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\$26 Million Main Street Revitalization Fund Announced – AMO to be Fund Administrator

Today, the Minister of OMAFRA and Small Business announced the Main Street Revitalization Initiative, the government's approach to the distribution of the \$26 million support for Ontario's main streets and their business communities. All single and lower tier municipal governments (except Toronto) are to receive funding that will enhance and revitalize downtowns and main street areas.

The Ministry has determined the allocation of the funds to each municipal government, which is available <u>here</u>. Questions related to the allocation formula amount can be directed to the OMAFRA Contact Centre: 1-877-424-1300.

AMO has agreed to provide the administrative services. Its experience in administering the federal gas tax will help put appropriate accountability framework in place efficiently. AMO's desire is to finalize an OMAFRA/AMO transfer payment agreement as quickly as possible so that it can undertake the necessary work to distribute the funds and reporting obligations for municipal governments.

AMO will keep municipal governments informed of our progress so that they can get ready to make these funds work locally to support their main streets.

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