

Community Care Durham

Pre-Budget Consultations 2022

Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs

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Our Purpose



Mission:

Supporting People, Strengthening Community

Coordinated networks of volunteers and staff, enrich the well-being and quality of life for people wherever they call home.

Strategic Priorities:

- Enhancing Client Quality of Life
- Investing in our People
- Advocating for Healthier Communities
- Building for Tomorrow



The people said...



0%

Ontarians 55 years and older currently living at home said they planned to live in a long-term care home.

91%

Ontarians said they would prefer to live at home with additional supports as they got older.

97%

CCD clients said our services help them stay at home and maintain their independence.

Ontarians want to live at home. They are willing to take that responsibility to live where and how they wish. They just need our support.

We Are Addressing Government Priorities

- **Seniors**
- **Food Security**
- **Mental Health**
- **Hospital Avoidance**
 - \$730 a day to keep someone in hospital
 - \$201 a day to keep a person in long-term care
 - **\$103 a day for a person to remain at home**

Our Response



During COVID....

- **50% expansion of Meals on Wheels** – 158,000 meals annually
- **New food security program** - 4,059 Community Food Boxes
- **Maintained all in-home services** due to investments to health and safety strategies; kept supporting seniors and caregivers to socially isolate while attending to their needs (virtual and F2F care)
- Led community partnerships to respond to pandemic; key agency leader in **Durham Ontario Health Team**
- Free drives to Vaccination Centres
- **0.4% COVID INFECTION RATE AMONG ASSISTED LIVING CLIENTS (2021)**

Missed Opportunity



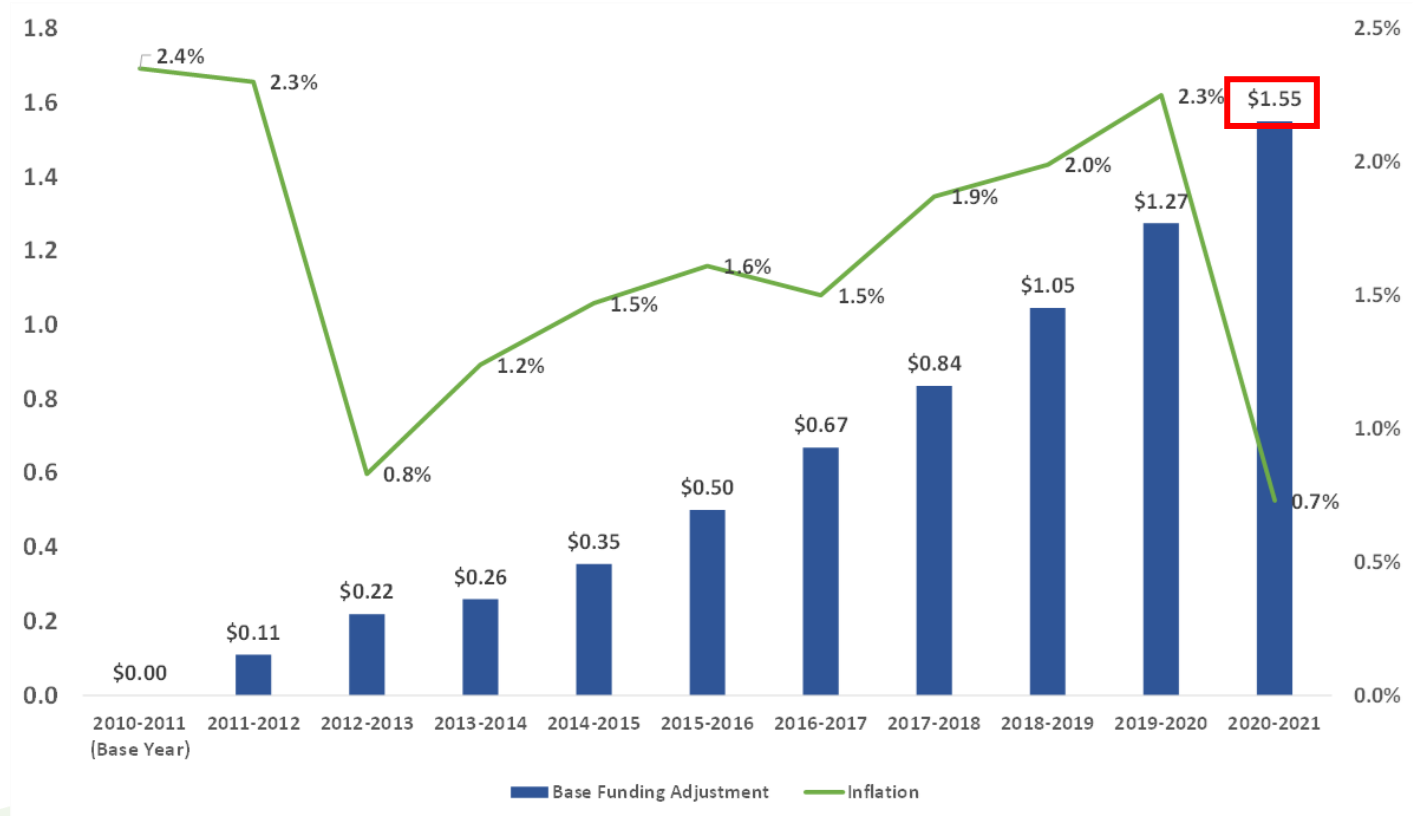
- In the 2021 provincial budget, the Ontario government did not include any additional investment for home and community care.
- The vast majority of investments in the sector have only targeted service expansion and not base funding increases.
- What is more troubling, is that the most recent investment only funded home care services and excluded community support services and independent living.

A growing problem....



Lack of annual inflationary base adjustments contributes to budgetary deficits and service attrition.

- Lost opportunity of \$6.8M community investment over the last decade, \$1.5M this year alone.



What are the impacts?



Lack of stable annual increases has a profound impact on

- **Service Attrition**
- **Loss of staff** to higher paying sectors
- Over reliance on **fundraising** to cover shortfalls
- Increasing **client fees** making services increasingly out-of-reach
- Lost opportunities to invest in **technology** and capital resulting in lost opportunities for efficiency and quality

Value to Clients and Taxpayers

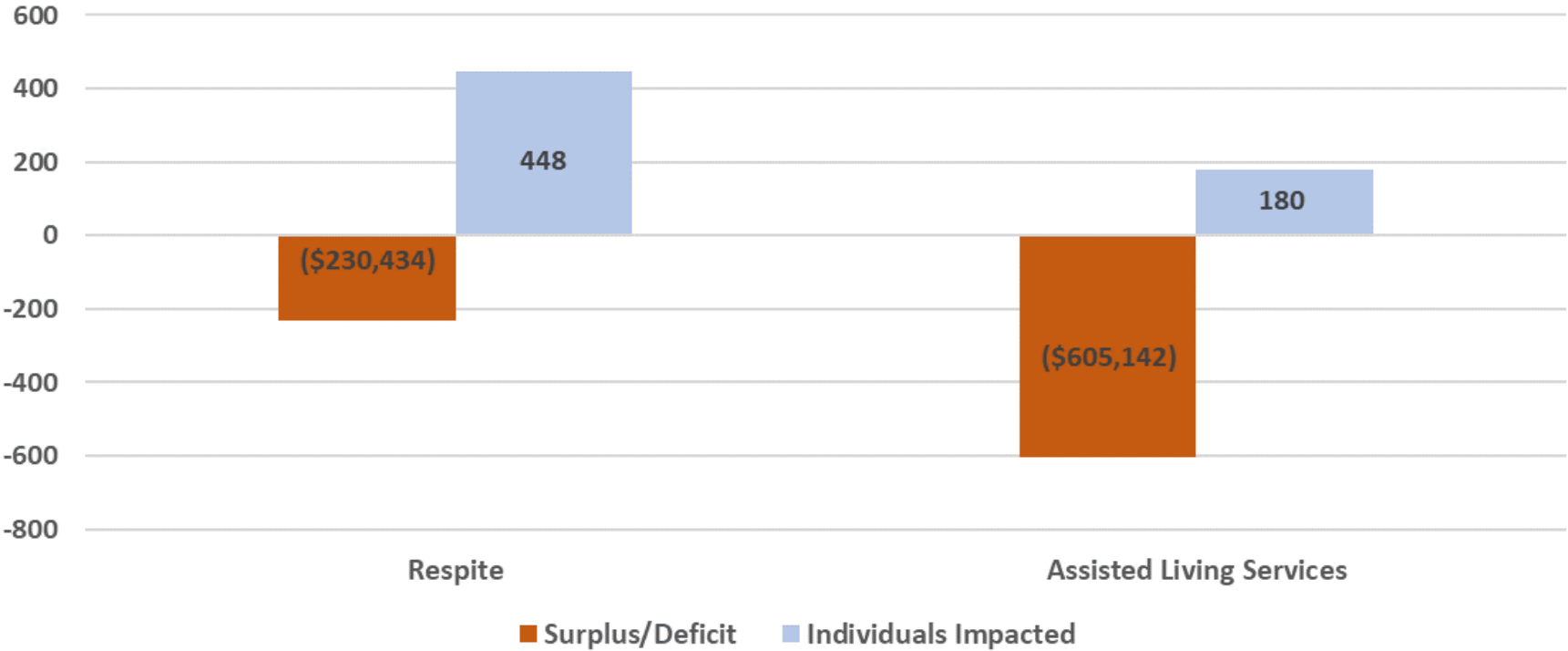


- At CCD, we serve more than 240 Assisted Living clients living in their own homes rather than long-term care.
 - Through a combination of our in-home and community supports, we assist people to remain at home for as little as \$39 per day.
 - If our 240 assisted living clients were in long-term care, it would cost taxpayers an estimated \$5.5M more than our model.
- To balance our budget CCD was forced to reduce our assisted living capacity by 16% at a time when government need alternatives to LTC.
- We have 70 clients waiting for service, and the waitlist continues to grow.

Impacts on Client Service



Assisted Living Services (ALS) and Respite are 2/10 key programs that CCD manages to provide community support. Combined deficits of (\$0.8M) in two programs reduce service to ~600 individuals who may otherwise require hospitalization.



Our Ask...



On behalf of CCD Clients and our provincial Community Support Service partners, we ask for a **\$677 million investment** into the home and community care sector. This investment comprises:

- **\$470M** to stabilize the sectors workforce, stemming the exodus to other sectors in and outside of the healthcare system.
- **\$57M** in base funding (5%) to prevent attrition to community support services and independent living services leading to more hospitalizations and early admissions to long-term care.
- **\$150M** one-time funding to address COVID pressures, including supporting hospital address bed pressures and surgical backlog.

THANK YOU!