

City Council**Motion without Notice**

MM44.58	ACTION			Ward:All
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Authorization for Medical Officer of Health to reallocate unspent funds from the 2018 Toronto Urban Health Fund - by Councillor Joe Mihevc, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Joe Mihevc, seconded by Councillor Sarah Doucette, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Medical Officer of Health to reallocate unspent funds from the Toronto Urban Health Fund in the 2018 Toronto Public Health Operating Budget to existing purchase of service agreements also administered by the Toronto Urban Health Fund for harm reduction outreach to enhance the community response to the opioid overdose crisis.

Summary

In 2017, funding was allocated to three-year projects approved by the Toronto Urban Health Fund Review Panel and the Board of Health. The projects have been implemented, however, there are some unspent funds. Funded agencies are required to return unspent funds to the City of Toronto, which must return unspent funds to the Government of Ontario.

Funding is needed in 2018 to increase harm reduction outreach to enhance the community response to the current opioid overdose crisis. This action aligns with Toronto Public Health's mandated requirements under the Ontario Public Health Standards. In that regard, Toronto Public Health would like to reallocate unspent funds from the 2017 approved projects to other existing purchase of service agreements that are also administered under the Toronto Urban Health Fund to address this urgent community need. The funds Toronto Public Health intends to reallocate are cost-shared 75:25 (provincial/municipal) in Toronto Public Health's 2018 Operating Budget. The reallocation of funds is permitted under current provincial funding agreements.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM44.58