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Mr. Andy Taylor
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By e-mail: ataylor@markham.ca

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Further to the May 22, 2019 letter from the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, on the launch of the *Audit and Accountability Fund*, I am writing to provide additional information on the program and to highlight important deadlines.

Through the *Audit and Accountability Fund*, the Ontario government is offering large municipalities an opportunity to benefit from provincial funding to conduct service delivery and administrative expenditure reviews with the goal of finding efficiencies while protecting important front-line services. Please see the attached guideline for information on the program, including eligibility criteria and how to apply.

If your municipality is interested in applying to the program, please contact your Municipal Services Office to confirm your intention to apply by **June 14, 2019**. To apply, municipalities must submit a completed Expression of Interest form with attached supporting documents to municipal.programs@ontario.ca by **June 30, 2019**.

I encourage you to consider an application to the *Audit and Accountability Fund*. If you have questions on the program, or would like to discuss a proposal, I encourage you to contact your regional Municipal Services Office, or e-mail municipal.programs@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie LeBlanc".

Laurie LeBlanc
Deputy Minister

cc. Municipal Treasurer
Marcia Wallace, ADM, Municipal Services Division