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## Kawartha Lakes receives \$7.2 million funding boost from province

Municipalities across the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding to share in \$15,671,800 in extra funding courtesy of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

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Municipalities in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock struggling with challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic are receiving more than \$15.6 million in funding from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund.

The Fund is the province's main general assistance grant that supports 389 municipalities, including the City of Kawartha Lakes, providing them the flexibility to

address the needs of communities, based on local priorities. The Fund has a special emphasis on northern and rural communities, supports areas with limited property assessment and assists municipalities that are adjusting to year-over-year funding changes.

“The OMPF is an important source of revenue for municipalities in HKLB and our government will continue to support the economic recovery through this local, stable, and adaptable funding,” stated Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott.

The \$15,671,800 adds to the more than \$8 million in assistance for the first round of emergency funding under the Safe Restart Agreement that was provided to communities across Haliburton-Kawartha Lake-Brock in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Municipalities receiving funding are:

- Algonquin Highlands Township - \$1,264,000
- Brock Township – \$877,400
- Cavan Monaghan Township – \$502,300
  
- Dysart et al –\$1,791,600
- Haliburton County – \$241,600

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- Highlands East – \$1,970,500
- City of Kawartha Lakes – \$7,210,700
- Minden Hills Township – \$1,813,700

“Our government recognizes the importance of certainty and stability for

municipalities, particularly in these challenging times,” stated Minister of Finance Rod Phillips. “Our government will continue to work together with municipal governments to build a strong foundation for Ontario’s long-term economic recovery, and to improve the quality of life for the people across the province.”

The 2021 OMPF will provide a \$5 million enhancement to further support northern and rural municipalities. This includes a \$3 million increase to the Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant to further support northern and rural municipalities with challenging fiscal circumstances and a \$2 million increase to the Rural Communities Grant to further support rural municipalities with the highest levels of farmland.

Maintaining the existing funding envelope and structure of the OMPF program for 2021 fulfils a commitment made by Premier Doug Ford during the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's annual conference in August 2020.

The new funding complements funding recently provided to municipalities, including up to \$4 billion in one-time assistance to Ontario’s municipalities and transit systems - in partnership with the federal government - as part of the Safe Restart Agreement and support to boost broadband connectivity in underserved and underserved communities.

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