

Appendix II

COVID-19 Funding for the Most Vulnerable – Responding to the Immediate Needs of the Community

Medium and Longer-Term Measures to Address the Impacts of COVID-19

As individuals struggle with physical and mental health related impacts, family breakdown and unemployment, it is expected that further funding and community resource supports will be needed to expand the capacity of the not-for-profit sector to deal with the demand for increased services. In addition, further contributory funding will be required for the not-for-profit sector and community housing providers to adapt to the challenges of the pandemic. At this point, given the uncertainty around the duration of the pandemic, estimates are not available.

Examples in this category include:

- Increased eviction prevention programs and funding
- Increased rental arrears funding for households who were unable to pay their rent or utility costs during the pandemic
- Increased funding for individuals who do not return to their previous employment and must find a new job
- Supports that prevent individuals, including children, from becoming homeless as a result of illness or death in their household
- Increased funding for food banks, and other critical social services including mental health services, who will see increased demands for service as a result of the pandemic
- Supports to ensure that young children maintain their health, well-being and learning through the pandemic and recovery period
- Longer-term income supports to assist households for the duration of pandemic and post-pandemic recovery

Staff will report back to Council with details of the recommended supports required to assist Community Agencies and Housing Providers in dealing with the medium and longer-term impacts of COVID-19.