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Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
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Dear Warden Nickerson:

Thank you for your letter dated May 9, 2022, regarding the Emergency Services Provider Fund (ESPF) and the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF).

As referenced in your letter, I was happy to share the message of CCBF's increased flexibility to include a new "Fire Hall and Fire Services Infrastructure" category back in March. It was welcome news. Your letter is seeking confirmation that this addition does not impact the existing ESPF program, and I understand the concern. I can confirm that it does not and provide the following for clarity.

The CCBF is a federal program which we administer on their behalf in Nova Scotia. It has funding allocations that are sent to municipalities to spend on their priority projects that fit with the program's eligible categories. Final decisions for changes to this program rest with the federal government.

The ESPF is a provincial program which is specifically for emergency service providers and not municipalities directly. Unlike CCBF, it is application-based with funding decisions based on eligibility and availability of funding. Decisions to make changes to this program rest with our government. Although my office administers both, the two programs are independent of one another.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to reach out to me in this regard and I hope this letter provides the confirmation you are seeking.

Sincerely,

Honourable John A. Lohr
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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