

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM6.15	ACTION			Ward: 11
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Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds to Street Haven for a Healing Garden - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo

** 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 Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the 2023 Operating Budget for Non-Program on a one-time basis by \$20,000 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits obtained from the development at 826-834 Yonge Street and 2-8 Cumberland Street (Source Account: XR3026-3701085) secured for capital improvements for new or existing cultural and/or community space and to be utilized for the construction of a healing garden at 144 Roxborough Avenue (Cost Centre: NP2161).
2. City Council direct that the \$20,000 be forwarded to Street Haven at the Crossroads upon the signing of an Undertaking by Street Haven at the Crossroads to govern the use of the funds and the financial reporting requirements.

Summary

Street Haven at the Crossroads provides an emergency shelter, supportive housing, and addiction services for women at 144 Roxborough Avenue. This community offers safe pathways forward for women who are experiencing or are at-risk of homelessness. Their guiding philosophy is that all women deserve the physical necessities of life, to be treated with dignity, and to be given the tools and opportunities to achieve their goals.

In the face of growing inequality in solutions for women experiencing homelessness across the City, Street Haven strives to achieve its mission despite extremely limited funding - it is presently funded at only half of the rate the City pays for shelter beds.

A healing garden will support their vital, ongoing work, enhancing Street Haven's addictions treatment programming and contribute toward successful outcomes for Street Haven patients.

Background Information (City Council)

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