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SUBJECT: Request for By-Law authorizing Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Contribution Agreement with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for “Quick Start” Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Federal/Provincial Funding

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign a Contribution Agreement between the City of Cornwall and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in order to participate in the Quick Start Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Federal/Provincial Funding.

PURPOSE

As it was announced in the recent Ontario Budget, the Federal and Provincial governments will jointly invest over \$1.2 billion in social and affordable housing. Of this amount, \$704 million will be invested for social housing renovation and retrofit projects. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs has announced a “Quick Start” Program for Social Housing Renovations and Retrofits. This is a 50/50 Federal/Provincial funding (there is no municipal cost-share required).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications to the municipality. This is a 100% Federal/Provincial funding (it is different from the Building Canada infrastructure co-sharing arrangements in that it does not require a municipal contribution).

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The goal of this funding is to help stimulate the economy and assist communities. Project priorities will include: health and safety, enhanced energy efficiency, reduced operation costs and/or enhanced accessibility. The Service Manager has identified construction-ready social housing renovation and retrofit projects, for all eligible Social Housing Providers in Cornwall & SDG, that could proceed in the spring and summer of 2009. The deadline for submitting applications for the Quick Start program is May 8, 2009.