



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

2012/2013 Student Nutrition Program Service Subsidies

Date:	May 11, 2012
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 2012/2013 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 including \$100,000 held in reserve for appeals/late applications.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. City Council grant authority to the Medical Officer of Health to enter into agreements totalling \$3,819,580 with the Angel Foundation for Learning (\$730,259) and the Toronto Foundation for Student Success (\$2,989,321) to administer the 2012 approved 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 and Long-Term Care, the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, le Conseil scolaire Viamonde, and le Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud.

Financial Impact

The Toronto Public Health (TPH) 2012 Approved Operating Budget includes funding of \$3,819,580 for the Student Nutrition Program. This report recommends allocation of \$730,259 to the Angel Foundation for Learning and \$2,989,321 to the Toronto Foundation for Student Success with \$100,000 held in reserve for appeals/late applications. These funds will be used for eligible student nutrition programs at 436 schools/ communities across the City of Toronto.

There is no financial impact beyond what has been approved in TPH's 2012 Approved Operating Budget resulting from adopting this report.

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on January 17, 2012, City Council approved 2012 municipal funding for student nutrition programs of \$3,819,580. 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.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Toronto Partners for Student Nutrition was established in 1998 to allocate municipal and provincial funding to 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. Funds are allocated to programs by the TPSN Steering Committee, comprised of student nutrition stakeholders, including Toronto Public Health, Toronto District School Board, Toronto Catholic District School Board, Toronto Foundation for Student Success, Angel Foundation for Learning and community representatives.

COMMENTS

Application and Review Process

The allocation process began in January 2012, when all currently funded Student Nutrition Programs were notified via email to access the full application package from the Toronto Public Health website. The website and the supporting documents 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)	\$ 730,259
2. Toronto Foundation for Student Success (331 schools/communities)	\$ 2,989,321
3. Toronto Foundation for Student Success (reserve for appeals/late applications)	\$ 100,000.00
Total (436 schools/communities, including 392 designated schools/communities [reaching 128,330 participants] and 44 non-designated schools/communities [reaching 6,357 participants])	\$ 3,819,580.00

The money held in reserve for appeals/late applications will be used to make adjustments to the allocations as required prior to December 31, 2012. The entire municipal grant is distributed among programs and none of it is used for administration or overhead. Local programs that are approved for funding will receive their allocated municipal funds in three instalments: one in early September, one in December and one in March 2013. Programs must submit detailed monthly financial reports to their respective Foundation and address all program requirements to receive subsequent instalment cheques.

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 2012/13 grants for Student Nutrition Programs in Toronto has not been confirmed to date; however, it is not expected to be less than that in 2011/12 (\$4,117,508). In 2011/12, this amount was comprised of \$2,817,500 for morning meal programs in 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 2011/12 Provincial funding of \$1,219,000 was available for

community development and administration, for a total of \$5,336,508 in annual provincial funding.

Program Review

As part of a *Five-year Plan to Strengthen Student Nutrition Programs in Toronto (2009-2014)* endorsed by the Board of Health in June 2009

(<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2009.HL24.3>), a program review of the Student Nutrition Program has been undertaken to recommend the most appropriate organization and funding model to support program growth and sustainability. A report will be presented to the Board of Health in June 2012.

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 and volunteer time to operate the programs.

However, it is not always possible for local programs to raise enough to meet their program costs.

CONCLUSION

The Medical Officer of Health recommends allocation of municipal funds from the 2012 approved Toronto Public Health operating budget to the Angel Foundation for Learning and the Toronto Foundation for Student Success for the 2012/2013 school year to support eligible student nutrition programs across the City of Toronto.

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