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4.6 Leverage funding and invest in the regeneration of existing London and Middlesex Housing Corporation properties

City Council enhanced investments to support the regeneration of social housing to a total of $750,000. This was approved in the 2016-2019 multi-year budget.

**London Middlesex Community Housing (LMCH)-Regeneration Public Housing Plan (2020-2023)**

The regeneration strategy for LMCH will advance by identifying and collaborating with community members in determining site options and development plans for implementation. Sites will be prioritized using categories of land use planning, social aspects, financial feasibility of development and asset management. Development of full site plans for prioritized sites will be developed and evaluated for feasibility and opportunity with reporting to Council for endorsement. This will also include community engagement and a tenant co-design process for selected regeneration sites. The City of London and Housing Development Corporation (HDC) will continue to be key partners in promoting and initiating the regeneration activities that are determined to be best in service of our community.

**Housing Stability for All - The Housing Stability Action Plan for the City of London**

The Housing Stability Action Plan 2019-2024 (Plan) defines the current environment and future needs of London and area. The Plan sets the new direction for the collective work of the community to address housing stability.

The approach will become coordinated over the next five years. The result: one housing stability system working together to meet the needs of individuals and families. The City of London (City) has a leadership role in developing a sustainable and integrated housing stability system, but it cannot do this work alone. This Plan calls on all services, sectors, governments, and residents to address the rapidly changing and complex housing stability needs of individuals and families.
This Plan (see attached) will guide the City’s work from 2019-2024, noting that many of the activities that are initiated will extend beyond this time frame.

To move towards the vision of Housing Stability For All, four strategic areas of focus have been identified. Each strategic area of focus has a goal, result, strategic initiatives, actions, and measures that will guide the work of the community now, and in the future.

Strategic area of focus #2: Create more housing stock
Strategic Initiative 2.2: Revitalize and modernize community housing.
  2.2.a. Regenerate London Middlesex Community Housing and other social or community housing sites, maintaining affordability, ensuring long-term stability, and including more housing options.
  2.2.c. Support long-term capital planning for social housing providers to address renovation and repair needs.

**Capital Repair & Improvement Funding (CRIF)**
In alignment with the City’s Housing Stability Action Plan (HSAP) and specifically related to Strategic Initiative 2.2.c “Supporting long-term capital planning for social housing providers to address renovation and repair needs,” the Capital Repair & Improvement Funding (CRIF) program provides non-profit and co-op social housing providers the opportunity to access capital funding, such as the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) and Social Housing Major Repairs and Upgrades Stabilization Reserve Fund through a centralized application process.

All funding issued through CRIF for approved capital projects will be in the form of either a grant, or an interest-free loan with a repayment plan. The use of capital funding under this policy is intended for social housing providers that require supports for necessary capital repairs.

Available funding will be determined through the City’s approved budget process, provincial capital programs, and other funding sources identified. Funding allocation will be determined and approved by City Council, and adjusted if additional funding becomes available.