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## **AGING AT HOME STRATEGY**

The government is expanding community living options for seniors by investing more than \$700 million over three years in an Aging at Home strategy. The province's 14 Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) will receive significant funding and tailor a range of support services to meet the needs of seniors so that they may live independently in their own homes.

Services could include enhanced home care and community support services like meals, transportation, adult day programs, homemaking services and caregiver supports, and increased access to mobility aids. These community services will give seniors support to lead healthy and independent lives at home.

Twenty per cent or more of the Aging at Home funding is earmarked for innovative approaches to service such as culturally sensitive options and community economic development approaches for service delivery that will increase equity and access for marginalized and at risk seniors, and employ community members (cultural, linguistic etc.) who can identify and connect with seniors, and build capacity for members of the community to *help each other*.

These approaches may also include funding to support non-traditional partnerships and new preventive and wellness services. For example, groups and individuals who deliver care informally, such as friendly home visits/telephone calls and transportation to appointments.

The historic new funding model used to allocate funding to the LHINs is based on the estimated health needs of the people in each LHIN and their associated costs.

- Estimates of health needs are based on each individual's age, diagnosis, and rural and socio-economic status.
- The needs of each LHIN's population in 2010 are forecast based on projections of population growth and aging.

Listed below is a breakdown of the Aging at Home funding:

Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)	2007/08 Planning Funding	Three Year Allocations to LHINs			
		Initial Investment 2008/09	Planned Base Increase 2009/10	Planned Base Increase 2010/11	Planned Three-Year Funding
Erie St. Clair	\$187,000	\$3,937,535	\$9,785,302	\$17,282,348	\$31,005,184
South West	\$236,000	\$7,005,606	\$17,409,869	\$30,748,507	\$55,163,982
Waterloo Wellington	\$181,000	\$4,783,520	\$11,887,688	\$20,995,487	\$37,666,695
Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant	\$295,000	\$7,638,234	\$18,982,036	\$33,525,196	\$60,145,467
Central West	\$162,000	\$2,737,669	\$6,803,474	\$12,015,982	\$21,557,124
Mississauga Halton	\$196,000	\$7,685,778	\$19,100,189	\$33,733,872	\$60,519,839
Toronto Central	\$243,000	\$6,194,791	\$15,394,886	\$27,189,738	\$48,779,415
Central	\$263,000	\$13,527,801	\$33,618,398	\$59,375,263	\$106,521,461
Central East	\$288,000	\$4,641,877	\$11,535,688	\$20,373,799	\$36,551,365
South East	\$182,000	\$2,211,479	\$5,495,822	\$9,706,466	\$17,413,767
Champlain	\$246,000	\$6,928,868	\$17,219,166	\$30,411,697	\$54,559,731
North Simcoe Muskoka	\$161,000	\$2,973,268	\$7,388,969	\$13,050,056	\$23,412,292
North-East	\$202,000	\$4,290,570	\$10,662,643	\$18,831,868	\$33,785,081
North-West	\$158,000	\$1,046,673	\$1,924,956	\$3,399,768	\$6,371,397
<b>Ontario Total</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>	<b>\$75,603,669</b>	<b>\$187,209,085</b>	<b>\$330,640,046</b>	<b>\$593,452,800</b>

### **Total Funding**

Assistive Devices Program Funding Increase (mobility aids)	\$40,000,000
Provincial Priorities	\$66,000,000
Allocations to LHINs	<u>\$596,452,800</u>
	\$702,452,800

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