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## Ontario Updating and Repairing Community Health Facilities in the Quinte region

*Helping People Access Safe and High-Quality Health Care Close to Home*

### NEWS

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Ontario is investing in two community health facilities in the Quinte region to help people get high-quality care close to home, in a safe, healthy and accessible environment.

The South East LHIN announced funding today for local community health service providers to repair and upgrade their facilities, making them more accessible and enhancing quality of care.

Through the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund the province is investing \$26,592 in Addictions and Mental Health Services - Hastings Prince Edward and the Sexual Assault Centre of Quinte and District facilities:

- Addictions and Mental Health Services - Hastings Prince Edward is receiving \$11,592 to install and Access Control System
- Sexual Assault Centre of Quinte and District is receiving \$15,000 to replace an air conditioning unit.

This fund is helping 68 community health service providers across the province to support crucial infrastructure projects, including replacements to roofs, windows, heating and air conditioning systems, fire alarms and back-up generators.

Ontario is increasing access to care, reducing wait times and improving the patient experience through its [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#) and [OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare](#) – protecting health care today and into the future.

### QUOTES

“By investing in community health infrastructure, we will help ensure that community health organizations can keep their facilities in a good state of repair, make them accessible, and continue to provide high-quality care, close to home.”

— Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“We are pleased to hear of this important infrastructure funding. These investments support our community health service providers in completing various facility projects and upgrades,

allowing them to continue focusing on high-quality service delivery in a safe and sustainable health care system.”

– *Paul Huras, Chief Executive Officer, South East LHIN*

### QUICK FACTS

- Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund (CIRF) investments have increased 78 per cent from last year, up from \$4.1 million to \$7.3 million, which will support 68 communities across 85 sites province-wide.
- Community health facilities are publicly funded and provide a range of programs, including primary care, community mental health and addictions, allied health care (e.g., physical therapists, occupational and respiratory therapists, dietitians, speech language pathologists and audiologists) and health promotion (e.g., not-for-profit programs and services delivered by a public health unit).
- Ontario's health care budget in 2017-18 is \$53.8 billion — a 3.8 per cent increase from the previous year.
- As part of the 2017 Budget, Ontario is also spending an additional \$9 billion to support the construction of new hospital projects across the province. This brings Ontario's total planned investment in hospital infrastructure to more than \$20 billion over the next 10 years.

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[Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)

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