



## Grants and Programs Allocation Recommendations

**Date:** June 15, 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 May 31, 2017 and recommended that the Board approve three grants with a combined value of \$172,179 and one internal project with a value of \$35,000.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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The Grants Manager & Policy Advisor recommends that the TAF Board of Directors:

1. Approve the following grant requests:
  - a) \$30,168 over four months to the Clean Air Partnership to determine interest in, and the potential structure of, a Municipal Champions for Climate Action Network.
  - b) \$112,011 over two years to the University of Toronto to implement, assess, and disseminate findings from three energy retrofit pilots for contemporary and post-war MURBs.
  - c) \$30,000 over three months to the Toronto Environmental Alliance to refine its plan for a collaborative project focused on engaging diverse communities across Toronto to build support for municipal and provincial climate strategies that yield strong community benefits.
2. Approve the following internal project allocation request:
  - a) \$35,000 over one year to continue to provide funding for contract staff capacity to maintain and enhance TAF's policy research and advocacy activities at the federal, provincial, and municipal levels.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

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If the recommended grants requests are approved, \$127,961 would come out of TAF's 2017 budget and \$44,218 would come out of TAF's 2018 budget.

<b>Grants Program Budget</b>	<b>2017</b>
Total available funding	\$937,827
Grant allocations committed to date	\$444,872
Recommended allocations from May 31, 2017 Committee meeting	<u>\$127,961</u>
Remaining balance	<b>\$364,994</b>

If the recommended internal project allocation request is approved, \$35,000 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	\$294,250
Recommended allocations from May 31, 2017 Committee meeting	<u>\$35,000</u>
Remaining internal program allocations	<b>\$30,750</b>

## BACKGROUND

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### Grants

#### **Clean Air Partnership – Needs Assessment for a Municipal Champions for Climate Action Network**

Applicant address: 75 Elizabeth Street, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1P4

Location of proposed activities: Across the GTHA

Since 2000, Clean Air Partnership (CAP) has served as the secretariat for the Clean Air Council, a network of 27 Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) municipalities working collaboratively on the development and implementation of clean air and climate change actions. By convening staff from all municipal departments, CAP has developed a comprehensive suite of priority policy recommendations that are key to enabling municipalities to pursue a low carbon transformation.

However, in the process of working with municipal staff, CAP has observed a need to engage elected officials to further climate action. The goal of this project is to undertake a consultation process with elected officials to determine the demand (or lack thereof) for a Municipal Champions for Climate Action Network, the actions it could undertake, and its desired outcomes. CAP will consult with elected officials from across the GTHA, exploring whether and how they can be motivated to take further climate action.

## **U of T – Assessing the Impact of Energy Retrofit Strategies for Contemporary and Post-war MURBs**

Applicant address: 35 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A4

Location of proposed activities: Toronto

In the 1960s and 1970s, the GTHA saw its largest ever multi-unit residential building (MURB) construction boom. Now a second MURB boom is underway. The sheer number and energy intensity of these buildings, in both vintage groups, mean they contribute significantly to regional GHG emissions.

The proposed research project is driven by the overarching question: what are the measured GHG emissions reductions and associated costs of retrofits tailored to address the disparate needs of these vintage groups? The impact of two fundamentally different retrofit approaches will be assessed: 'light' energy retrofits for contemporary buildings, and 'deep' energy retrofits for post-war buildings. Both will incorporate resident surveys to assess perceived changes in indoor environmental quality (IEQ).

## **Toronto Environmental Alliance – Adopting a Co-Benefits Approach to Build Broad Support for Climate Action**

Applicant address: 30 Duncan Street, Toronto, Ontario M5V 2C3

Location of proposed activities: Toronto

Climate plans like the Ontario Climate Change Action Plan and TransformTO identify a range of bold initiatives that can reduce GHG emissions to meet Ontario's 2050 targets. However, community support for these initiatives may impede their implementation if understood through a narrow 'environmental' lens.

Building on grants provided by TAF and the Atkinson Foundation, the Toronto Environmental Alliance, in collaboration with Social Planning Toronto and CEE Centre for Young Black Professionals, is seeking to engage broad, diverse communities across Toronto to build support for municipal and provincial climate strategies that yield strong community benefits. The recommended funding would support the strategic planning phase of this collaborative initiative.

## **Internal Program Allocations**

### **Advancing Low Carbon Policy**

The purpose of this program allocation is to continue to provide funding for contract staff capacity to maintain and enhance TAF's policy research and advocacy work. The responsibilities of the position include:

1. Actively scanning at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels for upcoming climate-related policy consultations and proposals
2. Engaging with diverse stakeholders to maximize alignment of policy positions and coordinate messaging around key policy areas
3. Researching and writing policy briefs and recommendations in collaboration with senior staff

4. Supporting communications to expand awareness of key policy issues and TAF's activities in this area

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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