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## REPORT FOR ACTION

### Grants and Programs Allocation Recommendations

**Date:** January 19, 2017  
**To:** The Atmospheric Fund Board of Directors  
**From:** Grants Manager & Policy Advisor

#### SUMMARY

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The TAF Grants and Programs Committee met on January 11, 2017 and recommended that the Board approve one internal project allocation with a value of up to \$125,000. This may be reduced pending approval of the City's Operating Budget.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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The Grants Manager & Policy Advisor recommends that the TAF Board of Directors approve an internal project allocation of up to \$125,000 over nine to twelve months for temporary funding of a Sustainability Financing Program Manager position at the City of Toronto and associated development and dissemination costs.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT

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If the recommended internal project allocation request is approved, the \$125,000 allocation would come out of TAF's 2017 budget.

<b>Internal Program Budget</b>	<b>2017</b>
Total available funding	\$360,000
Internal program allocations committed to date	\$59,950
Recommended allocations from January 11, 2017 Committee meeting	<u>\$125,000</u>
Remaining internal program allocations	<b>\$177,050</b>

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## **BACKGROUND**

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An internal Program Allocation request was presented to the Grants and Programs Committee on January 11, 2017 entitled Finding the Funding – Sustainability Financing Program Manager for the City of Toronto. It recognizes that we are at a critical moment in terms of accessing significant new capital from both the provincial and federal governments to support urban climate action. In this context, the moment is ripe to dedicate time and attention to voicing the needs and abilities of cities in helping direct senior government resources in the most effectual way at the local level.

The purpose of this project is to develop dedicated staff capacity with the right government relations and financial skills to secure significant new dedicated resources for implementation of Toronto's GHG mitigation priorities as established by the TransformTO initiative. Resources would also be provided to support communications and outreach to build sustainability finance capacity across the GTHA. TAF would play an advisory and supporting role given our sustainability finance expertise and to ensure co-ordination with our own program activities in this sphere.

## **COMMENTS**

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Since this request was originally presented to the Grants and Programs Committee, the City's Budget Committee has recommended that the largest element of this proposal – the salary for the temporary Sustainability Financing Program Manager position – be covered by the City's 2017 Operating Budget. The Budget Committee's recommendation will soon go to City Council for approval. Should the Budget Committee's funding recommendation be approved by Council, the requested TAF funding allocation would be reduced to \$35,000 to support the other project-related costs contemplated in the proposal. Should City Council not approve the Budget Committee's recommendation, then we would propose reverting to supporting all of the elements of the original request for up to \$125,000.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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