

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Addressing the Root Causes of Violence - TO Wards Peace - by Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2019 Operating Budget for Social Development, Finance and Administration to implement year one of the TO Wards Peace program. Funding of \$1.292M gross and net to be provided by a one-time draw from the City's Tax Stabilization Reserve.
2. City Council direct the Executive Director of Social Development, Finance and Administration to include year two funding for TO Wards Peace as part of the 2020 Budget submission.

Summary

Under Council's Direction (Item 2018.CC44.14) an application for a program that would provide targeted support for youth, entitled TO Wards Peace, was submitted for federal National Crime Prevention funding in July 2018. The total request to NCP under this application was for \$6,550,000 over 5 years. The application was not approved.

City Council has an opportunity to fund the TO Wards Peace program, consisting of a youth violence prevention framework, methodology, training curriculum, and City coordination and evaluation support for an integrated service model. This wrap around gang intervention/interruption model would combine community based violence interrupters, nurses and family support workers into integrated staff teams working in targeted neighbourhoods.

This application contains preventative measures including:

- Investment in community partners through grants to hire lived-experience violence interrupters and community mentors to deliver the model
- Investment in community partners through grants to hire nurses and family support workers to deliver the model
- Creating the referral process for the Toronto Police Integrated Gang Prevention

Taskforce to the integrated staff teams

- Linking existing intervention models including pre-charge diversion, FOCUS Toronto and through-care models
- Development of a Violence Prevention marketing and communication strategy

Background Information (City Council)

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