



May 1st, 2024

Dear Service Manager,

I understand that there may be some concern relating to the \$357 Million dollars which the federal government hoped to flow through the Province of Ontario under the National Housing Strategy to support your work.

I was disappointed to learn that Ontario has rejected the conditional approval of their most recent Action Plan, and is choosing to forego the funding.

I want to assure you that the full amount of this funding which was meant to flow through the Province will nevertheless be used to make investments in affordable housing and housing supports for the most vulnerable in Ontario, and will be delivered directly by the federal government.

As you are aware, this funding is a reimbursement to Ontario for funds already spent. So, it should not impact you in the delivery of services this year. I would hope that the provincial government will not pull funding from affordable housing in future fiscal years. You should not be penalized for their failure to meet obligations under bilateral agreements.

With or without provincial involvement, we will ensure that affordable housing and housing supports for the most vulnerable are provided to the communities and residents in Ontario who need it most. We will likewise continue to work with Ontario in the hopes that we can avoid a similar situation in future years of our agreement.

I would like to meet with you at a mutually convenient time in order to ensure we deliver the funding in a way that most effectively supports your work, and to resolve any outstanding questions you might have.

Thank you for all that you do to serve some of our most vulnerable community members. I look forward to chatting more soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Fraser".

The Honourable Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities