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MUNICIPALITY OF
West Grey

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With a population of 13,500, the Municipality of West Grey spans 876 square kilometres in southwest Grey County, with the River Styx and Rocky Saugeen, Beatty Saugeen and South Saugeen Rivers being the connecting links between our rural communities of Elmwood, Durham, Neustadt and Ayton.

West Grey's deep agricultural and industrial history is evidenced in a strong work ethic, and a workforce rooted in the trades, where "working hands" support our farms, our businesses and each other.

Like many rural municipalities across Ontario, West Grey delivers key services to support our fast-growing population, including:

- 2 x water systems
- 2 x waste-water systems
- 1 x storm management system
- 114 bridges
- 700 km of roads and 23 km of sidewalks
- 25 community centres, library branches fire halls and other civic properties

West Grey, like many rural communities, is dealing with aging public infrastructure and capital costs that have increased upwards of 70% over the past decade. With fewer taxpayers to support a large geographic area, West Grey is challenged to upgrade or expand services to support provincial priorities and community needs.

While OCIP and OMPF funding provide some assistance, the competitive nature of most other provincial funding programs leaves municipalities constantly vying for finite resources through unpredictable, application-based grants.

Our ask: In order to address the mounting pressures related to significant infrastructure deficits, we are seeking increased predictable, needs-based funding that will allow municipalities to sustain and support long-term planning.