

Memorandum

To: Employment Ontario (EO) Transfer Payment Recipients

From: David Cronin, Director
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Subject: Emergency Response Funding for EO Transfer Payment Recipients

I would like to thank the EO network for the innovation and adaptability that has been demonstrated over the past several months while you have worked collectively to redefine service delivery during these challenging times.

Many of you have been offering virtual services and serving clients remotely. As you resume in-person services, the ministry has been asked to provide financial assistance with expenses that support a safe return-to-work.

In response to these requests, the ministry is introducing some flexibility through a new Emergency Response Funding (ERF) budget line. Through this new funding line, the ministry may allow the conversion of flow-through funds into operating. Specifically, ERF can be used to cover the costs of digital supports (e.g., laptops, tablets, mobile devices), leasehold improvements (e.g., installation of plexiglass, signage, floor markers, sanitization stations), and infection control practices (e.g., personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer). It cannot be used for agreement extensions, renovations, pre-existing plans as part of ongoing operations, or salaries and wages.

Historically, the ministry has not permitted the movement of flow-through funds, however as a result of low flow-through expenditures in 2020-21, the ministry may allow up to 50% of flow-through funds to be reallocated to ERF. With that said, there is still a clear expectation that you retain enough flow-through funding to serve clients throughout the balance of the fiscal year.

If your organization is need of support for a safe return-to-work, or has any questions about ERF, please contact your Employment and Training Consultant.

Thank you,

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