

### **Transfer Payment Agreement for Provincial Audit and Accountability Fund Grant**

**Date:** September 3, 2019  
**To:** Executive Committee  
**From:** Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer  
**Wards:** All

#### **SUMMARY**

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This report seeks approval for the Chief Financial Officer to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province to enable the City of Toronto to receive \$500,000 from the Audit and Accountability Fund.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to negotiate, enter into and execute a Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario (the "Province"), and any amendments thereto as may be required, to receive funds from the Audit and Accountability Fund, in accordance with terms and conditions satisfactory to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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Execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement is required to allow the City to receive up to \$500,000 committed by the Ontario government from its Audit and Accountability Fund.

#### **DECISION HISTORY**

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On June 18, 2019, City Council adopted EX6.10 Impact of Provincial Announcement on City's 2019 Budget and 2020 Budget Process, which noted that the City will be applying

to the provincial Audit and Accountability Fund, established for large municipalities to find efficiencies, to assist in funding the City's Value-Based Outcome Review:  
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EX6.10>

## **COMMENTS**

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On May 21, 2019, the Province announced the establishment of a \$7.35 million Audit and Accountability Fund to help large municipalities conduct line-by-line reviews to identify potential savings. The City applied to the fund, requesting \$500,000 to cover the cost of an independent third-party reviewer to deliver a report with specific and actionable recommendations for cost-savings in support of the City's Value-Based Outcome Review.

On August 16, 2019, the City was advised that its application was successful, and that the Province will provide the full amount of funding requested. The Province requires that a Transfer Payment Agreement be executed with the approval of City Council before it will provide funding.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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