

City Council

Notion of Motion

MM28.12	ACTION			Ward:27
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from the Development at 159 Wellesley Street East for Renovations of Casey House - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Janet Davis

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Janet Davis, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2017 Approved Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by \$500,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 (Planning Act Reserve Funds) community benefits from 159 Wellesley Street East (Source Account 220096) for the renovation of Casey House (Cost Centre NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the \$500,000.00 be forwarded to Casey House upon the signing of an Undertaking by Casey House to govern the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

Section 37 funds have been secured and received in connection with the development at 159 Wellesley Street East specifically for the renovation of Casey House.

In 1988, June Callwood founded Casey House, with a group of volunteers. Since that time, there has been a dramatic evolution in HIV/AIDS. With effective anti-retroviral treatments, people with HIV are living longer, but the nature of a complex, chronic illness means it continues to be a serious health threat. Casey House provides a full range of medical and wellness services, from support with medications, managing mental health and early dementia to compassionate end-of-life care.

Casey House cares for people living with HIV, who also face such complex challenges as poverty, mental health, substance use, and marginalization. The renovation of their facility will allow Casey House to respond to the complex and evolving needs of a large and growing population who are HIV positive, by bringing specialized services together and introducing a day-health program.

Prior to receiving the funds, Casey House will be required to sign an Undertaking governing the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Background Information (City Council)

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