



# University of Toronto

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## **FOR INFORMATION:**

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## **AGENDA ITEM:** 12

Report on projects submitted for the Ministry Capital Renewal Grant 2007-08

## **JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

These projects are tabled for information.

## **Highlights:**

In 2007-2008 the Provincial Government demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting university infrastructure. In January 2008, \$135 million was awarded to Ontario Universities to be focused on energy efficiency, campus safety and security, and facilities renewal upgrades (the University of Toronto's share of this was approximately \$25 million). In April 2008, a further \$200 million was awarded to universities for the maintenance and renewal of university facilities (the University of Toronto's share was approximately \$38 million. This welcome investment was significantly higher than a similar deferred maintenance investment in 2006-2007.

Projects having expenditures already incurred and paid for during 2007-2008 were eligible as were projects that could be initiated shortly after June 2008. The University of Toronto received a total of \$63.278 million in two grants. These funds are targeted towards renewal projects to address safety, security, accessibility, deferred maintenance, and to re-purpose existing facilities to improve utilization. The table that is attached identifies the projects being submitted to the Ministry for approval under this program.

Projects having a value of up to \$2 million have received, or will receive approval under the jurisdiction of the Accommodation & Facilities Directorate (AFD). Projects having a stated value of over \$2 million are either aggregates of many small campus-wide projects or have been considered previously as part of larger capital projects, consistent with the *Policy on Capital Planning and Capital Projects*, by the Planning and Budget Committee and approved by Academic Board.

## **FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

Almost all capital projects address some aspect of facilities renewal. These special Ministry Capital Renewal Grants have allowed the University to advance its schedule for this work and reduce the requirement for borrowing, expenditures from operating funds, or will allow capital resources to be applied to academic priorities.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

For information.