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MOVING FORWARD WITH PLANS TO BUILD A BETTER HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Today at the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce luncheon, the Honourable Teresa Piruzza, MPP, Windsor West and Minister of Children and Youth Services and the Minister responsible for Women's Issues announced approval for the Hospitals to complete Stage 1 planning for a new state-of-the-art acute care hospital. Stage 1A was completed in November, 2013.

Stage 1B, or the "Master Plan," builds on the work completed in Stage 1A, and includes more specific details about plans for a site, services and finances.

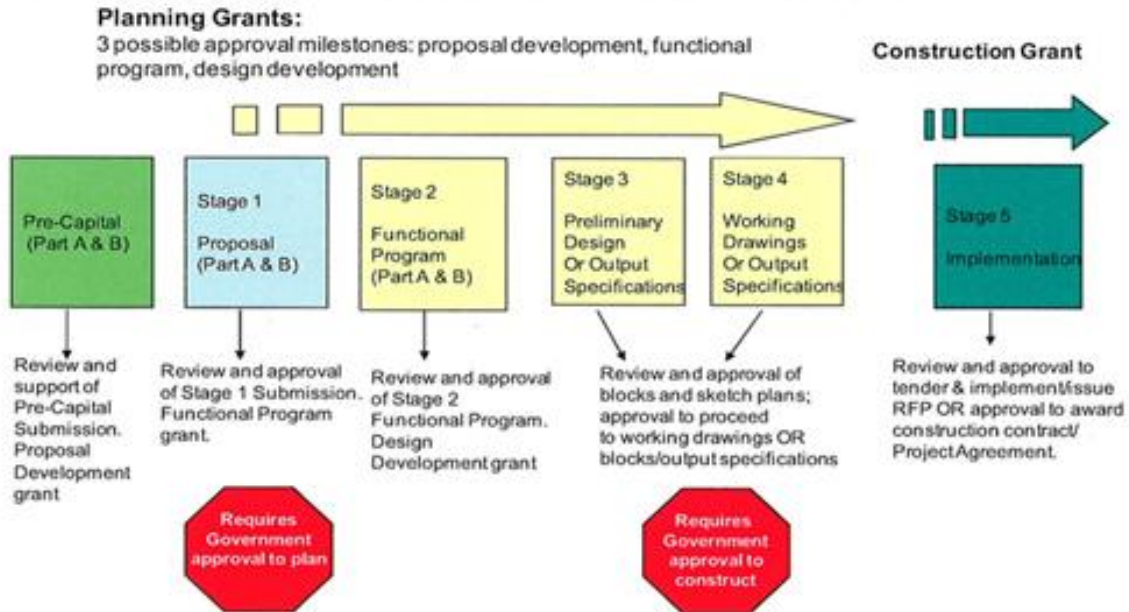
Highlights of Stage 1B:

- Site selection process resulting in a designated site
- Architectural master plans
- Implementation plan and schedule
- High level funding/financing plan including the determination of the local share component
- A detailed analysis of what services will be located at which locations including the new acute care hospital and other community locations
- A plan outlining the future use of existing facilities

Stage 1B is expected to take 9 – 12 months to complete. As shown in the diagram below, it is at an early stage in a process that is expected to take 7 – 10 years to complete.

David Musyj, President and CEO of Windsor Regional Hospital and Co-chair of the Committee overseeing the capital planning of project says, "This is the next big step in the capital planning process that will result in the design and operation of a new state-of-the-art acute care hospital for our region." Musyj adds, "I want to thank Teresa Piruzza for being steadfast in her support for this exciting project and for her leadership in ensuring this project continues to proceed for the benefit of our community."

Overview of Capital Planning Process



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