

Authorization of Agreement to Fund a Muslim Youth Fellowship Internship Program in Councillors' Offices

Date: October 31, 2017

To: City Council

From: City Clerk

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report seeks City Council's authorization for the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Urban Alliance on Race Relations in partnership with DawaNet in order to receive funding to support thirteen part-time positions created in Councillor Offices to support the Muslim Youth Fellowship internship program. The report is time sensitive as the program started in September 2017 and the placements in the Councillor Offices are scheduled to start in January 2018.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Urban Alliance on Race Relations to receive funding for thirteen Councillor's Aide positions in Councillor Offices for twelve hours a week for a period of twelve weeks.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no net financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendation in this report. The funds required to fund the thirteen Councillor's Aide positions is estimated at \$32,200. Funding in the amount of approximately \$22,200 will be provided by Urban Alliance on Race Relations in partnership with DawaNet. Social Development, Finance and Administration will provide the remaining funding in the amount of \$10,000.

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

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DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on October 2, 3 and 4, 2017, City Council adopted MM32.20 "Supporting a Muslim Youth Fellowship internship program in Councillors' Offices" directing staff "to work with organizers of the Muslim Youth Fellowship in order to support its program for Councillor Aide positions in Councillors' Offices."

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.MM32.20>

COMMENTS

Further to the recommendation of City Council, the City Clerk's Office and Social Development, Finance and Administration have worked with the organizers of the Muslim Youth Fellowship to support its program for Councillor's Aide positions in Councillors' Offices.

The Muslim Youth Fellowship is a program hosted by the Urban Alliance on Race Relations in partnership with DawaNet. The program was designed in order to increase participation in civic engagement among Muslim youth. The Fellowship started in September 2017, with a cohort of thirteen Fellows. Members of this first cohort include undergraduate post-secondary students, graduate students and recent graduates.

The program will include thirteen internships in Councillors' Offices in the Councillor's Aide position for twelve hours a week for twelve weeks commencing in January 2018. Urban Alliance on Race Relations in partnership with DawaNet is providing approximately \$22,200 in funding. Social Development, Finance and Administration is providing \$10,000 in funding. Internships will be allocated to Councillors on a first-come, first-served basis.

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SIGNATURE

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