



Donation from a Resident for Regent Park Programming

Date: August 14, 2019

To: Economic and Community Development Committee

From: Acting Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

Wards: Ward 13 - Toronto Centre

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from City Council to accept a donation and enter into a donor agreement with Chris Brillinger, a Toronto resident, to fund programs, services, initiatives and events in Regent Park.

The report recommends that the Executive Director of Social Development, Finance and Administration, or her designate, be authorized to make one-time grants in line with the goals of the donation outlined by the donor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, or her designate, to accept a donation of \$0.25 million from Chris Brillinger to fund programs, services, initiatives and events in Regent Park in 2020 and 2021, in compliance with the City's Policy on Donations for Community Benefits.
2. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, or her designate, to negotiate and sign a donor agreement for the \$0.25 million donation from Chris Brillinger, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
3. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, or her designate, to allocate, approve and disburse one-time grants within the Regent Park community as a result of this donation.

4. City Council request the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to report back to the Economic and Community Development Committee annually on the grants approved through authority provided in Recommendation 3.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no net financial impacts resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

The Community Partnership and Investment Program budget will increase by \$0.25 million, allocated between 2020 and 2021, and will be fully offset by the donation. The allocation will be determined through the 2020 budget process.

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on October 30, 31 and November 1, 2012, City Council amended its Donations to the City for Community Benefits policy:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.EX23.17>

City Council, at its meeting on September 25, 26, 27 and 28, 2006, adopted its Donations to the City for Community Benefits policy.

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2006/agendas/council/cc060925/cofa.pdf>

COMMENTS

Chris Brillinger, a former employee of the City of Toronto for 31 years and former Executive Director of Social Development, Finance and Administration, wishes to make a \$250,000 donation to the City to be used to fund programs, services, initiatives and events within the Regent Park community.

Throughout his career, Mr. Brillinger has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to social justice and equity, never losing sight of the importance of listening to residents, communities and stakeholders to jointly advance social development. With this major philanthropic gift, Mr. Brillinger aims to support the City's efforts in the Regent Park community, his neighbourhood for many years, to identify and deliver the programs and events it needs.

These funds will flow through the Toronto Office of Partnerships, which will issue a tax receipt and steward the relationship with the donor. The funds will be administered by the Community Funding Unit in Social Development, Finance and Administration. The Community Funding Unit oversees granting in excess of \$21 million annually to Toronto-based not-for-profit organizations and grassroots resident groups to meet the needs of vulnerable Torontonians.

Implementation

The Community Funding Unit will develop grant guidelines and related processes to oversee the distribution of funds to not-for-profit organizations and/or grassroots resident groups within the Regent Park community in line with the goals of the donation outlined by the donor.

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