



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

2011/2012 Student Nutrition Program Service Subsidies

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To:	Board of Health
From:	Medical Officer of Health
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report includes the recommendations of the Toronto Partners for Student Nutrition (TPSN) Steering Committee regarding the 2011/2012 Student Nutrition Program service subsidy allocations. The proposed combined allocations to the Angel Foundation for Learning and the Toronto Foundation for Student Success total \$3,819,580. This includes an enhancement of \$23,000 from 2010, which provides a 0.6% increase for the cost of food for programs that were funded in 2010. An amount of \$100,000 will be held for appeals/late applications.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. City Council enter into agreements totalling \$3,819,580 with the Angel Foundation for Learning (\$764,029.16) and the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (\$3,055,550.84) to administer the Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) funding to eligible student nutrition programs across the City of Toronto;
2. City Council grant authority to the Medical Officer of Health to take the necessary action to give effect to Recommendation (1), including the execution of agreements with the Angel Foundation for Learning and the Toronto Foundation for Student Success on behalf of the City; and
3. the Board of Health forward this report for information to the Ontario Minister of Children and Youth Services, the Ontario Minister of Health Promotion and Sport, the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

Financial Impact

This report recommends that the 2011 approved Operating Budget of \$3,819,580 for the Student Nutrition Program be allocated to the Angel Foundation for Learning (\$764,029.16) and the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (\$3,055,550.84), with \$100,000 held in reserve for appeals/late applications.

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

DECISION HISTORY

On August 26, 1998, the Board of Health approved administrative and operational structures to support the Student Nutrition Program and the process of allocation of municipal funding.

The Medical Officer of Health submits a report to the Board of Health annually after the City budget has been finalized, to begin the process of allocations to student nutrition programs for the upcoming school year. At its meeting on February 23 and 24, 2011, City Council approved 2011 municipal funding for student nutrition programs of \$3,819,580, which represents an enhancement of \$23,000 from 2010.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Toronto Partners for Student Nutrition (TPSN) was established in 1998 to administer Student Nutrition Programs, to provide program support and to ensure program quality and accountability. TPSN is made up of a Steering Committee and a number of sub-committees, including an Allocations Sub-committee. The partnership structure is comprised of student nutrition stakeholders, including Toronto Public Health, school boards and their foundations, and community representatives. Funds are allocated to programs by the TPSN Steering Committee. Standardized meal costs per student are used to estimate program costs.

COMMENTS

Application and Review Process

The allocation process began in January 2011, when the 2011/2012 funding applications for municipal and provincial funding were distributed to all existing Student Nutrition Programs. Applications were also posted on the Toronto Public Health website. The website and the mailing included instructions on how to complete the application. Non-city staff members of the TPSN assisted individual program sites in preparing applications.

An applications review panel, comprised of staff from Toronto Public Health, both boards of education and community partner representatives, met to review applications. Reviewers were instructed on consistent review of applications, using standardized review forms, and followed appropriate conflict of interest guidelines. Applications that

were recommended for funding were forwarded to the TPSN Steering Committee for final approval.

Summary of Allocations and Recommendations:

The TPSN Steering Committee received and approved the following recommendations for the distribution of funds:

Foundation	Funding Amount
1. Angel Foundation for Learning (105 schools/communities)	\$ 764,029.16
2. Toronto Foundation for Student Success (343 schools/communities)	\$ 2,955,550.84
3. Toronto Foundation for Student Success (reserve for appeals/late applications)	\$ 100,000
Total (448 schools/communities, including 394 designated schools/communities [reaching 122,268 participants] and 54 non-designated schools/communities [reaching 6,879 participants])	\$ 3,819,580

The money held in reserve for appeals/late applications will be used to make adjustments to the allocations as required prior to December 31, 2011. The entire municipal grant is distributed among programs and none of it is used for administration or overhead. Local programs will receive their allocated municipal funds in three instalments: one in early September, one in December and one in March 2012. Programs must submit detailed monthly financial reports to their respective Foundation and address all program requirements to receive subsequent instalment cheques.

Use of Municipal Budget Enhancement for 2011

City Council approved an enhancement of \$23,000 from 2010 for the 2011 operating budget. This aligns with the 2011/12 school year. The additional funding will be used to offset a 0.6% increased cost of food in 2010. The total municipal funding contribution is directed towards the cost of nutritious food in the community-based programs.

An additional proposed funding enhancement in the 2011 operating budget to extend municipal funding to 30 provincially designated school communities, as recommended by the Board of Health in January 2011, was not approved.

Provincial Funding

The municipal application review also serves as the review for provincial funding. The Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services administers the provincial funds via the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TFSS). TFSS then allocates provincial funding for the Catholic program sites to the Angel Foundation for Learning. Programs will receive their provincial funding at the same time as the municipal funding. The provincial contribution for 2011/12 grants for Student Nutrition Programs in Toronto has not been confirmed to date; however, it is not expected to be less than that in 2010/2011 (\$4,117,508). In 2010/11, this amount was comprised of \$2,817,500 for morning meal programs in 433 designated communities in Toronto and \$1,300,008 in program grants for non-designated communities and/or for non-morning meal programs in designated communities. Also, in 2010/2011 Provincial funding of \$1,219,000 was available for community development and administration, for a total of \$5,336,508 in annual provincial funding.

Parental Contributions and Local Fundraising

Parental contributions and local fundraising comprise the major components (79-91%) of local Student Nutrition Program funding. This does not include in-kind contributions such as school space and school staff time to operate the programs. However, it is not always possible for local programs to raise enough to meet their program costs.

CONCLUSION

The Board of Health is recommending allocation of municipal funds to the Angel Foundation for Learning and the Toronto Foundation for Student Success for the 2011/2012 school year to administer the Community Partnership and Investment Program funding to eligible student nutrition programs across the City of Toronto from the 2011 operating budget.

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