

ADDENDUM TO COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

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INFORMATION

5. Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) Phase 3 – Investment Plan [Strategic Plan Goal #3 (b)]

Attached as Appendix IV is correspondence dated March 10, 2021 from the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding additional provincial funding available to the County of Renfrew through the third phase of Ontario's Social Services Relief Fund in the amount of \$1,621,978 to be spent by December 31, 2021. This funding is to continue to help a diverse range of vulnerable people to meet their short-term critical needs, including people living in community housing, supportive housing, people with low incomes, social assistance recipients, or others who require social services support as well as those that are experiencing homelessness.

This funding will permit the County of Renfrew to continue to support:

- transportation programs including access to COVID testing and vaccinations;
- programs to support seniors and disabled adults in our community;
- health and safety supports within community housing including enhanced cleaning measures and other measures that promote safe physical distancing for families with children;
- support for food security initiatives including food banks;
- continued support for homelessness initiatives;
- rental assistance to support renter households who may be in rental arrears and at a high risk of becoming homeless;
- community outreach to support vulnerable populations including those in self-isolation