



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Provincial Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program – 2010 Appeals Allocations

<b>Date:</b>	February 25, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Community Development and Recreation Committee
<b>From:</b>	General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

#### SUMMARY

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The City of Toronto grants policy requires that non-profit agencies be permitted to appeal funding allocations involving City funded programs. For 2010 up to \$37,000, gross and \$0 net from the 2010 provincial Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP) was designated for appeals. As no appeals were made, it is recommended that the \$37,000 set aside for appeals from the 2010 CHPP funds be re-allocated to the Health and Safety Fund. The Health and Safety Fund was approved by Council to provide support for funded agencies facing unexpected situations that may have a negative impact on the health and safety of their staff and/or clients.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. the \$37,000 allocated for 2010 appeals be re-allocated to the Health and Safety Fund established to enable the Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division to provide support to not-for-profit agencies facing unexpected situations that may negatively affect the health and safety of agency staff and/or clients.

#### Financial Impact

The recommendation in this report will have no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the 2010 Interim Operating Budget for January 1 through April 30, 2010. Council approved \$37,000 from the 2010 CHPP for appeals of 2010 allocations.

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

## **DECISION HISTORY**

The Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division administers the provincial Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP) under the grants policies and procedures established by the City of Toronto Community Partnership and Investment Program. The grants policy requires that agencies be permitted to appeal grant allocations. For 2010 up to \$37,000 gross and \$0 net from the 2010 CHPP was designated for appeals subject to approval of the 2010 Operating Budget. CHPP funds for the first three months of 2010 have been approved by the provincial government as part of their 2009/2010 provincial budget.

Funding allocations for 2010 were approved by Council at its meeting of November 30, December 1, 2, 4 and 7, 2009 (Community Development and Recreation Committee Item CD 28.3): <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-24909.pdf>

The Appeals Sub-Committee met on February 18, 2010. The Appeals Sub-Committee approved the recommendation that all appeals made to the 2010 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP) be referred to Shelter, Support and Housing Administration staff for further consideration. As there were no appeals, this report recommends re-allocation of the funds set aside for appeals.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND AND COMMENTS**

The Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division administers CHPP funding to support housing and homelessness services in Toronto, including the provision of grants to community agencies that provide services to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, including services in the following program sectors: Street Outreach Services, Housing Help Services Outside of Shelters and Within Shelters, Supports to Daily Living and Drop-In Centres. 2010 funding allocations were approved by Council in December 2009.

On January 5, 2010, agencies with programs eligible for appeal were notified in writing of their opportunity to appeal the funding decision at the Appeals Sub-Committee on February 18, 2010. As there were no appeals made, this report recommends that the provincial funds originally set aside for appeals be re-allocated to the Health and Safety Fund. The General Manager, Shelter, Support, and Housing Administration, has delegated authority to spend up to \$100,000 (\$0 net) in 2010 on health and safety requests. The total allocation for health and safety funds would be up to \$137,000 gross and \$0 net in 2010 if the re-allocation of appeal funds is approved.

The Health and Safety fund was first established in 2003. Through the fund, agencies funded to provide services to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness may apply for up to \$10,000 each year to address unexpected problems that are impacting on

the health and safety of clients and staff. Health and safety funding criteria were approved by Council at its meeting of November 30, December 1, 2, 4 and 7, 2009. The additional funds, if approved, will permit the City to help more agencies.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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