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Ontario Updating and Repairing Community Health Facilities in Northeastern Ontario

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

NEWS

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Ontario is investing in \$382,000 community health facilities in Northeastern Ontario to help people get high-quality care close to home, in a safe, healthy and accessible environment.

Glenn Thibeault MPP for Sudbury 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 \$382,000 in Northeastern Ontario facilities:

- Canadian Mental Health Association Sudbury/Manitoulin is receiving \$80,000 to upgrade the sprinkler system
- Jubilee Centre is receiving \$63,900 to replace front stairs
- St. Joseph's General Hospital is receiving \$228,100 to upgrade the fire alarm system
- Canadian Mental Health Association Nipissing Regional Branch is receiving \$10,000 for assistance with mould abatement

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

Thanks to the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund (CIRF) these valuable organizations can proceed with some much needed repairs and upgrades. These funds will assist organizations like Local Community Health Centres and Mental Health Organizations who are vital to providing excellent health care in Ontario. These investments will mean improved treatment for patients in Sudbury who require special care as well reducing wait times and improving the patient experience.
— Glenn Thibeault, MPP Sudbury

“These investments will help community health care service providers in the North East LHIN meet safety and accessibility standards, so that they can continue to focus on what they do best – providing quality care for their clients.”

-- Kate Fyfe, Interim CEO of the North East Local Health Integration Network

The Canadian Mental Health Association-Sudbury/ Manitoulin thanks the Liberal Government for making it possible to enhance the living environment for the residents in our Moonlight home. This new infrastructure funding will make it possible to install a sprinkler system in the home to ensure everyone's safety!

As a community agency we want to ensure that all of the individuals we provide service to have access to safe and affordable housing this funding makes it possible in this home.

— Marion Quigley, BA, CAE, Chief Executive Office CMHA Sudbury/Manitoulin

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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