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### AGING AT HOME STRATEGY

Ontario is investing \$1.1 billion over four years in the Aging at Home Strategy in sectors such as community support services, hospitals; Community Care Access Centres, long-term care homes and other sectors. Aging at Home (AAH), as initially announced in 2007, is a program that provides a continuum of community-based services for seniors and their caregivers to allow them to stay healthy and live independently and with dignity in their homes.

The strategy also aims to decrease the number of alternate level of care (ALC) patients in Ontario hospitals. ALC patients are individuals who are occupying acute care beds in hospitals, but would be better cared for in another setting — whether it be their own homes or long-term care homes.

This year, the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network is receiving \$15.4 million to fund local programs that provide health services to seniors in the comfort and dignity of their own home, allowing them to lead healthy and independent lives while avoiding unnecessary visits to hospitals. These include:

Project Title	Health Service Provider Name	Project Description	Base Funding	One-Time Funding
<b>Year 3 Programs</b>				
ALC Dedicated Interim LTC beds at Malden Park	Windsor Regional Hospital (WRH)	The interim beds will give the Essex County increased access to long-term care beds and support the reduction of ALC rates across the region.		\$1,600,000
Emergency Response	Leamington Mennonite Home	Emergency Response helps to link residents of Leamington with crisis support through personal monitoring devices.		\$45,000
Response Team for Seniors	Windsor Essex Community Health Centre (WECHC)	The Response Teams will provide enhanced nursing assessments and treatment for high risk seniors, with a particular emphasis on “unattached patients”.	\$392,508	

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Response Team for Seniors	Chatham-Kent Community Health Centre (CKCHC)	The Response Teams will provide enhanced nursing assessments and treatment for high risk seniors, with a particular emphasis on patients without a primary care practitioner	\$169,164	
Response Team for Seniors	Grand Bend and Area Community Health Centre (GBCHC)	The Response Teams will provide enhanced nursing assessments and treatment for high risk seniors, with a particular emphasis on patients without a primary care practitioner	\$169,164	
Response Team for Seniors	North Lambton Community Health Centre (NLCHC)	The Response Teams will provide enhanced nursing assessments and treatment for high risk seniors, with a particular emphasis on patients without a primary care practitioner	\$169,164	
Psycho Geriatric Expansion	Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Sarnia-Lambton Branch	This program will provide enhancements for specialized geriatric services. Additionally this proposal includes an interdisciplinary team which provides mobile clinical interventions and community-based dementia (memory loss) screening clinics.	\$40,000	
Psycho Geriatric Expansion	Chatham-Kent Health Alliance (CKHA)	This program will provide enhancements for specialized geriatric services, additionally this proposal includes an interdisciplinary team which provides mobile clinical interventions and community based dementia (memory loss) screening clinics.	\$40,000	
Psycho Geriatric Expansion	WRH	This program will provide enhancements for specialized geriatric services, additionally this proposal includes an interdisciplinary team which provides mobile clinical interventions and community based dementia (memory loss) screening clinics.	\$170,000	
Falls Prevention Program	WECHC	The primary objective of this initiative is to significantly reduce the incidence of falls by seniors in ESC LHIN through the development of fall prevention workshops	\$269,794	



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Falls Prevention Program	GBCHC	The primary objective of this initiative is to significantly reduce the incidence of falls by seniors in ESC LHIN through the development of fall prevention workshops	\$32,551	
Falls Prevention Program	NLCHC	The primary objective of this initiative is to significantly reduce the incidence of falls by seniors in ESC LHIN through the development of fall prevention workshops	\$32,552	
Falls Prevention Program	CKCHC	The primary objective of this initiative is to significantly reduce the incidence of falls by seniors in ESC LHIN through the development of fall prevention workshops	\$65,103	
First Link Program	Alzheimer Society of Chatham-Kent	The First Link Program will provide enhanced education and supports to Family Health Team (FHT) / Community Health Centre (CHC) physicians and Geriatric Emergency Medicine (GEM) RNs. Secondly, through better education and linkages to primary care, First Link will connect patients to community supports early in their diagnosis through in-take assessments	\$150,000	
First Link Program	Alzheimer Society of Windsor and Essex County (WE)	The First Link Program will provide enhanced education and supports to Family Health Team (FHT) / Community Health Centre (CHC) physicians and Geriatric Emergency Medicine (GEM) RNs. Secondly, through better education and linkages to primary care, First Link will connect patients to community supports early in their diagnosis through in-take assessments	\$75,000	



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First Link Program	Alzheimer Society of Sarnia-Lambton	The First Link Program will provide enhanced education and supports to Family Health Team (FHT) / Community Health Centre (CHC) physicians and Geriatric Emergency Medicine (GEM) RNs. Secondly, through better education and linkages to primary care, First Link will connect patients to community supports early in their diagnosis through in-take assessments	\$75,000	
Dialysis Transportation Services	Lakeshore Community Services	Door-to- door services to accommodate dialysis patients who have mobility issues using the transportation systems of our existing funded providers.	\$200,000	\$100,000
Ambulation Team	Bluewater Health (BWH)	This program will provide focused rehabilitation / ambulation services for seniors with conditions such as stroke, congestive heart failure, and/or recovery from hip or knee surgery.	\$177,036	
Ambulation Team	CKHA	This program will provide focused rehabilitation / ambulation services for seniors with conditions such as stroke, congestive heart failure, and/or recovery from hip or knee surgery.	\$177,036	
Ambulation Team	Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital (HDGH)	This program will provide focused rehabilitation / ambulation services for seniors with conditions such as stroke, congestive heart failure, and/or recovery from hip or knee surgery.	\$291,854	
Ambulation Team	WRH	This program will provide focused rehabilitation / ambulation services for seniors with conditions such as stroke, congestive heart failure, and/or recovery from hip or knee surgery.	\$291,854	

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Ambulation Team	Leamington District Memorial Hospital (LDMH)	This program will provide focused rehabilitation / ambulation services for seniors with conditions such as stroke, congestive heart failure, and/or recovery from hip or knee surgery.	\$62,220	
Slow Stream Rehab	BWH	This project will increase options for sub-acute care for seniors through a multidisciplinary team in a hospital-based intermediate care bed setting so that they can rehabilitate and return to home safely.		\$450,000
Slow Stream Rehab	CKHA	This project will increase options for sub -acute care for seniors through a multidisciplinary team in a hospital-based intermediate care bed setting so that they can rehabilitate and return to home safely.		\$450,000
Rehab Team	NLCHC	This program will serve seniors in Sarnia and Chatham-Kent who have chronic conditions such as, stroke / transient ischemic attack (TIA), congestive heart failure, osteoarthritis, history of falls and / or recovering from hip or knee replacement surgery. The Rehabilitation Teams will provide guided exercise sessions based on individualized assessed care needs.	\$290,000	
Rehab Team	CKCHC	This program will serve seniors in Sarnia and Chatham-Kent who have chronic conditions such as, stroke / transient ischemic attack (TIA), congestive heart failure, osteoarthritis, history of falls and / or recovering from hip or knee replacement surgery. The Rehabilitation Teams will provide guided exercise sessions based on individualized assessed care needs.	\$290,000	



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Caregiver Support & Respite	Alzheimer Society of Sarnia-Lambton	This proposal is intended to increase the ability to provide specialized respite services for people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. Also, it provides the Alzheimer Society of Sarnia Lambton with the needed capacity / resources to accept additional referrals through the First Link program.	\$90,000	
GEM Expansion from Yr 2	WRH	Provide specialized Geriatric Emergency Nursing to support the appropriate care and navigation of at-risk seniors who enter the health care system via the Emergency Department.	\$14,000	
GEM Expansion from Yr 2	HDGH	Provide specialized Geriatric Emergency Nursing to support the appropriate care of at-risk seniors who enter the health care system via the Emergency Department.	\$14,000	
GEM Expansion from Yr 2	LDMH	Provide specialized Geriatric Emergency Nursing to support the appropriate care of at-risk seniors who enter the health care system via the Emergency Department.	\$14,000	
GEM Expansion from Yr 2	CKHA	Provide specialized Geriatric Emergency Nursing to support the appropriate care of at-risk seniors who enter the health care system via the Emergency Department.	\$14,000	
GEM Expansion from Yr 2	BWH	Provide specialized Geriatric Emergency Nursing to support the appropriate care of at-risk seniors who enter the health care system via the Emergency Department.	\$14,000	
<b>TOTAL YEAR 3</b>			<b>\$4,701,874</b>	<b>\$2,645,000</b>



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Project Title	Health Service Provider Name	Project Description	Base Funding	One-Time Funding
<b>Year 2 Programs</b>				
Club Service Program	Brain Injury Association	This innovative program strives to reduce caregiver stress by providing an environment for stroke survivors, maximizing their independence, minimizing depression / social isolation, improving and maintaining functional gains.	\$30,000	
Congregate Dining	Lakeshore Community Services	This extension increases the number of dining programs offered to the First Nations elderly. This program benefits the cultural needs of First Nations elderly and offers educational sessions for improving health.	\$20,000	
Psycho-Geriatric Outreach Team	CKHA	This program will provide enhancements for specialized geriatric services, additionally this proposal includes an interdisciplinary team which provides mobile clinical interventions and community based dementia (memory loss) screening clinics.	\$287,887	
Psycho-Geriatric Outreach Team	CMHA – SL	This program will provide enhancements for specialized geriatric services. Additionally this proposal includes an interdisciplinary team which provides mobile clinical interventions and community based dementia (memory loss) screening clinics.	\$287,887	
Expansion of Psycho-Geriatric Resource Consultant Services	WRH	This program will provide enhancements for specialized geriatric services. Additionally this proposal includes an interdisciplinary team which provides mobile clinical interventions and community based dementia (memory loss) screening clinics.	\$119,137	
Geriatric Emergency Management	WRH	Provide specialized Geriatric Emergency Nursing to support the appropriate care of at-risk seniors who enter the health care system via the Emergency Department.	\$146,250	





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Geriatric Emergency Management	HDGH	Provide specialized Geriatric Emergency Nursing to support the appropriate care of at-risk seniors who enter the health care system via the Emergency Department.	\$146,250	
Geriatric Emergency Management	LDMH	Provide specialized Geriatric Emergency Nursing to support the appropriate care of at-risk seniors who enter the health care system via the Emergency Department.	\$146,250	
Geriatric Emergency Management	CKHA	Provide specialized Geriatric Emergency Nursing to support the appropriate care of at-risk seniors who enter the health care system via the Emergency Department.	\$146,250	
Geriatric Emergency Management	BWH	Provide specialized Geriatric Emergency Nursing to support the appropriate care of at-risk seniors who enter the health care system via the Emergency Department.	\$146,250	
Congregate Dining	Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation	This extension increases the number of dining programs offered to the First Nations seniors. This program benefits the cultural needs of First Nations seniors and offers educational sessions for improving health.	\$15,000	
Friendly Visiting/Security Checks	Centres for Seniors Windsor	Expand friendly visiting and security check programs for isolated seniors - providing socialization, assistance with regular tasks and ensuring the well being of the client.	\$16,500	
Friendly Visiting/Security Checks	Amherstburg Community Service	Expand friendly visiting and security check programs for isolated seniors - providing socialization, assistance with regular tasks and ensuring the well being of the client.	\$10,463	
Friendly Visiting/Security Checks	Lakeshore Community Services	Expand friendly visiting and security check programs for isolated seniors - providing socialization, assistance with regular tasks and ensuring the well being of the client.	\$15,000	





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Friendly Visiting/Security Checks	Lambton Elderly Outreach	Expand friendly visiting and security check programs for isolated seniors - providing socialization, assistance with regular tasks and ensuring the well being of the client.	\$15,000	
Friendly Visiting/Security Checks	South Essex Community Council	Expand friendly visiting and security check programs for isolated seniors - providing socialization, assistance with regular tasks and ensuring the well being of the client.	\$15,000	
Friendly Visiting/Security Checks	VON Chatham-Kent	Develop a friendly visiting and security check program for isolated seniors - providing socialization, assistance with regular tasks and ensuring the well being of the client.	\$30,000	
Friendly Visiting/Security Checks	Family Counseling Centre	Expand friendly visiting and security check programs for isolated seniors - providing socialization, assistance with regular tasks and ensuring the well being of the client.	\$15,000	
Home Maintenance and Repair Service	Family Service Kent	Provide home maintenance and repair services that will support seniors to live safely in their homes. These are services such as the installation of grab bars.	\$52,500	
Home Maintenance and Repair Service	Lakeshore Community Services	Provide home maintenance and repair services that will support seniors to live safely in their homes. These are services such as the installation of grab bars.	\$28,875	
Home Maintenance and Repair Service	Centres for Seniors Windsor	Provide home maintenance and repair services that will support seniors to live safely in their homes. These are services such as the installation of grab bars.	\$31,500	
Home Maintenance and Repair Service	South Essex Community Council	Provide home maintenance and repair services that will support seniors to live safely in their homes. These are services such as the installation of grab bars.	\$52,500	



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Home Maintenance and Repair Service	Lambton Elderly Outreach	Provide home maintenance and repair services that will support seniors to live safely in their homes. These are services such as the installation of grab bars.	\$52,500	
Home Maintenance and Repair Service	GBCHC	Provide home maintenance and repair services that will support seniors to live safely in their homes. These are services such as the installation of grab bars.	\$52,500	
Home Maintenance and Repair Service	Walpole Island First Nations	Provide home maintenance and repair services that will support seniors to live safely in their homes. These are services such as the installation of grab bars.	\$27,975	
Caregiver Education & Support Program	Alzheimer Society of WE	Expand caregiver support services to informal caregivers, including the provision of individual counseling, support groups, and education seminars.	\$15,000	
In-home Respite Service	Alzheimer Society of WE	Expand In-home respite service to clients living with Alzheimer's disease or related Dementia. Respite is provided by a personal support worker and available on a 24/7 basis.	\$24,000	
Day Programs	Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point	This program benefits the cultural needs of First Nations seniors and offers educational sessions for improving health	\$61,500	
Acquired Brain Injury Day Program	Brain Injury Association	Expand day program service for stroke/neurologically impaired clients with cognitive disabilities. The program goals are to reduce caregiver stress by providing an environment for stroke survivors, maximizing their independence, minimizing depression/social isolation, improving and maintaining functional gains.	\$68,698	
Daily Life Skills Programs	The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) Windsor District	A program to teach people with vision loss the necessary skills to live independently. The program will also provide devices and aids.	\$90,830	

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Transitional Care Planning for LTC	Citizen Advocacy	This service is intended to provide ALC/Med Unit patients more appropriate temporary supports in the community as they transition back to home following an acute episode in hospital.	\$49,313	
Transitional Care Planning for LTC	Family Service Kent	This service is intended to provide ALC/Med Unit patients more appropriate temporary supports in the community as they transition back to home following an acute episode in hospital.	\$49,313	
Transitional Care Planning for LTC	Lambton Elderly Outreach	This service is intended to provide ALC/Med Unit patients more appropriate temporary supports in the community as they transition back to home following an acute episode in hospital.	\$49,313	
Assisted Living	Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point	This service is intended to provide ALC/Med Unit patients more appropriate temporary supports in the community as they transition back to home following an acute episode in hospital.	\$154,000	
Assisted Living	North Lambton CHC (paymaster for Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point)	This service is intended to provide ALC/Med Unit patients more appropriate temporary supports in the community as they transition back to home following an acute episode in hospital.	\$140,000	
End-of-Life Care Chatham-Kent	Erie St. Clair Community Care Access Centre (CCAC)	End-of-Life Care Education Program using trained volunteers to serve clients requiring palliative care. Including a service team to assist with palliative/EOL care strategies including a mobile collaborative care team and education for primary care.	\$588,750	



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Rehab Team	WECHC/ Lakeshore	CHC will serve seniors in Windsor-Essex who have chronic conditions such as, stroke / TIA, congestive heart failure, osteoarthritis, history of falls and / or recovering at home from hip or knee replacement surgery. The Team will provide guided exercise sessions based on individualized assessed care needs. The Team will provide short term programming that addresses physical, social and cognitive decline.	\$738,910	
Meals for Culturally Diverse	VON for Canada Ontario Branch Windsor-Essex	Partnership program to serve culturally sensitive meals to the diverse seniors community in Windsor. Recovery from Yr 1		\$50,000
ALC Dedicated Interim LTC beds at MP	WRH	The interim beds will give the Essex County increased access to Long-Term Care beds and support the reduction of ALC rates across the region.		\$1,600,000
Emergency Response	Leamington Mennonite Home	Emergency Response helps to link residents of Leamington Men with crisis support through personal monitoring devices.		\$45,000
Roho Cushions	CCAC	Funding to support access to ROHO cushions for seniors not currently able to access the pressure relieving device		\$24,300
Mobility Monitors	Alzheimer Society of SL	Funding to support the purchase of monitors for a loaner program targeted to Alzheimer clients		\$5,000
Interim Complex Continuing Care Beds	LDMH	The interim beds will give the Essex County increased access to Long-Term Care beds and support the reduction of ALC rates across the region.		\$900,000
Chronic Pain	CKHA	Providing care options for those with chronic disorders.		\$180,000
Intermediate CCC Beds	BWH	The interim CCC beds will give the Essex County increased access to Long-Term Care beds and support the reduction of ALC rates across the region.		\$75,670
<b>Total YEAR 2 Projects</b>			<b>\$3,936,101</b>	<b>\$2,779,970</b>

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Project Title	Health Service Provider Name	Project Description	Base Funding	One-Time Funding
<b>Year 1 Programs</b>				
Meals on Wheels	Amherstburg Community Services	Expansion of Meals on Wheels to underserved areas in Essex County.	\$112,565	\$1,500
Meals on Wheels	Blenheim & Community Senior Citizens Group	Expansion of Meals on Wheels to underserved rural areas in Chatham-Kent.	\$24,000	
ED Case Manager Initiative	CCAC	Funding to support the addition of Emergency Room Case Managers at Bluewater Health and Chatham-Kent Health Alliance - part of the Case Management Community Team Model.	\$224,004	\$10,000
Nurse Practitioner Initiative	CCAC	The addition of a Nurse Practitioner (NP) to each region of Erie St. Clair. The NPs perform in-home assessments for seniors without a family doctor or experiencing challenging circumstances.	\$411,120	\$26,000
Elderly Comprehensive Care Program	CCAC	Elderly Comprehensive Care Program is a Multidisciplinary Medical Model providing in home community support services to seniors at risk of losing independence through declining health and mobility.	\$689,600	\$19,200
End of Life Care Educational Program	CCAC	End-of-Life Care Education Program using trained volunteers to serve clients requiring palliative care.	\$265,000	\$10,000
New Van (*REVISED \$'s for new Van)	Family Service Kent	New Mini Bus to support door-to-door wheel chair accessible transportation services.	\$11,000	\$75,361
Seniors at Risk (*originally a PILOT)	GBCHC	Expansion of Community Health Centre programming, providing support for socially isolated seniors and a falls prevention program.	\$161,000	\$15,000
Enhance Handi-Transit Service	Lakeshore Community Services	New bus to support expanded Handi Transport Services to a wider service area.	\$63,000	\$90,000

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Expanded Meals on Wheels	Lambton Elderly Outreach	Expansion of Meals on Wheels program to the Leamington Mennonite Home.	\$50,000	\$35,000
Meals on Wheels	Meals on Wheels Ridgetown	Expansion of Meals on Wheels program to underserved areas in Chatham-Kent	\$15,000	
EOL Mobile Team (*originally a pilot)	NLCHC	A service team to assist with palliative/end-of-life care strategies including a mobile collaborative care team and education for primary care teams.	\$502,000	\$70,000
Meals on Wheels	South Essex Community Council Inc.	Expansion of Meals on Wheels to underserved communities in Essex County.	\$7,462	
Congregate Dining	South Essex Community Council Inc.	New Congregate dining service for an under-served community in Essex County.	\$26,000	
Back to Your Home (*originally a Pilot)	The Canadian Red Cross, Ontario Zone, Sarnia-Lambton Branch	Homeward Bound Service providing facilitated discharge from the Emergency Room and Acute Care Departments to home with a Home Support worker to accompany and assist the senior in their home.	\$156,000	\$85,000
Mini-Van	The Canadian Red Cross, Ontario Zone, Sarnia-Lambton Branch	New Mini Van to support enhanced drop-off and pick-up services, equipment and Meals on Wheels delivery.	\$45,400	\$35,000
Meals Service Expansion	The Canadian Red Cross, Ontario Zone, Sarnia-Lambton Branch	Expansion of Meals on Wheels services to new clients and funding to support an increase in delivery days.	\$48,000	
Meals for Culturally Diverse	VON for Canada Ontario Branch Windsor-Essex	Partnership program to serve culturally sensitive meals to the diverse seniors community in Windsor.	\$118,080	\$38,500
Lets Talk Wellness (*originally a pilot)	VON for Canada Ontario Branch Windsor-Essex	Health Promotion/Illness Prevention Program that develops strategies for seniors to live safely at home. Education provided in group or one-on-one sessions.	\$140,000	\$25,000
Mobility Monitors	Alzheimer Society of Sarnia-Lambton	Funding to support the purchase of monitors for Alzheimer's clients		\$5,000
ROHO Cushion	ESC CCAC	Funding to support access to ROHO cushions for seniors not currently able to access the pressure relieving device		\$28,100



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Extenuating Circumstances	CCAC	Funding to support increased hours of in-home nursing care for seniors with greater medical needs.		\$107,639
New Freezer	Family Service Kent	Replacement freezer to support the frozen Meals on Wheels program		\$900
New Bus	South Essex Community Council Inc.	New bus with flexible seating to support enhanced door-to-door transportation services		\$95,804
Daily Life Skills Programs	CNIB - Windsor District	A program to teach people with vision loss the necessary skills to live independently - the program will also provide devices and aids		\$95,300
<b>Total YEAR 1</b>			<b>\$3,069,231</b>	<b>\$868,304</b>

### What is an Alternate Level of Care (ALC) patient and how do ALC patients impact ER wait times?

ALC patients are people in hospital beds who would be better cared for in an alternate setting, such as long-term care, rehab, or home. Having more home care and community services enables ALC patients to leave hospital sooner, making more beds available to ER patients who are waiting to be admitted to hospital.

### How does the Aging at Home strategy help reduce ER wait times?

Our ER wait times strategy committed to reducing the time that patients wait from the moment they arrive at the ER to when they leave.

A small number of patients, approximately ten per cent, are admitted to the hospital for further tests and procedures. In order to reduce their time waiting for a bed, we need to decrease the number of patients that are waiting for discharge home with supports or space in a long-term care home. Our Aging at Home and ALC strategies help to ensure that patients can transition out of the hospital safely to make room for ER patients waiting to be admitted.

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