
Community Development and Recreation Committee

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Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall		

Community Development and Recreation Committee		
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Speakers/Presentations - A complete list will be distributed at the meeting.

Communications/Reports

CD10.1	Presentation			
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Christmas Bureau**(Staff Presentation)**

(October 22, 2007) Briefing Note from General Manager, Social Services

Summary

Describing the activities and accomplishments of the City's 2006 Christmas Bureau Program administered by Toronto Social Services (TSS) as well as to introduce and launch the Program in 2007.

Background Information

cd10.1-Briefing Note from General Manager, Social Services
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7890.pdf>

CD10.2	Presentation			
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Wellesley Institute Report: "We Can't Afford to Do Business This Way: A Study of the Administrative Burden Resulting from Funder Accountability and Compliance Practices"

(Presentation)**Summary**

Presentations by Lynn Eakin, Lynn Eakin and Associates; and Bob Gardener, Director of Policy and Joan Roberts, Director of Capacity Building, Wellesley Institute, regarding the Wellesley Institute Report: "We Can't Afford to Do Business This Way: A Study of the Administrative Burden Resulting from Funder Accountability and Compliance Practices".

Background Information

cd10.2-Wellesley Institute Report
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7891.pdf>

2a Administrative Burden for Community Based Organisations Resulting from Funder Accountability and Compliance Practices

(October 25, 2007) Report from Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

Financial Impact

This report has no financial impact.

Summary

The Wellesley Institute commissioned Lynn Eakin and Associates to undertake research into the impact of grant-making policies, practices and processes on community based organisations. The researchers undertook a detailed review of 66 grant agreements to three community service organizations in Toronto. The research identifies a range of issues and challenges for community service organisations caused by the significant accountability and compliance demands of funders such as the City of Toronto.

Background Information

cd10.2a-Report from Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrrd/backgroundfile-7905.pdf>)

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Regent Park Social Development Plan

(Staff Presentation)

Summary

Presentations by staff from Social Development, Finance and Administration and Social Services on the Regent Park Social Development Plan.

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Consideration of a New Location for a Child Safety Car Restraints Program

(October 22, 2007) Report from Fire Chief, Toronto Fire Services

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Summary

This report responds to the Community Development and Recreation Committee's request to examine the possibility of a new Child Safety Car Restraints Program at the new Leslie/Sheppard fire station. The fire station is not operational as the main water line is not connected. Currently, the Toronto Fire Services pilot program to install child safety car restraints is on a monthly basis in the East, South, North, and West commands. Toronto Fire Services will provide a comprehensive review following the one year pilot in 2008.

Background Information

cd10.4-Report from Fire Chief, Toronto Fire Services

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7894.pdf>)

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Development of New Child Care Centres

(October 17, 2007) Report from General Manager, Children's Services

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. Child Care Centre B, approved in Children's Services 2007 Capital Budget be designated as the new purpose built child care centre adjacent to Chester Le Junior Public School, and Child Care Centre C, included in Children's Services' 2008 – 2011 Capital Plan be designated as the new purpose built child care centre adjacent to St. Andrew Catholic School;
2. funding of up to \$1.959 million for the construction of Child Care Centre B and funding of up to \$1.959 million for the construction of Child Care Centre C be drawn for the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose; and
3. the General Manager of Children's Services Division be delegated authority to execute agreements on behalf of the City with the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board and such agreements be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Financial Impact

Children's Services' 2007 Approved Capital Budget includes a previously approved New Child Care Centre Project for the construction of four new child care centres over the period of the Council approved Child Care Service Plan. The project's estimated cost of \$8.0 million is funded from the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund.

The recommendations will have no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in Children's Services' 2007 Approved Capital Budget and 2008 – 2011 Capital Plan.

The Child Care Capital Reserve Fund, with a 2007 projected year end balance of \$11.8 million has sufficient funds to support these recommendations.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

This report seeks approval to spend funds from the Child Care Capital Reserve in accordance with the City's Child Care Service Plan for the construction of two new purpose built child care centres included in Children's Services' 2007 Approved Capital Budget and 2008 – 2011 Capital Plan. Approval is also sought to enter into agreements with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) for construction of a child care centre adjacent to Chester Le Junior Public School (Child Care Project B); and with the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) for the construction of a child care centre adjacent to St. Andrew Catholic School (Child Care Project C).

Background Information

cd10.5-Report from General Manager, Children's Services
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7895.pdf>

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Community Partnership and Investment Program - 2007 Allocations for Food Security Investment Program, Service Development Investment Program and Snow Shovelling and Lawn Care Program

(October 16, 2007) Report from Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

Recommendations

The Executive Director, Social Development Finance and Administration, recommends that:

1. Food Security Investment Program allocations totalling \$300,000.00 to 10 organizations as described in Appendix 1 of this report be approved;
2. Service Development Investment Program allocations totalling \$275,000.00 to 7 organizations as described in Appendix 2 of this report be approved; and
3. Snow Shovelling and Lawn Care Program allocations totalling \$344,383.00 to 12 organizations and an amount of \$31,717.00 for transition issues, as described in Appendix 3 of this report be approved.

Financial Impact

The report has no financial impact beyond what has been approved in the 2007 Operating Budget.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

This report presents recommendations for municipal support under the 2007 Food Security Investment Program (FSIP); 2007 Social Development Investment Program (SDIP) and 2007 Snow Shovelling and Lawn Care Program. These funding programs support a number of community organizations for activities that improve neighbourhoods, build community capacity, reach vulnerable groups with needed services, and develop effective models of community-based service to help meet the city's social development goals.

Background Information

cd10.6-Report from Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7896.pdf>)

cd10.6-Appendix 1-2007 Food Security Investment Program
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7897.pdf>)

cd10.6-Appendix 2-2007 Service Development Investment Program
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7898.pdf>)

cd10.6-Appendix 3-2007 Community Based Snow Shovelling and Lawn Care Program
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7899.pdf>)

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Identify 'N Impact (INI) Investment Program 2007 Allocations

(October 15, 2007) Report from Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

Recommendations

The Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration Division recommends that:

1. Identify 'N Impact allocations, totalling \$150,000.00 to 17 applicants as recommended in Appendices A and B of this report be approved, and an amount of \$15,000.00 be available for appeals; and
2. this report be forwarded to the CPIP Appeals Sub-Committee for the purpose of hearing appeals and reporting on the allocation of the appeals fund.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact beyond what has been approved in the 2007 Approved Operating Budget.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

This report presents the recommendations for the organizations that applied for municipal support under the 2007 Identify 'N Impact (INI) Investment program. Of the 40 applicants, 17 are recommended for funding totalling \$150,000.00. An amount of \$15,000 has been held for appeals.

The Identify "N Impact Investment program enables a wide variety of community organizations and youth-led groups to provide engagement opportunities for youth. The 2007 recommended projects enhance the range of opportunities to engage youth across the city, particularly African Canadian youth and youth in priority communities.

Background Information

cd10.7-Report from Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7900.pdf>)

cd10.7-Appendix A-Identify 'N Impact-2007 Funding Recommendations
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7901.pdf>)

cd10.7-Appendix B-Summary Sheets
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7902.pdf>)

cd10.7-Appendix C-Identify 'N Impact Investment Fund Descriptions of 2007 Recommended Projects
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7903.pdf>)

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2008 Funding Allocations from the City of Toronto Homelessness Initiatives Fund, the Provincial Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program and Rent Bank Fund

(October 22, 2007) Report from General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration

Recommendations

The General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division, recommends that:

1. the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be authorized to enter into service agreements with and allocate funds for:
 - a. street outreach services to 10 community agencies in the amounts shown in Appendix A, for a total allocation of \$2,093,343 gross and \$0 net from the 2008 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program;
 - b. housing help services within shelters to 26 purchased service shelters/community agencies and six City managed shelters in the amounts shown in Appendix A, for a total allocation of \$6,238,705 gross and \$1,184,300 net. This amount comprises funds from both the 2008 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (\$5,054,405 gross and \$0 net) and the 2008

Hostels Operating Budget (\$1,184,300 gross and net);

- c. housing help services outside of shelters to 38 community agencies in the amounts shown in Appendix A, for a total allocation of \$4,037,190 gross and \$2,156,793 net. This amount comprises funds from both the 2008 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (\$1,880,397 gross and \$0 net) and the 2008 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (\$2,156,793 gross and net);
 - d. Supports to Daily Living services to 12 alternative housing providers/ community agencies in the amounts shown in Appendix A, for a total allocation of \$3,509,600 gross and \$0 net from the 2008 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program;
 - e. drop-in services to 27 community agencies in the amounts shown in Appendix A, for a total allocation of \$2,000,513 gross and \$0 net from the 2008 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program;
 - f. special projects to nine community agencies in the amounts shown in Appendix A, for a total allocation of \$460,197 gross and \$0 net from the 2008 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program;
 - g. the Toronto Enterprise Fund to the United Way of Greater Toronto, for an allocation of \$250,000 gross and net from the 2008 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund; and
 - h. the Rent Bank Program to the Neighbourhood Information Post, the lead community agency coordinating the Program in Toronto, for a total allocation of \$1,679,210 gross and \$0 net, plus any accrued interest (estimated at \$25,000). This amount comprises funds from both the 2008 Provincial Rent Bank Fund (\$1,261,910 gross and \$0 net) plus accrued interest, and the 2008 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (\$417,300 gross and \$0 net);
2. the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be authorized to receive \$1,261,910 gross and \$0 net for extension of the Provincial Rent Bank Program, and to extend the agreement between the City of Toronto and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to December 31, 2008;
 3. the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be delegated authority to enter into service agreements as appropriate and to allocate:
 - a. up to \$100,000 gross and \$0 net from the 2008 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program for the 2008 Health and Safety fund consistent with the terms set out in Appendix B;
 - b. up to \$234,736 gross and \$0 net from the 2008 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program to implement service plans to re-invest the funds in Supports to Daily Living services; and

- c. up to \$191,335 gross and \$0 net from the 2008 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program to re-invest the funds in drop-in services;
4. the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration be delegated authority to enter into service agreements as appropriate and to allocate:
 - a. up to \$237,000 gross and \$137,000 net in unused 2007 funds from the 2007 Health and Safety fund (up to \$100,000 gross and \$0 net from the 2007 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program), 2007 appeals fund (\$37,000 gross and net from the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund in the Community Partnership Investment Program), and from the 2007 Assessment and Referral Centre (\$100,000 gross and net from the Hostel Services Operating Budget) be reallocated within 2007 to implement a cold weather response program in drop-in centres during the 2007/2008 winter season; and
 - b. up to \$200,000 gross and \$0 net from the 2008 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program to implement a hot weather response program in drop-in centres during the 2008 summer season;
5. Council designate up to \$37,000 gross and \$0 net from the 2008 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program for appeals of all projects recommended in this report; and
6. Council adjust the 2008 Interim Operating Budget (Estimates) to include the funding required for the period between January 1 through April 30, 2008 for the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund within the Community Partnership Investment Program (\$1,750,755 gross and net) and for the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program within the Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Program (\$9,041,506 gross and \$592,150 net).

Financial Impact

In this report, staff recommend allocations of the 2008 Operating Budget, subject to Council's approval of the Budget. In total, staff recommend \$21,031,829 gross and \$3,591,093 net 2008 expenditures. The net amount is \$77,100 less than recommendations for 2007. Should the Operating Budget be reduced through the 2008 Budget approval process, allocations in this report will also be reduced in line with available funds. For 2007, staff recommend expenditures of \$237,000 gross and \$137,000 net from the approved 2007 Operating Budget.

2008 Allocations

The 2008 allocations recommended in this report (all recommendations excluding 4a.) are within 2008 Operating Budget submission amounts for source funds. These allocations are contingent upon approval of the 2008/2009 provincial budget and the City's 2008 Operating Budget process. Overall, the net amount recommended for 2008 allocations is \$77,100 lower than approved for 2007.

This report recommends allocations from the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (CT-HIF) in the 2008 Community Partnership and Investment Program Operating Budget submission. CT-HIF is 100% funded by the City. The 2008 CT-HIF Operating Budget submission is \$2,406,800 gross and net. The net amount is \$77,100 lower than 2007, as funds were transferred to Community Services Programs in CPIP for administration of six projects more suited for administration under this program.

The report also recommends allocations from the Provincial Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP) in the 2008 Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Operating Budget submission. CHPP is funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the City, and administered by the City. CHPP funds for the first three months of 2008 have been approved by the provincial government as part of their 2007/2008 provincial budget. The City contribution to the Program ensures adequate levels of housing help services within shelters, to help clients make the transition to permanent housing. The 2008 CHPP Operating Budget submission is \$18,276,800 gross and \$1,184,300 net. The gross and net amounts for housing help within shelters, found in the Hostel Services Operating Budget, is identical to that in the 2007 Operating Budget.

In addition, the report recommends allocations from the Provincial Rent Bank Fund in the 2008 Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Operating Budget submission. The Provincial Rent Bank Fund is funded through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The City has received \$1,261,900 in 2007 from the province for this program. It is recommended these funds be allocated in 2008 for the Rent Bank program. The 2008 Provincial Rent Bank Operating Budget submission is \$1,261,900 gross and \$0 net. Program delivery funding for the Rent Bank program is also provided through the MCSS CHPP program.

Allocations from these programs are for the January 1 – December 31 service year, with cash flow beginning on January 1. Approvals are sought by Council at this time to ensure there is continuity in the delivery of homeless services through the end of 2007 into the first quarter of 2008. As such, the 2008 Interim Operating Budget (Estimates) will be adjusted to account for the required spending during this period estimated at \$1,750,755 gross and net for the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund, \$9,041,506 gross and \$592,150 net for the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program, and \$630,956 for the Provincial Rent Bank Fund.

As allocations are recommended on an annual basis, there are no financial impacts beyond 2008. The table on page 5 of the staff report shows recommended allocations by service sector and funding source.

2007 Allocations

The 2007 allocations recommended in this report for the winter drop-in response (recommendation 4a.) are within the City's 2007 approved Operating Budget.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for 2008 funding allocations to community agencies and City managed shelters to deliver street outreach, housing help (including Rent Bank), drop-in and other services for Torontonians who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Funding is also recommended for seasonal responses in 2007 and 2008, appeals and the emergency health and safety fund.

Funds for these services are drawn from 2007 and 2008 funding for the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (CT-HIF) in the Community Partnership and Investment Program, from the Ministry of Community and Social Services Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP), from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Provincial Rent Bank Fund, and from the Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Operating Budget.

Background Information

cd10.8-Report from General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7904.pdf>

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Request for a Tenant Support Grant under the Tenant Defence Fund for 927 St. Clair Avenue West

(September 25, 2007) Letter from Tenant Defence Sub-Committee

Recommendations

The Tenant Defence Sub-Committee on September 25, 2007, recommended that City Council authorize the General Manager of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to reimburse York Community Services from the 2007 Tenant Defence Fund for any advertisements and related costs necessary to contact the former tenants of 927 St. Clair Avenue West not to exceed \$5 thousand.

Summary

Letter from the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee regarding the request for a tenant support grant under the Tenant Defence Fund for 927 St. Clair Avenue West.

Background Information

cd10.9-Letter from Tenant Defence Sub-Committee dated September 25, 2007
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7906.pdf>

cd10.9-Report from General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration to Tenant Defence Sub-Committee
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7907.pdf>

cd10.9-Report from Chief Planner and Executive Director to the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7908.pdf>

cd10.9-Letter from Tenant Defence Sub-Committee to City Staff dated July 9, 2007
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7909.pdf>

9a Information Concerning a Tenant Support Grant under Tenant Defence Fund for 927 St. Clair Avenue West Tenants

(October 22, 2007) Report from General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration

Financial Impact

There is no new financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the 2007 Tenant Defence Fund Program.

Summary

This report provides information about the tenant evictions that occurred at 927 St. Clair Avenue West and the recommendation by the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee to fund York Community Services to advertise in order to contact former tenants of this rental property. Funds would come from the Tenant Support Grants Program of the Tenant Defence Fund.

Background Information

cd10.9a-Report from General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7910.pdf>)

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Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged

(Confidential Attachment – Personal matters about identifiable individuals, including City or local board employees.)

(October 22, 2007) Letter from Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged

Recommendations

The Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged recommended that:

1. the Community Development and Recreation Committee recommend to City Council the appointment of the selected individual listed in a confidential report (September 24, 2007) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, to the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, for a period of three years, with the provision for an extension of an additional term, as outlined in the terms of reference; and
2. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Summary

Letter from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged forwarding recommendations regarding the Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged.

Background Information

cd10.10-Letter from Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-7911.pdf>)