



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Budget Adjustment – Federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) 2016

<b>Date:</b>	August 31, 2016
<b>To:</b>	Budget Committee Executive Committee
<b>From:</b>	General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

### SUMMARY

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This report seeks City Council authority to adjust Shelter, Support and Housing Administration's (SSHA) 2016 Approved Operating Budget.

This adjustment will reflect an increase of \$3,243,073 gross, \$0 net to the federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) program.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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The General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration (SSHA) recommends that:

1. City Council authorize an increase to the 2016 City Operating Budget for Shelter, Support and Housing Administration of \$3,243,073 gross, \$0 net.

### Financial Impact

Shelter, Support and Housing Administration's approved 2016 Operating Budget will be increased by \$3,243,073 gross, \$0 net.

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

## DECISION HISTORY

The City of Toronto is the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) and Community Entity for homelessness services, as designated by the federal government. The City supports grant funding to community agencies through the federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy.

At its meeting of July 12, 13, 14 and 15, 2016, City Council approved *2016 - 2018 Enhanced Federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) Allocations* report allowing SSHA to amend the 2014 contribution agreement with Service Canada to increase funding over a two-year period under an enhancement of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy. A copy of this report can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.CD13.17>

At its meeting of December 16, 17 and 18, 2013, City Council unanimously adopted the *2014-2019 Housing Stability Service Planning Framework*, which includes nine strategic directions and a number of key actions to transform Toronto's housing stability service system

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.CD25.10>

At its meeting of November 13, 2013, Council approved authority for allocation of federal HPS funds from 2014 to 2019. A copy of this report can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.CD24.6ISSUES>

## ISSUE BACKGROUND

### Funding for Homelessness Services

The City of Toronto plays a critical role in helping vulnerable and low-income residents to stabilize their housing. SSHA is responsible for administering social housing programs, shelters and services that help people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness find and stabilize in housing.

Since its adoption in 2009, the *Housing Opportunities Toronto (HOT)* 10 year affordable housing strategy has set out Council's strategic directions to guide Toronto housing services, including a Housing First approach to end homelessness.

In December 2013, City Council unanimously adopted the *2014-2019 Housing Stability Service Planning Framework*. The framework includes nine strategic directions and a number of key actions to transform Toronto's housing stability service system.

In April 2016, Community Development and Recreation Committee adopted the Update on Implementation of the 2014-2019 Housing Stability Service Plan which provided an update on the work undertaken in 2015 to achieve the goals of the HSSP and an overview of the next two years of the HSSP's phased implementation plan. After the first two years of activity under the direction of the HSSP, a number of strategic policy initiatives are

underway, innovative service approaches are in development and several new services have been implemented to respond to client needs.

## **COMMENTS**

In its 2016 Budget, the Government of Canada announced an enhancement to the current HPS program for the next two years. This additional funding is intended to support the continued implementation of Housing First and complementary initiatives to assist individuals and families who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness or recently housed within the City of Toronto.

The increased 2016 funding identified in this report will play a key role in implementing the HSSP strategic directions and supporting vulnerable people to stabilize in housing.

Authority is requested to increase the 2016 Operating Budget for Shelter, Support and Housing Administration by \$3,243,073 gross, \$0.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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