

City Council

Motion Without Notice

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Approval to receive Atkinson Foundation Grant for AnchorTO Phase 4 - by Councillor Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to enter into an agreement with the Atkinson Foundation to deliver a fourth phase of AnchorTO and to receive \$120,000 in grant funding from the Atkinson Foundation to deliver the initiative.
2. City Council increase the 2020 Approved Operating Budget for Social Development, Finance and Administration by \$20,000 gross, \$0 net, and include the funding of \$100,000 gross, \$0 net in the 2021 Operating Budget Submission for Social Development, Finance and Administration, with the possible extension of the program to be included in the 2022 Outlook, if required to complete the delivery of the program.
3. City Council increase the 2020 Approved Complement for Social Development, Finance and Administration by 1.0 temporary FTE, and include it in the 2021 Operating Budget Submission, to provide dedicated staff support to AnchorTO.

Summary

Embedding the practice of social procurement within Toronto's public sector

anchor institutions is a key initiative of the City's Poverty Reduction Strategy. Since 2015, the City of Toronto has convened the AnchorTO Network, a group of 15 public sector institutions collaborating to advance their capacity to purchase from businesses and organizations that make an impact on inclusive economic development in Toronto. Through AnchorTO, Toronto's anchor institutions are able to collaborate, share information, tools, examples, and other resources, accelerating the adoption of social procurement and contributing to the economic recovery of Toronto's communities.

AnchorTO is entering the fourth phase of work. In the first phase, a community of practice was established to socialize the concept of social procurement. In the second phase of work, a blueprint framework was established so anchor institutions could better understand how to incorporate social procurement within their legal and operational constraints. The most recently completed third phase of work was focused on moving towards implementation of the Blueprint.

The fourth phase of work will include the development of:

- social procurement vendor lists, including businesses owned by Black and Indigenous residents;
- communications and training material for purchasing professionals; and
- connecting anchor programs more intentionally with community-based economic development initiatives.

The Atkinson Foundation has agreed to provide the City of Toronto with a grant of \$120,000 for one year to manage and provide resources to the Network. This funding will support the development of concrete resources and dedicated staffing support.

This Motion authorizes the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration Division to receive the Atkinson Foundation grant.

Background Information (City Council)

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