

FAQ – 2018 Ontario Budget Funding

A few questions on the April 2018 announcement

As part of the 2018 budget, the Ontario government committed \$6 million to improving health systems for people who sustain brain or spinal cord injuries in motor vehicle collisions.

We've been delighted with the enthusiastic response from our supporters in reaction to this news and wanted to take this opportunity to address some questions that might spring to mind.

Is this money only going to benefit people who have been involved in motor vehicle collisions or others too?

The \$6 million pledged by the government will allow Spinal Cord Injury Ontario (SCIO) and the Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation to develop pathways of care for people who sustain traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries as a result of motor collisions. We are hopeful that the pathways developed can be the foundation for better care for everyone, regardless of how an injury was sustained.

How is SCIO going to spend this money?

This funding will help SCI Ontario and ONF to identify best practices in care and recovery for individuals that have sustained a spinal cord or acquired brain injury and recommend solutions to any barriers that exist in the current health care system.

We will be doing this by consulting with the public health care and community sectors, insurers, the legal community, private service providers and people with lived experience.

If SCIO has \$6 million in government funding, do they still need donations from the public?

As a registered charity, Spinal Cord Injury Ontario relies on donations from the public to deliver its life-changing work. The \$6 million pledged by the government in the 2018 Ontario budget will not be used to resource our current services. This funding will be focused on using research and evidence-based practices to improve the pathways of care for people with spinal cord and acquired

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brain injuries. Funding from our community for our day-to-day services, support and advocacy is still critical and very much appreciated.