
Subject: Approval of 2020/2021 Community Services Program Audits

Report to: Public Health and Social Services Committee

Report date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Recommendations

1. That the draft audited annual reconciliation return for the Community Support Services Program (Appendix 1 to Report COM 14-2021) for the year ended December 31, 2020, **BE APPROVED**;
2. That the draft audited schedule of Revenue and Expenses for the Reaching Home Program (Appendix 2 to Report COM 14-2021) for the year ended March 31, 2021, **BE APPROVED**;
3. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to coordinate with the auditor to finalize the statements as presented; and
4. That Report COM 14-2021 **BE FORWARDED** to the Region's Audit Committee for information.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the audited annual reconciliation return ("ARR") and the schedule of revenue and expenses ("financial schedule") for the respective programs in accordance with the federal and provincial funding requirements.
- The Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (HNHB LHIN) submission deadline for the Community Support Service Program is June 30, 2021.
- The Ministry of Employment and Social Development Canada submission deadline for the Reaching Home Program is July 31, 2021.
- As per Financial Reporting and Forecasting Policy (C-F-020), other financial statements or schedules performed for Ministry funding purposes, will be recommended for approval to Council by the standing Committee with oversight of the program. Upon approval by Council, the department Commissioner, or delegated authority, and the Treasurer will be authorized to sign the auditor's representation letter to obtain the auditor's signed report. The approved statements will then be forwarded to Audit Committee for information.

Financial Considerations

The ARR of the Community Support Services Program has been prepared in compliance with the guidelines of the Ontario Health Reporting Standards and the Community Financial Policy issued by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Long-Term Care. A draft copy of the ARR is attached as Appendix 1 to Report COM 14-2021.

The financial schedule for the Reaching Home Program has been prepared in compliance with legislation and in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the agreement between the Ministry of Employment and Social Development Canada and the Regional Municipality of Niagara. A draft copy of the financial schedule is attached as Appendix 2 to Report COM 14-2021.

The ARR and the financial schedule are prepared specifically for the purposes of meeting the requirements outlined in the service agreements with the funding Ministries. These reports are a provincial/federal requirement as noted in the audit report for the programs as follows:

Community Support Services Program

“The schedules are prepared to assist the Program in complying with the financial reporting provisions in the guidelines in Chapters 3 and 4 of the Ontario Healthcare Reporting Standards and the Community Financial Policy (2016) issued by the Ontario Ministry of Health. As a result, the schedules may not be suitable for another purpose.”

Reaching Home Program

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Analysis

The ARR and the financial schedule were audited by the Region’s external auditors, Deloitte. The auditors have indicated that, based on their review, nothing has come to their attention that causes them to believe that this information is not, in all material aspects, in accordance with the requirements identified.

Upon approval by Committee and Council, the ARR and financial schedule will be submitted to the respective Ministry in accordance with the funding agreement requirements and will also be referred to Audit Committee for information.

Below is a summary of the results of the audited schedules:

Community Support Service Program – this program has an overall surplus of \$433,378 as of December 31, 2020, which will be returned to the LHIN by way of a reduction in their future payments to the Region. The COVID-19 pandemic caused significant interruptions to service, which led to the year-end surplus. Seniors Community Programs provides a range of services to seniors who want to keep active and stay in their home as long as possible. Most of these services involve in-person group settings, which were not permitted for the majority of the year due to the pandemic. Most significantly, the Region's Respite Companion Services, a program aimed at providing meaningful activities tailored to client's needs in the client's home, was unable to operate for the majority of the year. Adult day programs, many of which are co-located within the Region's long-term care homes, and in-person health and wellness classes were unable to operate due to the requirement to socially distance. Many staff were redeployed to the long-term care homes for resident social support and many services did resume virtually, on a smaller scale, towards the end of the year; however, the interruption to service for the majority of the year resulted in the year-end surplus. 2020 annual funding for Seniors Community Programs is \$6.68 million and the amount returnable for 2020 is approximately 6.6% of that funding.

Reaching Home Program - commenced April 1, 2019, and ends March 31, 2024, and has no funds returnable for the current reporting period.

These schedules are subject to minor wording changes once they are finalized.

Alternatives Reviewed

The audited financial schedules are a Ministry requirement and therefore no alternatives are available.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

Providing formal financial reporting to Council and the public supports the Council Strategic Priority of Sustainable and Engaging Government.

Other Pertinent Reports

None.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Community Support Services Program – 2020 Annual Reconciliation
Return

Appendix 2 Reaching Home Program – 2021 Schedule of Revenue and Expenses

Annual Reconciliation Report
The Regional Municipality of Niagara
Community Services Department
Community Support Service Program

December 31, 2020

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, the Ontario Ministry of Health and the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying schedules (ARRFin1 and ARRFin2) of the Annual Reconciliation Report of the Regional Municipality of Niagara (the "Region") Community Services Department - Community Support Service Program (the "Program") for the year ended December 31, 2020 and notes to the schedules (collectively referred to as the "schedules").

In our opinion, the accompanying schedules of the Program for the year ended December 31, 2020 have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions in the guidelines in Chapters 3 and 4 of the Ontario Healthcare Reporting Standards and the Community Financial Policy (2016) issued by the Ontario Ministry of Health (collectively referred to as the "guidelines").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards ("Canadian GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedules* section of our report. We are independent of the Region in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the schedule in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the schedule, which describes the basis of accounting. The schedules are prepared to assist the Program in complying with the financial reporting provisions in the guidelines in Chapters 3 and 4 of the Ontario Healthcare Reporting Standards and the Community Financial Policy (2016) issued by the Ontario Ministry of Health. As a result, the schedule may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the schedules, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Region's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, if any, and related disclosures made by management.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants
June 24, 2021

IFIS / Recipient #	13115
SRI Organization Code	4165
LHIN Name	Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant (Hnhb)
Service Provider Name	Regional Municipality of Niagara
Service Provider Legal Name	Regional Municipality of Niagara
Service Provider Address	
Address 1	1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way
Address 2	P.O. Box 1042
City	Thorold
Postal Code	L2V4T7
HSP Contact Name	Jordan Gamble
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TOTAL AGENCY

Form ARRfin 1- Total LHIN & Ministry Managed- Financial
Regional Municipality of Niagara

		TOTAL HSP
TABLE G: Total Agency Reporting	Line #	
Summary by Fund Type (Total Agency Financials)		
Total Revenue Fund Type 1	115	-
Total Expenses Fund Type 1	116	-
Net Surplus/Deficit Fund Type 1 (Hospital)	117	-
Total Revenue Fund Type 2 (Above)	118	6,377,378
Total Expenses Fund Type 2 (Above)	119	5,944,000
Net Surplus/Deficit Fund Type 2 (Community Programs)	120	433,378
Total Revenue Fund Type 3	121	-
Total Expenses Fund Type 3	122	-
Net Surplus/Deficit Fund Type 3 (Other)	123	-
Total Revenue for the Provider	124	6,377,378
Total Expenses for the Provider	125	5,944,000
Net Surplus/Deficit	126	433,378

FUNDING DATA INPUT TO BE DONE BY FUNDING RECIPIENTThis sheet spreads from Columns B to AG and ends at row 148.

Select TPBE (Transfer Payment Business Unit)		TOTAL	LHIN - CSS	LHIN - CSS Comments	LHIN - CSS				
Funding Initiative (Please select from drop down)			Select Funding Initiative (where applicable)		Pandemic Pay (Home & Community)		Select Funding Initiative (where applicable)		Pandemic Pay (Home & Community)
Table B	Line #								
LHIN Cash Flow:									
Funding - Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)	1	5,951,073	5,151,034	Base Funding		800,039	Base Funding		
Funding - Provincial MOHLTC	2	-							
Funding - LHIN One-Time	3	547,236	426,210	\$218,469 - High Intensity Community Paramedicine, \$201,021 COVID-19 Response Support, \$6,720 Patient Monitoring Technology	82,452	Pandemic Pay	12,474	PSW Wage Enhancement (earned in 2020, received in Jan/Mar 2021)	26,100
Funding - Provincial MOHLTC One-Time	4	-							
Sessional fee funding - LHIN	5	-							
Sessional fee funding - MOHLTC	6								
Total LHIN/MOHLTC funding as per cash flow	7	6,498,309	5,577,244		82,452		812,513		26,100
Service Recipient Revenue	8	141,797	141,797						
Recoveries from External/Internal Sources	9	-							
Donations	10	-							
Other Funding Sources and Other Revenue	11	23,585	23,000	United Way Emergency Community Support Fund			585		
Other revenue adjustments (detailed comments required)	12	-	28,120	One-time transfer of funds between TPBE's as requested to Ontario Health (West)			28,120	One-time transfer of funds between TPBE's as requested to Ontario Health (West)	
Total revenue adjustments	13	165,382	136,677		-		28,705		-
Total FUND TYPE 2 funding for settlement purposes	14	6,663,691	5,713,921		82,452		841,218		26,100
Deferred LHIN funding used to purchase capitalized items in the current year (Enter as Negative Amount)	15	-							
Amortization of donation revenue and LHIN funding in the current fiscal year	16	-							
Other Adjustments including LHIN/MOHLTC recovery (detailed comments required)	17	-	286,313	Deferral or surplus funding at December 31 for EMS Community Paramedicine Programs (reported fiscally) - \$216,351 High Intensity Community Paramedicine, \$56,325 COVID-19 Response Support, \$13,637 base funding					
Total Revenue FUND TYPE 2	18	6,377,378	5,427,608		82,452		841,218		26,100
EXPENSES- Fund Type 2									
Compensation									
Salaries and Wages (Worked + Benefit + Purchased)	19	4,178,121	3,424,950		75,996		653,133		24,042
Benefit Contributions	20	927,260	781,621		6,476		137,105		2,058
Employee Future Benefit Compensation	21	-							
Nurse Practitioner Remuneration	22	145,568	145,568						
Medical Staff Remuneration	23	-							
Sessional Fees	24	-							
Service Costs									
Med/Surgical Supplies and Drugs	25	47,320	13,116				34,204		
Supplies and Sundry Expenses (excl. Med/Surg Supplies & Drugs)	26	140,479	125,448				15,031		

Select TPBE (Transfer Payment Business Unit)		TOTAL	LHIN - CSS	LHIN - CSS Comments	LHIN - CSS	LHIN - CSS Comments	LHIN - SH	LHIN - SH Comments	LHIN - SH	LHIN - SH Comments
Community One Time Expense	27	-	-		-		-		-	
Equipment Expenses	28	29,993	28,682				1,311			
Amortization on Major Equip and Software License and Fees	29	-								
Contracted Out Expense	30	294,571	294,083				488			
Buildings and Grounds Expenses	31	180,688	180,562				126			
Building Amortization	32	-								
TOTAL EXPENSES Fund Type 2	33	5,944,000	4,994,030		82,472		841,398		26,100	
Depreciation/Amortization of Capital Assets for the Program and Admin & Support	34	-	-		-		-		-	
Total Capitalized Purchases and Services in current year	35	-	-		-		-		-	
(CHC & Home Care purposes only) Inadmissible salary expenses	36	-								
(CHC & Home Care purposes only) Less: Other adjustments	37	-								
Total Expenses for Settlement Purposes	38	5,944,000	4,994,030		82,472		841,398		26,100	
Less sessional fee expenses (Enter as Negative Amount)	39	-								
Less one time expenses as per listing below (Negative sum)	40	- 300,242	- 179,196		- 82,472		- 12,474		- 26,100	
Total operating expenses for settlement purposes	41	5,643,758	4,814,834		-		828,924		-	
Operating Recovery	42	472,877	472,877		-		-		-	
Sessional Fee Recovery	43	-	-		-		-		-	
One Time Recovery	44	247,014	247,014		-		-		-	
Total Settlement Recovery	45	719,891	719,891		-		-		-	

Select TPBE (Transfer Payment Business Unit)		TOTAL	LHIN - CSS	LHIN - CSS Comments	LHIN - CSS	LHIN - CSS Comments	LHIN - SH	LHIN - SH Comments	LHIN - SH	LHIN - SH Comments
TABLE C: One-Time Expenses	Line #									
Capitalized purchases from One Time funding Section C-1										
	46	-								
	47	-								
	48	-								
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	53	-								
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	58	-								
	59	-								
	60	-								
Total One-time capitalized purchases from One-time funding	61	-	-		-		-		-	
Operating expenses from One Time Funding Section C-2										
	62	259,819	148,291	Salaries	75,996	Salaries	11,490	Salaries	24,042	Salaries
	63	10,496	978	Benefits	6,476	Benefits	984	Benefits	2,058	Benefits
	64	8,423	8,423	Medical Supplies						
	65	6,720	6,720	Supplies & Sundry Expenses						
	66	14,784	14,784	Equipment Expenses						
	67	-								
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Total One-time operating expenses from One-time funding	77	300,242	179,196		82,472		12,474		26,100	

Select TPBE (Transfer Payment Business Unit)		TOTAL	LHIN - CSS	LHIN - CSS Comments	LHIN - CSS	LHIN - CSS Comments	LHIN - SH	LHIN - SH Comments	LHIN - SH	LHIN - SH Comments
TABLE D: Operating Expenses										
Capitalized expenses Sourced from Operating Funding (Section D-1) (All capitalized items regardless of amount)										
	78	-								
	79	-								
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	81	-								
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Total Capitalized expenses from Operating Funding	93	-	-		-		-		-	
Non- capitalized one-time expenses > \$5,000 Sourced from Operating Funding (Section D-2)										
	94	-								
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	106	-								
	107	-								
	108	-								
Total Non-Capitalized One-time expenses >\$5,000 from Operating Funding	109	-	-		-		-		-	
Total One Time Expenses	110	300,242	179,196		82,472		12,474		26,100	
TABLE F: Sessional Fees Summary (Enter the # of Sessions Delivered)										
# of Sessions Delivered (From Sessional Fees)	111	-								
Calculated Cost Per Session	112	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
TABLE G: Total Agency Reporting Summary by Fund Type (Total Agency Financials)		Line #	TOTAL							
Total Revenue Fund Type 1	113	-								
Total Expenses Fund Type 1	114	-								
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Total Revenue Fund Type 2 (Above)	116	6,377,378	5,427,608		82,452		841,218		26,100	
Total Expenses Fund Type 2 (Above)	117	5,944,000	4,994,030		82,472		841,398		26,100	
Net Surplus/Deficit Fund Type 2 (Community Programs)	118	433,378	433,578		- 20		- 180		-	
Total Revenue Fund Type 3	119	-								
Total Expenses Fund Type 3	120	-								
Net Surplus/Deficit Fund Type 3 (Other)	121	-								

Select TPBE (Transfer Payment Business Unit)		TOTAL	LHIN - CSS	LHIN - CSS Comments	LHIN - CSS	LHIN - CSS Comments	LHIN - SH	LHIN - SH Comments	LHIN - SH	LHIN - SH Comments
Total Revenue for the Provider	122	6,377,378	5,427,608		82,452		841,218		26,100	
Total Expenses for the Provider	123	5,944,000	4,994,030		82,472		841,398		26,100	
Net Surplus/Deficit	124	433,378	433,578		- 20		- 180		-	

PROXY PAY EQUITY ANNUAL REPORT

This form is to be completed by transfer payment organizations who receive proxy pay equity funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, pursuant to the April 23, 2003 Memorandum of Settlement. It must be completed on an annual basis until an organization no longer has a pay equity obligation.

SECTION 1: BASIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

Name of Agency: **Regional Municipality of Niagara**

Vendor #: Reporting Period: from to

Contact Person:		Phone:	
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SECTION 2: EXPENDITURE REPORT

Sources of Proxy Pay Equity Funds

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care	\$	A
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Other (Specify)	
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TOTAL	0.00
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Expenditures

Actual Proxy Pay Equity Expenses		B
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Surplus(Deficit)	0.00	A-B
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Current Outstanding Liabilities

Total Number of Individuals Receiving Proxy Pay Equity	
2019	1
2020	1
2021	1
2022	1
2023	1
2024	1
2025	1
2026	1
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SECTION 3: CERTIFICATION

I, _____ hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the financial data is correct and it is reflected in the year-end settlement.

(Signature of Health Service Provider Authority)

Title: _____

Certification by Provider Fiscal 2020-21

Having the authority to bind the Health Service Provider, we certify that the information provided in ARRFIn1, ARRFIn2 and ARRFIn3 are complete and accurate

Regional Municipality of Niagara

N/A

Name of Signing Officer

Date

Signing Officer***

N/A

Title

N/A

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Date

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N/A

Title

***I have the authority to bind the Health Service Provider

1. Significant accounting policies

Basis of accounting

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Revenue and expenses

Revenue is recognized as amounts become available and are measurable.

Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable.

Capital assets

The historical cost and accumulated depreciation of capital assets are not recorded. Capital assets acquired are reported as expenditures and amortization is not reported on ARRFIn1 and ARRFIn2.

Employee future benefits

Employee future benefits are provided which will require funding in future periods. These benefits include sick leave, benefits under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board ("WSIB") Act, and life insurance, extended health and dental benefits for early retirees. These benefits are recorded on a cash basis.

Schedule of revenue and expenses
The Regional Municipality of Niagara
Reaching Home – Canada's
Homelessness Strategy Program

March 31, 2021

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Council of the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the Ministry of Employment and Social Development Canada

Opinion

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the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this schedule.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the schedule, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Region's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, if any, and related disclosures made by management.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants
June 24, 2021

The Regional Municipality of Niagara
Reaching Home - Canada's Homelessness Strategy
Schedule of revenue and expenses
Year ended March 31, 2021

	Note	\$
Revenue		
Ministry funding	2	941,096
Expenses		
Sub-project costs		842,012
Program management & administrative		99,084
Total expenses		941,096
Excess of eligible expenses over revenue		—

The accompanying note is an integral part of the Schedule.

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1. Significant accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The Schedule has been prepared for the Ministry of Employment and Social Development Canada. The agreement between the Ministry of Employment and Social Development Canada and the Regional Municipality of Niagara requires the Schedule to be prepared in a manner consistent with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). Management of the Regional Municipality of Niagara has interpreted GAAP to be recognition and measurement principles in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards, except that it does not provide for employee future benefits and does not capitalize and amortize tangible capital assets. Management has further interpreted that GAAP does not include the presentation principles or the presentation of all financial statements and note disclosures required by GAAP for a complete set of financial statements.

Revenue and expenses

Revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting.

Expenses are recorded if they are eligible for the program and incurred in the period, except for employee future benefits.

Employee future benefits

Employee future benefits are provided which will require funding in future periods. These benefits include sick leave, benefits under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board ("WSIB") Act, and life insurance, extended health and dental benefits for early retirees. These benefits are recorded on a cash basis.

2. Ministry funding

This project commenced April 1, 2019 and will end March 31, 2024. Total maximum amount of Canada's contribution is \$5,225,896.

The funding allocation under Reaching Home will be used to support priorities and recommendations of the Community Advisory Board (\$4,703,056). There is incremental funding to support initial investments towards the design and implementation of Coordinated Access (\$522,840).

The maximum amount payable by the Ministry in each fiscal year of the project is:

	Designated Community \$	Coordinated Access \$	Total Funding \$
2020	837,176	121,420	958,596
2021	837,176	103,920	941,096
2022	1,009,568	103,920	1,113,488
2023	1,009,568	96,790	1,106,358
2024	1,009,568	96,790	1,106,358
	<u>4,703,056</u>	<u>522,840</u>	<u>5,225,896</u>