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The Chesley Hospital Foundation is a registered charitable organization that raises funds for equipment and facilities for the Chesley Hospital. We strive to support and enhance health care in our community. Recently, the Chesley Hospital Foundation has adapted its objectives to include physician recruitment. This new change is an exciting step forward to being able to support our community. Previously physician recruitment had been a separate committee, but working towards the same goal of bettering local healthcare. Physician recruitment has its own budget, which includes housing expenses for our locum physicians. The Chesley Hospital supports 18 in-patient beds, 13 of which usually hold patients whose family physician is not in Chesley. We were recently approved to bring in locum physicians for a hospitalist position, to cover those 13 beds and give our physicians back more time to support the clinic and their own patients. That brings our regular locum positions up to 3; clinic physician vacation replacement, ER and hospitalist, which the foundation is responsible for providing housing for during their stay. This is the greatest expense in our budget, as the government will only cover a portion of the rent for the locums who are covering our medical clinic. For 2024-2025 fiscal year our physician recruitment budget is \$55,000.00, with a projected income from rent of \$5000.

Arran-Elderslie supports Chesley Hospital Foundation and Physician recruitment with one rental apartment, office rent for the first year, and a contract for new physicians that come to work in family medicine. The ongoing support for our physician is greatly appreciated. CHF is interested in knowing how other municipalities are supporting the efforts of other Hospital Foundations. Currently the support from the municipality has been directed to physician recruitment but as we begin to see totals come in from the capital request list, we are interested in seeing what support is available to the foundation as a whole. We are currently working towards raising money for a medication cabinet and server which replaces an in-house pharmacy. These two units come with a price tag of \$338,000. This is not included in the \$200,000 that we already committed to capital equipment expenses in the hospital this year. A grant application was submitted in September for monetary support. As the council takes our request into consideration, the foundation wants to ensure we have an open working relationship. This includes the expectations you have of the foundation, and how often you would like to have a representative to present an update to the council. There are also currently 2 council members on the Physician recruitment board, would you like a representative to have a seat at the Foundation Boards, or a regularly scheduled invitation to receive updates.



Thank you for your time, consideration, and ongoing support to Chesley Hospital Foundation and Physician Recruitment.

