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## 2012 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

### Cost Sharing and Leveraging of Community Partnerships & Investment Program Grants

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#### Issue/Background:

- The Community Partnership & Investment Program contributes to the quality of life of residents in the City of Toronto by funding the purchase of services from resident-governed organizations best positioned to meet community needs and advance Council's goals and priorities.
- This briefing note responds to the motions requesting information about the potential impact of the proposed 10% reduction of the 2012 CPIP budget in terms of cost-shared grants and leveraging of City funding.

#### Key Points:

- There are two types of cost-shared funding arrangements within the CPIP portfolio

#### Formal Cost Shared Funding Programs

- The Community Services Partnership program provides \$1.2 million to 41 EPC's across Toronto, with the Province's contribution at \$4.9 million.
- Elderly Persons Centres (EPC) are governed by Provincial legislation and regulations which stipulates that provincial funding will only be provided when 20% of the Provincial contribution is matched by the local municipality.
- Staff do not anticipate the implementation of the proposed service reduction will result in the City not meeting its 20% contribution to EPC's that continue to meet funding standards and eligibility criteria. To ensure legislated provincial-municipal funding arrangements are met, City staff will continue to work with the Provincial program officers to share information on priorities and new service viability.

#### Informal Cost Shared Funding Programs

- The Student Nutrition Program works to address the rising cost of food and to extend municipal funding to provincially designated school communities currently receiving only provincial funding to ensure sustainability of programs in high need areas where children and youth are at nutritional risk. While the provincial funding is not contingent on municipal funding, approval of the recommended 10% reduction will result in a loss

of funding for approximately 58 student nutrition programs, jeopardizing the sustainability of these programs.

- Across the CPIP funding programs, City staff work with other funders to identify emerging community issues and changes in policy and funding environment. As an example of this process, City staff continue to work with Citizenship & Immigration Canada (CIC) program officers, United Way Toronto and the Provincial Newcomer Settlement Program in response to changes to CIC's settlement funding program. The changes to CIC's funding program and its impact on Community Services Partnership funded organizations were considered during the 2011 funding cycle.

- **Potential Impact of Recommended 2012 CPIP Budget on Leveraging of Grants**

- Based on submitted program budgets, for every \$1 of CPIP funding, an additional \$10 in funding is raised from other sources including other levels of government, funders such as Ontario Trillium Foundation and the United Way as well as through fundraising and earned revenue streams. Approximately \$470 million in private, provincial, federal and earned revenue was leveraged by the \$47.2 million in CPIP funding allocated in 2011.
- Using the established leveraging factor of \$10 for \$1 of CPIP funding, the proposed \$4.7 million reduction of the 2012 CPIP budget may result in a loss of up to \$47 million of leveraged funding from other sources.
- The potential impact of the reduced funding will result in approximately 240 fewer programs or projects receiving City funding in 2012. The programs or projects will need to find funding from the other sources in an increasingly competitive funding environment. If these programs or projects do not replace the reduced City funding, the programs or projects will either be reduced in terms of client contacts or not offered at all.
- The allocations process will be implemented to have the least amount of impact possible on the community based service delivery system. An organization that demonstrates need for City funding and meets organization and program performance criteria will be less likely to have funding reduced than an organization with a broad base of funding or an organization that is unable to meet the City of Toronto eligibility and performance criteria as defined in funding program guidelines.

### **Additional Background Information**

- The Community Services Partnership program provides \$1.2 million to 41 EPC's across Toronto, with the Province's contribution at \$4.9 million.
- The Ontario Ministry of Children & Youth Services contributed \$5.3 million to Toronto-based student nutrition programs. The municipal contribution in 2011 was \$3.82 million. The application review process also serves as the review process for provincial funding.

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