

# Safe Restart Agreement – Brief Overview

MFOA Discussion Forums – October 23, 2020



## Funding Overview



## Municipal Operating Pressures

\$2B



### Municipal Operating Funding

\$1.39B

Sept. 2020

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Oct.-Dec. 2020

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Additional funding available for municipalities that demonstrate 2020 operating pressures in excess of Phase 1 allocation. Only municipalities requesting additional funding should submit financial information by October 30, 2020. Program will not offer a direct line-by-line reimbursement. Allocations communicated by year-end with funds flowing thereafter.

Spring 2021

**Municipal Reporting**  
All 444 municipalities will be required to report on the use of their funding.

Contact: Your [Municipal Services Office Municipal Advisor](#) or [Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca](mailto:Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca).



### Social Services Relief Fund

\$510M

Apr. 2020

**Phase 1: \$148M**  
To support Service Managers and Indigenous Program Administrators.

Sept. 2020 - Jan. 2021

**Phase 2: \$362M**  
Based on business case to demonstrate how initial planning allocations would be used. Both operating and capital expenses are eligible uses of funding. Indigenous Program Administrators will receive 5% of the total available funding. Approximately 30% of the total Service Manager allocation (\$104M) will be held back, to be allocated based on reporting and the public health situation by January 2021.

Contact: Your [Municipal Services Office Housing Team Lead](#)



### Public Health

\$100M

Mar. 2020

**Announcement: \$100M**  
As part of Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19, the government announced an increased investment of up to \$100M to address the pressures the public health sector is facing as a result of managing COVID-19.

Sept. - Dec. 2020

**Reporting**  
Public health units were required to submit requests for one-time funding directly to the Ministry of Health (MOH) by September 18, 2020. One-time funding will be disbursed directly to public health units upon completion of MOH's review/approval process.

Contact: Your [Local Public Health Unit](#)



## Transit Supports

\$2B

Sept. 2020

**Phase 1: \$666M (33% of Funding)**  
Total allocations based on ridership, on top of a \$40K base amount, for 110 municipalities for costs incurred between April 1 and September 30, 2020.

Oct. 2020

**Reporting**  
For Phase 1 allocations, municipalities to provide actual budgetary impacts for Apr-Sept, and forecasted impacts for Oct 2020-Mar 2021, by October 30, 2020.

Fall 2020

**Phase 2: \$1,334M (67% of Funding)**  
Agreements with municipalities to be executed for Phase 2 in Fall 2020 for costs incurred between October 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

Spring 2021

**Reporting and Funding**  
For Phase 2 allocations, funds to be disbursed upon receiving municipal reporting of actual financial impacts.

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# Safe Restart Agreement – Operating Funding

Phase 1 funding was announced on August 12, 2020. Municipalities were told they would receive this funding in Fall 2020.

- Municipalities are expected to report back to the province with details on their 2020 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures, including their overall 2020 financial position, and the use of the provincial funds to mitigate their operating costs and pressures.
  - The province will be developing a template for the report back.

Phase 2 funding is available to municipalities that demonstrate 2020 operating pressures in excess of Phase 1 allocations

- To be considered for Phase 2 funding, municipalities will be required to submit the following by **October 30, 2020**:
  - Information about measures the municipality has undertaken to reduce financial pressures (e.g. use of reserves, cost saving measures);
  - Explanation of how the municipality applied or plans to spend Phase 1 funding towards COVID-19 operating costs and pressures;
  - A year-end forecast of COVID-19 operating costs and pressures;
  - Actual COVID-related impacts as of the end of Q3 of the municipal fiscal year (September 30, 2020);
  - Treasurer's statement as to accuracy of reporting;
  - Resolution of Council seeking additional funding.
  - Municipalities who are approved will be informed before the end of the calendar year and can expect to receive a payment in early 2021.

**Questions? Contact your MSO Advisor or [municipal.programs@ontario.ca](mailto:municipal.programs@ontario.ca)**



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# Safe Restart Agreement - SSRF

Phase 1 funding was announced on March 23, 2020. The funds were to support Service Managers and Indigenous Program Administrators.

Phase 2 was announced over the summer and applications were due September 11, 2020. The funding is based on a business case to demonstrate how initial planning allocations would be used. The purpose of the business case process is as follows:

1. To assess Service Managers' proposed uses of SSRF Phase 2 funding, in terms of eligibility under Program Guidelines, and alignment with local needs in their respective communities; and
2. To ensure that Service Managers' program delivery planning fulfills specific criteria and reflects consideration of intersecting service systems and issues.

**Questions? Contact your MSO Housing Team Lead**

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Phase 1 funding was announced on August 12, 2020. The funding can be used to provide immediate relief from transit pressures, such as lower ridership, as well as for new costs due to COVID-19, such as enhanced cleaning and masks for staff.

- Municipalities must provide actual budgetary impacts for April-September 2020 and forecasted impacts for October 2020-March 2021. **Due October 30, 2020.**

Phase 2 funding is based on expenses incurred to ensure the funding meets the needs of municipalities.

- Agreements with municipalities will be executed in Fall 2020 for costs incurred between October 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021.
- Funds will be disbursed upon receiving municipal reporting of actual financial impacts (Spring 2021).

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