



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Community Legacy Grant- Update on Community Meeting

Date	September 6, 2016
To:	Community Development and Recreation Committee
From:	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	AFS # 22365.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update Council on a community meeting held on August 24th with key stakeholders, to determine how the City can best support the community dialogue to create a legacy project that will build the Hispanic-Latin American community. The report recommends the creation of a Community Selection Committee to oversee grant making for a Community Identity Forum for Latin American, Hispanic Torontonians.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director, Social Development, Finance & Administration (SDFA) recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to establish a Community Selection Committee, as described in Appendix A of this report, to oversee grant making for a Community Identity Forum for Latin American, Hispanic Torontonians.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Council has approved \$100,000 for a Community Identity Forum for Latin American, Hispanic Torontonians as part of the Pan Am Community Funding approved in 2015.

DECISION HISTORY

In August 2014, Council approved the Pan Am Community Projects initiative, with \$1.760 million in funding approved through the Host City Showcase Program, of which \$0.885 million will support projects which profile and provide longer-term economic and/or social infrastructure benefits for Toronto's Latin American, South American and Caribbean communities.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.EX44.11>

On May 5, 2015 City Council approved the slate of twelve (12) shortlisted Letters of Intent for the 2015 Community Legacy Initiative for submission of a full proposal, which included the Hispanic Canadian Heritage Council (HCHC),

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.CD3.9>

On November 3, 4, 2015 City Council approved four (4) of the Community Legacy Initiative proposals described in the report (September 30, 2015)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-84315.pdf>)

City Council also requested staff review of accountability measures, program inclusivity, site visits and related monitoring results for the Hispanic Canadian Heritage Council Community Legacy Initiative.

(<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.CD7.6>)

Concerns have been expressed regarding HCHC's ability to work in an inclusive manner with other Latin American and Hispanic community organizations and members after the grant was approved by Committee. These concerns centre on how the organization engages other interested organizations, particularly related to the issue of Hispanic identity. These concerns were shared in correspondence to Council at its November 3rd meeting and have been expressed to staff. Additional concerns were since raised about the organization's governance structure, and accountability structures.

HCHC has addressed these organizational issues and Council has approved the release of \$75,000 of the original grant to the organization. Furthermore, Council has directed staff to convene a meeting of key stakeholders, including interested Councillors, to determine how the City can best support the community dialogue on creating a legacy project that will build the Hispanic-Latin American community, and report back to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on September 20, 2016.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.CD12.6>

COMMENTS

- Staff held a meeting with community organizations and stakeholders on August 24, 2016 to present an approach to making a grant to support a

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community dialogue on creating a legacy project that will build the Hispanic-Latin American community.

- Staff presented the Terms of Reference (see Appendix A) for a Community Selection Committee (CSC) that will oversee the development of the grant call, host an information session, review applications and recommend a successful applicant to the Executive Director, SDF.A.
- Members of the CSC will be selected who have experience and knowledge of community granting, access, and equity and human rights issues. Some members will also be selected who self-identify as Latin American or Hispanic.
- The timeline for the CSC is from September – December of 2016.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix “A” – Terms of Reference: Community Selection Committee for Latin American Hispanic

Appendix A

Terms of Reference for the Community Selection Committee: Community Legacy Grant

Purpose

The Community Selection Committee (CSC) will oversee grant making for a Community Identity Forum for Latin American, Hispanic Torontonians. Led by City staff in the Community Funding Unit, the CSC will implement both the grant call and recommend the allocation to the successful applicant.

This funding was approved by Council as part of the Pan Am Games Community Legacy Fund. An earlier attempt to allocate the grant generated concerns from some members of the community hence this alternate grant making approach.

The consultant facilitator will manage the coordination of the Committee, the grant call and adjudication with oversight from a City of Toronto Community Funding Unit Staff.

Tasks

1. Develop the grant call document which includes:
 - i. Objective of the grant
 - ii. Eligibility criteria for applicants and project activities
 - iii. Deliverables
 - iv. Evaluation Criteria
 - v. Application form

Grant call document in compliance with Toronto Grants Policy
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-57791.pdf>

2. Support communication regarding the grant call including hosting an Information Session
3. Review grant applications and deliberate to recommend the successful applicant to Social Development Finance and Administration Executive Director for approval to make recommendation to the Community Development and Recreation Committee
4. Provide input to staff report recommending Council approval of successful applicant

Timelines

The CSC's work will occur August – December, 2016

The timing for project milestones is as follows:

- i. September: Selection and Orientation of the CSC
- ii. October: Develop and issue the Grant Call
- iii. November: Review of Grant Applications and recommendation
- iv. December: Allocation of Grant, Report to Community Development and Recreation Committee

Membership

Community Members will be selected for the CSC based on their experience and availability to accommodate the project timelines. To ensure fairness, CSC members will be external to the Latin American Hispanic community.

Community Members will be recruited who have experience and knowledge of Community Granting, Access, Equity and Human Rights issues and the Latin American and Hispanic Communities in Toronto. Some members will be selected who self-identify as Latin American or Hispanic.

Five- seven members will be recruited to the CSC with two of the members from other City Divisions or Boards.

The Executive Director of Social Development will approve the appointment of members to the Committee.

The work of the CSC will also be supported by an external consultant facilitator who will provide an additional resource for the completion of the Committee's work.

Authority

The CSC will work with staff to achieve each of the tasks outlined in the Terms of Reference. The CSC members will work on a consensus decision-making model. The final decision maker on the allocation of the grant is City Council.

Background

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