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Your Worship
Mayor Ken Hewitt
Haldimand County

Dear Mayor Hewitt,

Thank you for your application to the second intake of the **Municipal Modernization Program** and for your commitment to delivering modern, efficient services that are financially sustainable.

Under the implementation stream, I am pleased to inform you that the Ford government will provide funding of up to \$94,250 towards:

- Haldimand County Virtual City Hall

The provincial funding is for up to 65% of total eligible costs to implement the project and complete a final report that forecasts annual savings and other efficiency outcomes by September 30, 2022.

In 2019, the Ford government launched the MMP to help small and rural municipalities modernize service delivery and identify new ways to be more efficient and effective. The impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak have made this work more important than ever. The projects selected for funding under the second intake of the Municipal Modernization Program will further support municipalities' efforts to implement efficiencies, with a focus on digital modernization, service integration, streamlining development approvals and alternative service delivery.

I understand how important this work will be to your community. To help you get started, an interim payment will be issued following execution of a transfer payment agreement. Ministry staff will forward instructions and a transfer payment agreement for each approved project in the coming days and will work with you to have it finalized. If you have questions, please contact your municipal advisor, or email municipal.programs@ontario.ca.

I would like to offer my congratulations on this funding approval and extend my best wishes as you work to improve service delivery and administrative efficiency in your municipality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Clark
Minister

- c. Craig Manley, CAO, Haldimand County
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