**Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:**

Goal #3 Find creative new ways to engage our public

Element #5 E Focus on the internal and external customer/client first

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