



Decision Letter

Budget Committee

Meeting No.	24	Contact	Kelly McCarthy, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Friday, April 27, 2012	Phone	416-397-7796
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	buc@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall	Chair	Councillor Mike Del Grande

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Bridging High-Risk Gang Involved Youth to Labour Market Participation

Committee Decision

The Budget Committee recommends to the Executive Committee that:

1. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to receive and expend funds from the Government of Canada's Youth Gang Prevention Fund in the amount of \$1,343,215.00 to implement a co-ordinated city youth gang intervention project in three Toronto neighbourhoods.
2. City Council increase the 2012 Approved Operating Budget for Social Development, Finance and Administration by \$928,810.00 gross, and \$0 net to reflect the Government of Canada's project funding contribution.
3. City Council increase the Operating Budget of Social Development, Finance and Administration by 11.0 FTE temporary positions (2.0 management/non-union positions, 9.0 collective bargaining unit positions) for the duration of the project.
4. City Council delegate authority to the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to negotiate and execute the agreement on behalf of the City with Public Safety Canada including full responsibility and accountability of funds for the project's duration.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee requested that the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration report directly to the May 14, 2012 Executive Committee meeting on:

1. Further background information on the identification and targeting of selected neighbourhoods and/or wards for this program.
2. A process for other Wards to access funds for programming and strategies under this spending envelope.

Origin

(April 13, 2012) Report from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from City Council to receive a federal project contribution from the Government of Canada's Youth Gang Prevention Fund for an amount of up to \$1,343,215.00 to implement a one year youth gang intervention program in the communities of Dorset Park, Rockcliffe-Smythe and Weston-Mt Dennis.

In addition, this report advises the Budget Committee of the need to amend the 2012 Approved Operating Budget for Social Development and Finance Administration (SDFA) to reflect an increase of \$928,810.00 gross (\$0 net) in subsidy from the Government of Canada's Youth Gang Prevention Fund. Concurrently, this report advises that \$414,405.00 in subsidy from Canada's Youth Gang Prevention Fund will be included in the program's 2013 Operating Budget Submission, reflecting the twelve month term of this grant.

Due to a unique opportunity to secure program funding from Public Safety Canada's Youth Gang Prevention Fund, the City of Toronto can accelerate plans to undertake a one year project to identify and enhance the City's engagement models, program models and service coordination models supporting Toronto's youth at high-risk of gang attachment. This project will actively engage youth at high-risk of gang attachment and work with City service providers to identify and integrate effective supports for such youth, their families and City program staff working with higher-risk youth. This project builds upon the learnings out of the City's recently concluded Prevention-Intervention Toronto youth gang diversion pilot project.

Financial Impact

Approval of the contribution agreement from the Government of Canada's Youth Gang Prevention Fund will increase the 2012 Approved Operating Budget for SDFA by \$928,810.00 gross with \$0 net impact. The additional funding will increase the 2012 Approved Operating Budget for SDFA to \$40,716,088.00 gross, \$29,233,200.00 net. As well, approval of this agreement will provide for the inclusion of \$414,405.00 gross and \$0 net in the 2013 Operating Budget Submission, reflecting the twelve month term of the grant.

The project contribution agreement will also result in the addition of 11.0 FTE temporary positions (2.0 management/non-union, 9.0 collective bargaining unit) to SDFA's 2012 and 2013 approved staffing complement for the duration of the project, with zero net impact to the City. Temporary staff functions include a project manager, community development staff and financial and administrative support.

Public Safety Canada have indicated the project must conclude by March 31, 2013, consistent with the Government of Canada's fiscal year.

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

Background Information

(April 13, 2012) Report from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration on Bridging High-Risk Gang Involved Youth to Labour Market Participation

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-46513.pdf>