

Ontario increases funding for hospitals

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Quinte Health Care (QHC) is receiving over \$1 million for hospital repairs and upgrades.

The government of Ontario is providing \$175 million in 2016-'17 to 135 hospitals across the province. QHC will receive \$1.3 million for Belleville General Hospital (BGH) and Trenton Memorial Hospital (TMH).

The funding was allocated to Ontario hospitals to support crucial infrastructure projects needed to keep hospitals running longer. Projects include upgrades or replacements of roofs, windows, HVAC systems, fire alarms and back-up generators. It will support upgrades in BGH departments, and go towards replacing the roof at TMH.

Ontario is also designating over \$4.3 million of the funding The Hospital for Sick Children.

Over \$12 billion will be invested in hospital grants for infrastructure needs over the next 10 years as a part of the Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care.