



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Service Canada Funding renewal for the Toronto Youth Job Corps (TYJC) Program

Date:	February 16, 2010
To:	Community Development and Recreation Committee
From:	Executive Director, Social Development Finance and Administration
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

To seek authorization to renew an agreement with Service Canada for the Toronto Youth Job Corps (TYJC) program for an amount of up to \$1,784,560 gross and \$210,386 (12%) net.

The TYJC program is an on-going cost shared program providing pre-employment preparation and subsidized job placements to unemployed, out of school youth 16 to 29 years of age. The current contract with Service Canada for the TYJC program ends on April 7, 2010.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council authorize Acting Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to sign a renewal agreement with Service Canada for the TYJC program for up to \$1,784,560 gross and \$210,386 net, dependant on City and federal budget approval processes.

Financial Impact

The 2010/11 renewal agreement with Service Canada for the Toronto Youth Job Corps program has a total value of up to \$1,784,560 gross and \$210,386 net for the period April

8, 2010 to April 7, 2011. The 2010 (April 8 – December 31) impact of \$1,338,420 gross and \$157,790 net is included in Social Development, Finance and Administration's 2010 Recommended Operating Budget. The 2011 (January 1 – April 7) impact of \$446,140 gross and \$52,596 net will be included in the 2011 operating budget submission for the Social Development Finance and Administration Division.

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

DECISION HISTORY

As a long-standing cost-shared program with the City of Toronto, City Council annually approves funding renewal with Service Canada for the Toronto Youth Job Corps program:

“Service Canada Funding renewal for the Toronto Youth Job Corps (TYJC) Program” on February 26, 2008
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-11110.pdf>)

“Update on Service Canada Funding for the Youth Employment Toronto (YET) and Toronto Youth Job Corps (TYJC) Programs” on February 6, 2009
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-18640.pdf>)

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Toronto Youth Job Corps program is an on-going cost-shared program in its 27th year of operation and has a current contract that ends on April 7, 2010. Authorization is required now to enter into an agreement for the TYJC program for the 2010/11 federal fiscal year.

COMMENTS

The Toronto Youth Job Corps program is a 29 week pre-employment preparation program designed to assist “at risk” youth aged 16-29 who are no longer attending school secure and maintain employment through the provision of counselling, life skills workshops, hands-on work experience and a job placement with an employer. The target group for this program are youth with less than a high school education, with little or no work experience and who may also be in the hostel system or in receipt of social assistance.

Since the program's inception in 1983, TYJC has operated as a partnership between Service Canada, the City, and community-based organizations that deliver the program. The TYJC program is currently delivered by the following three agencies: St. Christopher House in the downtown west end, JVS in the Jane and Finch area, and West Scarborough Neighbourhood Community Centre in the Scarborough area.

The TYJC program will serve 144 youth during the course of this agreement period. The most recent statistical report, in the chart below, reflects the outcomes for a full year of program delivery.

<p style="text-align: center;">Toronto Youth Job Corps April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 Current Contract Program Activity</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outcomes</p>
<p>1. Youth Who Entered the Program</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">182</p>
<p>3. Youth Who Completed the Six Month Program</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">123</p>
<p>4. Youth who have Entered Education and Training Options Upon Completion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">38</p>
<p>5. Youth Who Were Employed Upon Completion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">66</p>
<p>6. Total Positive Outcomes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">104 (85% of those completing program)</p>

The success rate has been excellent. Of the 123 youth who completed the program between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009, 85% entered employment, education or training opportunities upon completion. The TYJC program has consistently met and exceeded the program targets since its inception.

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