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GRANTS AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 6, 2016, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Present:	Antoine Belaieff Corey Diamond (Chair) Deb Doncaster Sandra Odendahl Ravi Seethapathy (by phone) Andre Vallillee	Staff:	Ian Klesmer Julia Langer Mary Pickering Bryan Purcell
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Regrets: Councillor Sarah Doucette
Jenn Miller

1. Welcome, introductions, acknowledgments
2. Review of Agenda. *Agenda approved.*
3. Declarations of Interest pursuant to the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.
 - *There were no conflicts with respect to the grant proposals under consideration.*
4. The Committee received an update on the consolidated Grants and Programs Budget.
5. Grant request (for recommendation):

University of Toronto – Quantifying Toronto’s Transportation GHG Emissions –\$140,000 over two years

The Committee recommended a grant of up to \$140,000 over two years to develop an accurate and up-to-date estimate of GHG and air pollution emissions related to road transportation, with a view towards assessing the possible policy and program options for reducing these emissions.

The committee expressed concern with one budget line and directed staff to negotiate with the applicant.

6. Grant request (for recommendation):

Toronto Region Board of Trade – TRBOT Energy Working Group Formation – \$30,000 over two years

The Committee recommended a grant of up to \$30,000 over two years to support the consideration of GHG emissions and targets in the context of TRBOT’s Energy Working Group.

The Committee's recommendation is subject to the following conditions:

- *TRBOT's Energy Working Group include TAF as a member*
- *Funding allocations be stage-gated to allow for TAF staff approval of a clear second-year workplan before funding for the second year is advanced.*

7. Grant request (for recommendation):

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority – Evaluating low carbon technologies and best practices in the built environment – \$244,715 over three years

The Committee recommended a grant of up to \$244,715 over three years to evaluate up to four technologies which demonstrate a strong potential to reduce GHG emissions in Toronto.

The Committee's recommendation is subject to the following condition:

- *TAF staff approve each technology before TRCA proceeds with its evaluation*

8. Grant request (for recommendation):

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario – Health, Equity and Economic Effects of a Low Carbon Future: Towards A Cost-Benefit Analysis – \$49,870 over eight months

The Committee recommended against funding this proposal. While the Committee recognized the valuable role that the RNAO and its membership could play in mobilizing support for climate action, the goals of the proposed study were unclear and the campaign plan lacked sufficient detail.

9. Grant request (for recommendation):

Pembina Institute – Strategic Planning for Tracks and Grids - \$23,325 over four months

The Committee recommended a grant up to \$23,325 over four months to assist Pembina in developing its strategy for reducing GHG emissions from the transportation sector.

10. Internal Program Allocation Request (for recommendation):

TowerWise: Accelerating Energy Efficiency – \$150,000 over one year (final report and new request)

The Committee recommended an allocation of up to \$150,000 over one year to continue accelerating energy efficiency improvements in the built environment through demonstration projects, targeted technical research, and policy research, advocacy and implementation.

11. Internal Program Allocation Request (for recommendation):

Enhancing the TAF Endowment – Phase II – \$30,000 over seven months

The Committee recommended an allocation of up to \$30,000 over seven months to further increase TAF's endowment through a targeted fundraising campaign focused on potential donors including, but not limited to, corporations, individuals and foundations.

12. Internal Program Allocation Request (for recommendation):

Incubating an Energy Efficiency Financing Social Venture (TEEFCo Phase II) – \$15,000 based on completion of milestones.

The Committee recommended the release of \$15,000 to cover the legal fees associated with the preparation of documents required to secure senior debt co-financing for energy retrofit projects.

13. Internal Program Updates (for information):

- i. GHG Quantification Support (interim report)
- ii. Incubating a New Investment Fund (interim report)
- iii. Leveraging TAF's 25th Anniversary to Double the Fund and our Impact (final report)

The reports were received for information.

Next meeting: June 15, 2016, City Hall, Meeting Room A, 9:00am-12:00pm