



REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Minutes from the Grants & Programs Committee Meeting held June 14, 2019

Date: June 14, 2019
To: Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board of Directors
From: Grants Manager & Policy Advisor

Meeting Date	June 14, 2019	Contact	Mary Pickering – VP Programs and Partnerships
Start Time	8:15 a.m.	Phone	416-884-6279
Location	Meeting Room A, City Hall	E-mail	mpickering@taf.ca
Chair	Corey Diamond		

1. Welcome, introductions, acknowledgements

The Committee provided their congratulations to the Toronto Raptors in their win of the NBA final.

2. Review of Agenda

(June 7, 2019) Meeting Agenda, submitted by Mary Pickering, VP Programs and Partnerships.

Agenda approved.

3. Declarations of Interest pursuant to the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*

Corey Diamond declared a conflict of interest with Item 5 b as he is currently employed by Efficiency Canada; and with Item 5 f as Sustainable Buildings Canada is a paid supporter/ally of Efficiency Canada.

4. Review of Grants and Programs Budget

(June 7, 2019) TAF grants budget and internal programs budget, submitted by Mary Pickering, VP Programs and Partnerships

Mary Pickering presented the grants budget and internal program budget for 2019 as well as expenditures to date.

5. Grant requests (for recommendation)

(June 7, 2019) Grant Proposals, submitted by Mary Pickering, VP Programs and Partnerships

a) Canadian Green Building Council (CaGBC) – Workforce Transformation Initiative: Building a Green Future

The Committee recommended funding of \$300,000 over 28 months to support development of Ontario's workforce to deliver low-carbon new buildings and deep retrofits.

The Committee's recommendation is subject to the following conditions:

- i) That satisfactory evidence is provided of the engagement of key partners
- ii) That the staffing plan for the project be reviewed to ensure adequate capacity
- iii) That workforce development specialists from other sectors be consulted to inform the strategy
- iv) That a developmental evaluation plan be provided.

b) Efficiency Canada – Energy Efficiency Policy: Leading the Advocacy Charge

The Committee recommended funding of \$290,000 over 29 months to engage in Ontario and federal processes related to key energy efficiency policies.

The Committee's recommendation is subject to the following conditions:

- i) That a developmental evaluation plan be provided
- ii) That TAF staff be engaged as a project advisor for the duration of the project, on at least a quarterly basis, with a view towards prioritizing policy issues and related tasks and activities.
- iii) That staged funding be provided subject to receipt and approval by TAF staff of activity reports and updated workplans at 10- and 20-month intervals.

c) Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) – BOMA Toronto race2reduce

The Committee recommended against funding due to low GHG impact score and concerns about capacity in the areas of marketing and region-wide engagement.

d) YWCA Hamilton –Passive House Affordable Housing Project

The Committee recommended funding of \$70,000 to demonstrate, document and share the energy efficiency and financial savings that can be achieved in a pre-cast midrise

affordable housing project undertaken to Passive House standard, but declined to provide support in the amount of \$80,000 for monitoring and certification activities.

e) George Brown College – Closing the Loop

The Committee recommended against funding due to lack of evidence of demand for the proposed product.

f) Sustainable Buildings Canada – Compass: Municipal Review Model

The Committee recommended against funding due to lack of evidence concerning potential client interest and lack of clarity concerning a pathway to broader adoption.

g) Pembina Institute – Ontario’s Clean Economy: Driving ZEV manufacturing, job growth, and sustainability in the GTHA

The Committee recommended against funding due to lack of clarity of the relationship of proposed work to key outcomes.

h) Energy Services Association of Canada – Advancing Public/Private Partnerships to Scale-up Efficiency Climate Protection Actions

The Committee recommended against funding due to insufficient evidence of the need for and interest in the proposed approach.

i) Fashion Takes Action – The Feasibility of a Textile Recycling Facility in the GTHA

The Committee recommended against funding due to insufficient elaboration of the strategy to advance the project.

j) Toronto Environmental Alliance (on behalf of Toronto Climate Action Network) – Toronto Climate Action Network and TransformTO Community Website

The Committee recommended funding of \$21,700 over 24 months to support creation of a website to foster collaboration and coordination among member groups and external organizations, and to provide a space within the site to promote community ownership and shared responsibility for TransformTO.

6. Internal Program Allocation Requests

(June 7, 2019) Internal Program Allocation Requests, submitted by Mary Pickering, VP Programs and Partnerships

a) Mary Pickering, VP Programs and Partnerships – Regional Cultivation Agents

The Committee recommended funding of \$131,400 over two years to identify and support local outreach partners to promote TAF's services across the GTHA.

b) Julia Langer, CEO – Crafting TAF's Approach to Commercialization/Scaling

The Committee recommended funding of \$25,000 over one year to undertake research and develop a strategy for to commercialization and scaling processes as it relates to TAF's mandate.

7. Internal Program Allocation Requests and Reports

(June 7, 2019) Internal Program Allocation Requests and Reports, submitted by Mary Pickering, VP Programs and Partnerships

The Committee received the reports for information.

8. New Business

Corey Diamond will be stepping down as Committee Chair; Antoine Belaieff will Chair as of the October 2019 meeting.

Attendance and Meeting Sessions*

Date and Time	Quorum	Members
2019-06-14 8:15 – 11:15am (Public Session)	Present	<i>Present:</i> Corey Diamond (Chair), Andrew Dooner, Erika Lontoc, Sandra Odendahl, Andre Vallillee, Chris Wray <i>Not Present:</i> Councillor Mike Layton, Antoine Belaieff