

AF trustees next steps

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Hi Matt,

Following up on next steps re: Affordability Fund Trustees Meeting that took place December 19th. Based on a recent chat between Kaili and the Trustees, the Trustees were left with the understanding that the Minister's Office would get back to them in the new year.

As a next step, we recommend that the MO can reach out by phone to the Chair, Michael Allen, to thank the Trustees again for providing the Ministry with the update on the 19th, and provide a brief recap of the Ministry's perspectives, and invite the Trustees to provide the Ministry with another update in the coming months as the Affordability Fund rolls out and gains experience and results.

Recap of perspectives:

- Ministry is comfortable with IESO's updates to HAP eligibility (to align with changes to OESP eligibility and with gas utility low income program eligibility)
- Ministry is comfortable with Affordability Fund proceeding as currently planned (which could include targeting beneficiaries who may be just above the updated HAP eligibility cap)
- Ministry is supportive of Affordability Fund and IESO exploring the notion of a potential co-service approach that could optimize/maximize program delivery of the Affordability Fund and HAP

Let us know if you are comfortable with this approach or if you'd like the DM to reach out to the Trustees.

Thanks,
Martin