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# Ontario Building Better, More Modern Facilities

*Province investing \$9,351,891 million for critical care upgrades and repairs to local health facilities*

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BRUCE, GREY, HURON, OWEN SOUND — As part of [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#), the Ontario government is improving hospital and community care by investing \$9,351,891 to support critical upgrades and repairs at hospitals and community health facilities in Bruce, Grey, Huron and Owen Sound. This funding is part of the government’s investment of over \$208 million provided through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund to 131 hospitals and 58 community health facilities across the province.

“This funding is a significant investment by the Ontario government to our local hospitals and community health centres to help maintain and upgrade our facilities,” said Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Rick Byers. “This funding from the province allows its health care system partners to address urgent infrastructure renewal needs such as upgrades or replacements of roofs, windows, security systems, fire alarms and back-up generators.”

“These investments in our local hospitals not only ensure they are well-positioned to handle the medical needs of Bruce, Grey, Huron, and Owen Sound for years to come - this funding is necessary in the spirit of providing the best-equipped work environment for our health care professionals, who in turn have good conditions in which they care for local residents across the riding,” said Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron-Bruce.

Investments include:

Hospital Organization	2023-24 HIRF	2022-23 HIRF
Alexandra Marine & General Hospital	\$35,407.00	\$133,552.00
Clinton Public Hospital	\$872,871.00	\$516,055.00
Grey Bruce Health Services	\$2,483,770.00	\$1,808,269.00
Hanover & District Hospital	\$278,514.00	\$592,926.00
Seaforth Community Hospital	\$1,064,205.00	\$728,183.00
South Bruce Grey Health Centre	\$821,814.00	\$692,042.00
South Huron Hospital	\$162,678.00	\$2,602,808.00

Wingham & District Hospital	\$321,619.00	\$674,786.00
<b>Community Health Facility</b>	<b>2023-24 CIRF</b>	
South East Grey Community Health Centre	\$217,776.00	

“Ensuring Ontario’s hospitals and community health facilities have the infrastructure in place to deliver the high-quality care patients expect and deserve is a priority for our government,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “This year’s increased funding will help these facilities address priority renewal needs while ensuring people can continue to receive the world-class care they need in a safe and comfortable environment.” With [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#), the province is moving quickly to expand and modernize Ontario’s hospitals to ensure patients and their families are able to connect to the quality care they need, when they need it, closer to home.

## QUICK FACTS

- This year, Ontario has increased the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund by over 14 per cent and the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund by over 10 per cent.
- Community health facilities are publicly funded and provide a range of programs to patients across the province, including primary care, community mental health and addictions services, allied health care such as physical therapy and respiratory therapy, and programs and services delivered by a public health unit.
- Ontario’s investments over the next 10 years will lead to nearly \$50 billion in health infrastructure across the province.
- As of the end of 2022, Ontario approved 50 hospital development projects that will build more than 3,000 new hospital beds in communities across the province over the next 10 years.
- As of the end of 2022, Ontario has approved 50 hospital development projects that will create more than 3,000 new hospital beds in communities across the province by 2032.

## QUOTES

“This significant investment, made by the Ontario government, will help GBHS to maintain and upgrade its facilities and help to ensure that we have the infrastructure in place to deliver care to our community members well into the future.” – **Gary Sims, President & CEO, Grey Bruce Health Services**

“This infrastructure funding is key to maintaining the physical structure of our hospital sites and will help us continue to provide the best care possible to our communities. This announcement today is not only an investment in our hospitals but also for our communities.” - **Nancy Shaw, President & CEO, South Bruce Grey Health Centre**

“Hanover and District Hospital is thankful for our government’s investment in ensuring quality health care in our community. The Hospital Infrastructure Renewal Fund is an important funding because it greatly assists hospitals in maintaining and investing in its physical infrastructure. This announcement signals that health care is a priority for our government and we are grateful for their ongoing support.” – **Dana Howes, President & CEO, Hanover & District Hospital**

“Hospital Infrastructure Renewal Funding is one of the most important provincial investments made by this government, and Minister Thompson’s ongoing commitment towards ensuring our hospitals receive the funds necessary to address facility needs is key in our ability to meet patient needs.” – **Andrew Williams, CEO, Huron Perth Health Alliance**

“The Hospital Infrastructure Renewal Fund plays an essential role in assisting hospitals in maintaining their physical plant and infrastructure. The Wingham and District Hospital has historically utilized this funding for the replacement of doors, windows, roofing, flooring and fire alarm systems and we are grateful that the government continues to see value in this program.” – **Karl Ellis, CEO, Listowel/Wingham Hospital Alliance**

"This announcement of funding ensures the government's visionary investment and commitment to quality healthcare will continue and allows hospitals to upgrade our facilities to meet the challenges of aging infrastructure. My sincerest thanks for the invaluable support in funding hospital infrastructure." – **Jimmy Trieu, President & CEO, Huron Health System**

"These funds will enable our CHC to complete a much-needed re-surfacing of our parking lot and will also enable us to replace two of our roof mounted HVAC units that are no longer repairable. This form of financial support from the provincial government is essential to ensuring that we can continue to provide much needed inter-professional care to the residents of South East Grey county." - **Alex Hector, Executive Director, South East Grey Community Health Centre**

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)
- [2023 Ontario Budget: Building a Strong Ontario](#)

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