

**Contract with Citizenship & Immigration Canada (CIC)
for Toronto Newcomer Initiative for 2012-2013**

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To:	Budget Committee
From:	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration
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SUMMARY

This report seeks authority to receive and spend funds from Citizenship & Immigration Canada (CIC) for the Toronto Newcomer Initiative (TNI) for an amount of up to \$479,885 gross and \$0 net for the period April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 including an increase of four temporary positions to provide secretariat support for the identified activities of this city-wide local immigration partnership. TNI is 100% federally funded by CIC.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration Division recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to enter into and administer an agreement with Citizenship and Immigration Canada for the Toronto Newcomer Initiative for up to \$479,885 gross and \$0 net for the period April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013.
2. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to receive funds from Citizenship and Immigration Canada in the amount of up to \$479,885 to support the Toronto Newcomers Initiative for 2012-2013; and
3. The 2012 Recommended Operating Budget of Social Development, Finance and Administration be increased by \$377,425 gross and \$0 net, including four

temporary positions and \$102,460 gross and \$0 net in 2013 for a total of \$479,885 gross and \$0 net for the period April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013.

Financial Impact

The Toronto Newcomers Initiative is fully funded by CIC, at no net cost to the City of Toronto. The current value of the contract for the period April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 is \$479,885 gross / zero net.

The 2012 Recommended Operating Budget for the Social Development, Finance and Administration Division will be increased by \$377,425 gross and \$0 net and the addition of 4 temporary positions.

The 2013 (January 1 – March 31, 2013) impact of \$102,460 gross and \$0 net will be included in the 2013 operating budget submission for the Social Development Finance and Administration Division.

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

DECISION HISTORY

On February, 17, 2010, Council authorized the Mayor and/or City Manager to enter into agreements with Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) for a total value of up to \$4,050,000.00.

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/exbgrd/backgroundfile-27467.pdf>)

On March 31 and April 1, 2010, City Council adopted a report seeking authority for staff to receive and spend/allocate Citizenship and Immigration Canada funding for Services to Newcomers.

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-29368.pdf>)

On August 3, 2010, the Community Development and Recreation Committee received a staff report titled Update on Newcomer and Settlement Issues and Initiatives.

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-32953.pdf>)

On Feb 10th, 2011, the Budget Committee adopted a staff report titled Authority to extend an existing agreement with Citizenship and Immigration Canada funding for Toronto Newcomer Initiative.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2011/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-35781.pdf>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

In 2010, the City entered into a bilateral funding agreement with Citizenship and Immigration Canada for a Toronto Newcomer Initiative including a city-wide Local Immigration Partnership Table, with the objectives of increasing newcomer accessibility to directly delivered City services, and building the capacity for effective newcomer-focused service system planning by multiple stakeholders. CIC has provided funding for Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs) across Ontario. This funding is currently being extended to LIPs across Canada.

COMMENTS

The next generation of the Toronto Newcomer Initiative will be funded by CIC for its fiscal year 2012-2013. Written confirmation from CIC has been received to that effect. A key feature of this initiative will be the establishment of a multi-sectoral and intergovernmental City-wide Local Immigration Partnership Table that will include community and stakeholder representation. Areas of work will focus on improving newcomer social and economic prospects in the areas of health outcomes, access to employment and labour market, access to municipal services and supports, and community and civic engagement. These represent the pillars of the Toronto Newcomer Strategy to be submitted to Toronto Council in the second quarter of 2012.

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