

Solution 4: Unleash Municipal Finances Reverse cost downloading so we can invest in growing priorities

Problem: Ontario municipalities spent more than \$5 billion in areas that are provincial responsibilities everywhere else in Canada, including social services, housing support, long-term care, public health, and ambulance services—up by \$1B since 2022.

As the level of government delivering these services, our residents are carrying that financial burden. Every property tax dollar spent subsidizing the province's books is a dollar that can't be spent on priorities that are growing fast—like policing to keep residents and our communities safe.

Need: We need to free up property tax dollars so our municipalities can invest more in Ontarians' priorities and quality of life.

Solution: Reverse cost downloading and reduce the province's reliance on municipal property taxes, including:

- **Uploading the costs of social housing**
- **Increasing long-term care operating transfers to match the province's standards of care**
- **Meeting the 25/75 cost-sharing ratio for public health services**

