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Ms. Hope Lee Administrator / Manager of Housing – Housing Help Division City of Kawartha Lakes 322 Kent Street West Lindsay, ON K9V 4S7

Dear Ms. Lee:

Further to yesterday's announcement by the Honourable Peter Milczyn, Minister of Housing, I am pleased to provide you with further details about your participation in the Province's Home For Good (HFG) initiative.

You will have already been informed of your notional funding allocations under Year 1 (2017-18), Year 2 (2018-19), and Year 3 (2019-20) of this initiative. Participation in HFG is subject to the Service Manager and the Province entering into a Transfer Payment Agreement. The Transfer Payment Agreement template is enclosed, and a customized agreement will be sent to you in the coming days.

You will also be required to submit a Take-Up Plan to the Ministry, for approval. The Plan provides an opportunity to forecast the number of recipients to be assisted in Year 1 and Year 2, the types of supports that will be made available to them, and to forecast upcoming expenditures. Approval of the Take-Up Plan by your Council or Board, or through delegated authority, is required. The Take-Up Plan will need to be submitted to the Ministry through the Grants Ontario System.

The Ministry expects the Transfer Payment Agreement and Take-Up Plan to be submitted by October 31, 2017, to provide sufficient time to commit all funding allocated in the current program year. As with all provincial allocations and consistent with government accounting requirements, annual funding allocations under HFG are provided on a "use it or lose it" basis. Any funding not committed by the required timelines will need to be returned to the Province.

Regarding the Capital Component of HFG, please note that funds must be committed in Year 1 or Year 2, and that capital projects must be completed within two years of the signing of a Contribution Agreement. Furthermore, funds will flow over a 20-year affordability payment period, following project completion and occupancy. Please also note that your notional funding allocation for the Capital Component includes an additional 5% in funding (on top of the capital funding requested in your Expression of Interest), to be used for capital administration costs.

Please also find enclosed some Questions and Answers regarding HFG, which you may share with your community partners.

I appreciate your partnership as we work together to deliver on this important initiative. If you have any questions, please contact the Regional Housing Services Team Lead at your MSO.

Sincerely,

Janet Hope

Assistant Deputy Minister

Encls: Transfer Payment Agreement Template
Questions and Answers Document

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