



Decision Letter

Board of Health Budget Committee

Meeting No.	14	Contact	Julie Lavertu, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Monday, June 18, 2018	Phone	416-397-4592
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	boh@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall	Chair	Councillor Joe Mihevc

HU14.1	ACTION	Adopted		Ward:All
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2018 Toronto Public Health Budget and Provincial Funding Enhancement for Cost-Shared Mandatory Programs and Services

Committee Decision

The Board of Health Budget Committee recommends to the Board of Health that:

1. City Council to increase the 2018 Operating Budget of Toronto Public Health by \$904.0 thousand gross, \$0 net to leverage the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's funding enhancement for 2018 as a means to supplement the City of Toronto's investment in responding to the health needs of homeless individuals and supporting the shelter system.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Medical Officer of Health gave a presentation on 2018 Toronto Public Health Budget and Provincial Funding Enhancement for Cost-Shared Mandatory Programs and Services.

Origin

(June 11, 2018) Report from the Medical Officer of Health

Summary

In April 2018, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care advised the Medical Officer of Health of the provincial government's intention to increase its share of base funding for mandatory programs and services by two per cent in 2018.

In early May 2018, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the Ministry) confirmed a two per cent increase for cost-shared mandatory programs and services for Toronto Public Health. Of the two per cent increase (\$2,530.5 thousand) for cost-shared mandatory programs and services base funding, \$1,418.0 thousand was approved in the 2018 Toronto Public Health 2018 operating budget. This leaves an annualized amount of \$1,112.5 thousand of the two per cent ministry increase to address emerging public health needs.

As requested by the Board of Health at its April 2018 meeting, this report provides an overview of how the base funding increase would be allocated to help address emerging public health issues. Six opportunities are recommended by the Medical Officer of Health to support Public

Health's activities related to the City's shelter system and respite centres, and include: enhanced community outreach, enhanced safe disposal of harm reduction supplies, enhanced infection prevention and control in shelters and respite centres, enhanced collection of health data in the homeless and refugee populations, increased access to healthy food in drop-in centres serving homeless and underhoused people, and targeted communications to support much needed education, awareness and public engagement on complex housing and health issues.

The 2018 cost to deliver the six opportunities is \$904.0 thousand gross. In order to secure the \$904.0 thousand from the Ministry, the City will contribute its matched funding of \$226.2 (twenty five per cent) through funds already allocated to address the strain being experienced in the shelter system.

Background Information

(June 11, 2018) Report from the Medical Officer of Health on 2018 Toronto Public Health Budget and Provincial Funding Enhancement for Cost-Shared Mandatory Programs and Services

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2018/hu/bgrd/backgroundfile-116423.pdf>

(June 8, 2018) Report from the Medical Officer of Health on 2018 Toronto Public Health Budget and Provincial Funding Enhancement for Cost-Shared Mandatory Programs and Services - Notice of Pending Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2018/hu/bgrd/backgroundfile-116016.pdf>

(June 18, 2018) Presentation from the Medical Officer of Health on 2018 Toronto Public Health Budget and Provincial Funding Enhancement for Cost-Shared Mandatory Programs and Services

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2018/hu/bgrd/backgroundfile-117002.pdf>