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## 2024 OPERATING BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

### Toronto Poverty Reduction Strategy – Year by Year Budgeted Expenditures

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#### Issue/Background:

- At its meeting on January 10, 2024, Budget Committee received a briefing note outlining the effort and new/enhanced investment made to support the [Toronto Poverty Reduction Strategy](#) included in the 2024 Staff Prepared Operating Budget.
- At its meeting on January 18, 2024, Budget Committee requested the Executive Director of Social Development, Finance and Administration to prepare a briefing note which outlines the year-by-year expenditure of the Poverty Reduction Strategy including new and enhanced programs for the previous 5 years. This briefing note responds to this request.
- **Table 1** itemizes the New and Enhanced budget expenditures identified to advance poverty reduction goals since the adoption of the Strategy from 2015-2023 and the proposed amount for 2024.
- Each year, the City provides a Poverty Reduction Strategy Operating Budget Briefing Note at budget launch highlighting new and enhanced initiatives and associated investments to advance the Poverty Reduction Strategy. These notes identify proposed expenditures by program:
  - <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-87576.pdf>
  - <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-100311.pdf>
  - <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2018/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-111324.pdf>
  - <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-124434.pdf>
  - <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-145508.pdf>
  - <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-163112.pdf>
  - <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2022/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-176431.pdf>
  - <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-231101.pdf>
  - <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-242046.pdf>
- Note that within-year spending may vary between the Poverty Reduction Strategy Operating Budget Briefing Notes, as the proposed budget is sometimes adjusted during budget deliberations and in-year decisions. Additionally, there can be one-time new and enhanced funding for a particular year.

**Table 1. Year Over Year New and Enhanced Investments on Poverty Reduction Strategy Initiatives (2015-2024)**

Year	In \$ Thousands	
	Gross	Net
2015	19,465.3	19,465.3
2016	86,005.9	85,850.7
2017	8,958.1	8,820.8
2018	111,952.5	29,448.0
2019	40,147.5	37,220.7
2020	15,524.7	4,952.4
2021	8,092.0	4,510.0
2022	49,866.2	3,597.3
2023	3,937.8	3,048.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>343,950.0</b>	<b>196,913.6</b>
2024 - Proposed	97,061.4	94,768.2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>441,011.4</b>	<b>291,681.7</b>

Note: Each year, City Divisions create an annual workplan to achieve Poverty Reduction Strategy Actions. Budget investments annually align with the work plans. City Divisions work to secure intergovernmental funding and donations to deliver Poverty Reduction Strategy Actions. These funding sources are time-limited and contribute towards fluctuations in gross funding year over year.

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