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Board Chair Brian Hamilton  
Thunder Bay DSSAB  
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Dear Board Chair Hamilton:

**RE: Last Mile Funding for 2024-25**

Thank you for your submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) in response to the call for Proposals on December 12, 2024 for the \$50 million Last Mile funding and \$20 million Encampment Response Initiative (ERI) funding, as part of the province's \$75.5 million investment to further support homelessness prevention and provide people living in encampments with access to reasonable alternative accommodation.

The Ministry has completed its evaluation of the business cases submitted by Service Managers and Indigenous Program Administrators in response to the Ministry's call for proposals.

I regret to inform you that your business case submission in response to the request for Last Mile Funding was not identified to receive funding.

The Ministry received a large number of high calibre submissions for both funding streams. Under the ERI stream, 42 submissions were received, with a combined total project cost of approximately \$89 million and a total funding request of approximately \$76 million. Under the Last Mile funding stream, 133 submissions were received, representing a total project cost of approximately \$2.7 billion, and a total funding request of approximately \$550 million.

Submissions were assessed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing using a comprehensive evaluation process based on the programs' objectives.

While your business case submission was not identified to receive funding at this time, there may be future funding opportunities for which you could consider resubmitting your proposal.

I sincerely appreciate your partnership as we continue to work together to provide more long-term, stable housing and temporary accommodations for those living in encampments, deliver affordable housing programs, and enhance community and supportive housing across the province.

Regards,



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