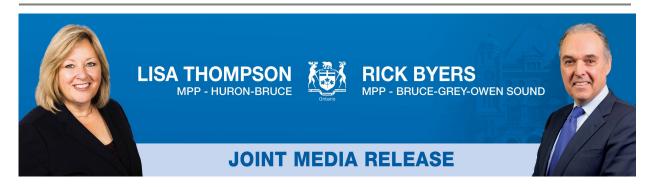
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## Ontario Investing in Hospital Infrastructure

Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound & Huron-Bruce hospitals to receive more than \$2.7 million in funding

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BRUCE, GREY, HURON, OWEN SOUND — The Ontario government is investing \$2,768,071 to support critical infrastructure upgrades and repairs at hospitals across Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound and Huron-Bruce through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF).

Locally, the following hospital corporations will receive funding for 2024-25:

- \$1,930,962 Brightshores Health Systems
- \$ 218,900 Hanover & District Hospital
- \$ 618,209 South Bruce Grey Health Ctr

"Our government recognizes the important role hospitals have in the delivery of rural health care and I'm pleased that the hospital infrastructure funding has been secured in continued support," said Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron-Bruce.

"The government's investment of over \$2.7 million will help address the need for upgrades and repairs at our local hospitals," said Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Rick Byers. "Upgrading roofs, windows, security and fire alarm systems will ensure that people receive excellent care in safe, modern facilities."

"Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is making record investments in the health care system to ensure people are able to access care at state-of-the-art hospitals and community health providers," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "This year our government is investing an additional \$20 million to allow facilities to modernize and make critical upgrades, ensuring people can connect to the care they need, when they need it, close to home."

Across the province 129 hospitals and 58 community health care facilities are receiving a total of \$228 million

through HIRF in 2024/25.

Through <u>Your Health: A Plan For Connected and Convenient Care</u>, the province is taking action to expand and modernize Ontario's hospitals to ensure patients and their families receive the right care, in the right place, for years to come.

## **QUICK FACTS**

- This year, Ontario has increased the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and the Community Infrastructure renewal fund by a total of 10 per cent.
- This year's increase includes an additional \$20 million through the Exceptional Circumstances Project (ECP) Grant which is designed to provide targeted support for the most urgent hospital infrastructure renewal needs throughout the province.
- Community health facilities are publicly funded and provide a range of programs to patients including primary care, community mental health and addictions services, allied health care (such as physical therapy and respiratory therapy) and programs delivered by a public health unit.
- As part of Ontario's 2024 Budget, the province is investing a record, over \$85 billion into the healthcare system. This includes a record 4 percent increase in investments to the hospital sector.
- Since 2018, the Ontario government has added over 3,500 beds across the province. Over the next 10 years, Ontario's investments will lead to nearly \$50 billion in more than 50 health infrastructure projects across the province, adding 3,000 more new beds.
- The government is investing an additional \$500 million over 10 years for small hospital projects and community health programs.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care

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