

## **Advancing Reconciliation and Equity via Community Funding**

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**To:** Economic and Community Development Committee

**From:** Executive Director, Social Development

**Wards:** All

### **SUMMARY**

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The City remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing reconciliation and equity through sustained funding for Indigenous, Black, and other equity-deserving communities across Toronto. Guided by strong partnerships, strategic investments, and community-informed frameworks that address systemic barriers and historical underinvestment, the Community Funding Unit administers responsive funding that enables community-led, culturally grounded organizations to deliver high-quality and accessible programs and services. This report outlines the City's ongoing efforts to strengthen fairness, transparency, and responsiveness in its funding approach and provides updates on three major funding programs:

- Indigenous Funding Framework (IFF): Supports Indigenous organizations through a flexible, self-determined funding model.
- Black Mandated Funding Framework (BMFF): Provides targeted funding and capacity-building for Black-led organizations.
- Community Service Partnerships (CSP): Social Development's largest funding stream, now updated to enhance equity-focused goals and accountability practices.

The Indigenous Funding Framework (IFF), approved by City Council in December 2024, sets out how the City supports Indigenous organizations. It uses a flexible funding model called "take what you need, leave what you don't," which allowed 24 Indigenous groups to share \$1.95 million in funding. This Framework is rooted on principles of self-determination and mutual respect and includes an implementation plan that focuses on evaluation and strengthening of granting processes for Indigenous communities. In May 2025, the Toronto Aboriginal Support Service Council (TASSC) hosted a celebration feast to officially launch the Framework and a deepening of the City's relationship with Indigenous communities.

The Black Mandated Funding Framework (BMFF), adopted in November 2023, continues to shape an ecosystem of support for Toronto's diverse Black communities. In 2024-2025, \$2.125 million in funding was distributed across 49 organizations which included Black Francophone, newcomers, 2SLGBTQ+ and youth serving groups. Social

Development also expanded enhanced organizational mentorship and trusteeship supports, improved access to funding application and capacity building supports through an eligibility self-assessment tool, and deepened engagement with sector and community partners.

The Community Service Partnerships (CSP) program, Social Development's largest and longest standing funding stream, supported over 2.6 million Toronto residents in 2024. This report details the recent updates to this funding program. As part of phase 1, it introduces an updated model that incorporates new grant pillars, equity-focused measures and an enhanced monitoring and evaluation framework. These changes are designed to keep programs stable while laying the groundwork for a more equitable, transparent and impact-driven grant process that is responsive to community needs and rooted in strong sectoral partnerships.

The 2025 Operating Budget of \$32.197 million gross and \$31.314 million net for the Community Partnership Investment Program in Social Development ensures the timely delivery of social services by not-for-profit, grassroots and resident-led groups. This report includes an overview of all grants created and approved with delegated authority between October 2024 and September 2025. These grants supported a variety of projects that included resident led initiatives that supported local, place-based activities, youth violence prevention, programs created by youth for youth, and community healing efforts after violence incidents.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Executive Director, Social Development recommends that:

1. City Council adopt the refreshed Community Service Partnerships approach and updated funding model components in Appendix 1 of this report, and direct the Executive Director, Social Development, to report back to City Council, on the progress and implementation, as part of the annual reporting on Community Funding grants.
2. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Social Development to allocate Community Service Partnerships funding until the end of the next grant cycle on December 31, 2030, and report annually to the Economic and Community Development Committee on the grants approved, with funding allocations subject to the annual budget process.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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This report provides an overview of all grants approved with delegated authority between September 2024 and October 2025. It also presents updates on three grant initiatives: the Indigenous Funding Framework, the Black Mandated Funding Framework and grants administered under the Community Service Partnerships stream. These funding streams have been co-designed with the community and are being funded

through the City's existing Community Funding resources within Community Partnership and Investment (CPIP) Grants.

There are no current year or additional financial implications resulting from the recommendations in this report.

Investments of \$3.900 million (gross and net) to support the two Funding Frameworks in 2024-25 and future years are included in the 2025 Operating Budget of Social Development under Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) grants and the Indigenous Affairs Office.

The table below shows the total funding and number of organizations supported by these frameworks from 2021 to 2025. On average, each framework, the Indigenous Funding Framework and the Black-Mandated Funding Framework, received about \$1.525 million per year.

Table 1 - Funding Framework Investments 2021 - 2025

<b>Funding Framework</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Funding \$M</b>	<b>Number of Funded Groups</b>
Indigenous Funding Framework	2021	\$0.625	17
	2022	\$1.250	18
	2023	\$1.850	23
	2024	\$1.950	24
	2025	\$1.950	25
Black-Mandated Funding Framework	2021	\$0.625	20
	2022	\$1.250	40
	2023	\$1.850	49
	2024	\$1.950	47
	2025	\$1.950	45*

\* Estimated

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial implications as presented in the Financial Impact Section.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

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Social Development is committed to advancing social and economic equity by supporting strong, safe, and inclusive neighbourhoods across Toronto. Through the Community Funding Unit, the Division provides stable and short-term funding to Toronto-based, not-for-profit, grassroots, and resident-led organizations. This funding enhances the capacity of Indigenous, Black, and other equity-deserving communities to access culturally responsive, high-quality programs, services and facilities.

Community organizations, particularly those serving Indigenous, Black, and equity-deserving populations, continue to face significant and ongoing pressures caused by

longstanding systemic inequities. Persistent challenges such as insufficient resources, high staff turnover, and unstable funding limit their ability to operate effectively. The non-profit sector remains essential in supporting residents who encounter deep-rooted and complex barriers such as poverty, discrimination, and social or geographic isolation.

In response, the City has prioritized funding strategies that redress historical underinvestment, focusing on Indigenous, Black, and equity-deserving communities. Funding is guided by the Indigenous and Black-Mandated Funding Frameworks and the Toronto Action Plan to Confront Anti-Black Racism, ensuring stable, community-informed, and culturally responsive supports.

The updated Community Service Partnerships funding model and the implementation of Indigenous and Black-Mandated Funding Frameworks continue to reinforce the City's commitment to reconciliation and equity. Social Development will continue to assess how funding is being distributed across Toronto to ensure that vulnerable communities have equitable access to City funding. Enhanced evaluation tools will further strengthen the transparent and effective allocation of public funds, with a focus on impact and continuous improvement.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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On December 17-18, 2024, Toronto City Council adopted the Indigenous Funding Framework and received an update on the implementation of the Black-Mandated Funding Framework and the Community Service Partnerships Renewal Process.  
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.EC17.3>

On November 8, 2023, Toronto City Council adopted the Black-Mandated Funding Framework and received an update on the development of the Indigenous Funding Framework and the Community Service Partnerships Renewal Process.  
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.EC7.3>

On June 14, 2023, Toronto City Council endorsed the development of a new 10-year Toronto Action Plan to Confront Anti-Black Racism.  
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.EC4.1>

On May 22, 2022, Toronto City Council received an update on the development of the Indigenous and Black-Mandated Funding Frameworks and the Community Service Partnerships Renewal Process.  
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.EC29.3>

On April 6, 2022, Toronto City Council approved the 2022 - 2032 Reconciliation Action Plan that will map and guide the actions that the City of Toronto and the Toronto Public Service will take to achieve truth, justice and reconciliation.  
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2022.EX31.1>

On July 16, 2019, Toronto City Council approved the Community Service Partnerships Framework, as well as an appeals approach for the Community Service Partnerships

funding application.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EC6.20>

## COMMENTS

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### 1. Indigenous Funding Framework Update

The [Indigenous Funding Framework](#) supports Indigenous-led priorities and promotes equitable funding practices that align with reconciliation and self-determination. Co-designed with Indigenous leaders, the Framework strengthens relationships between the City and Indigenous communities and aligns City funding with needs identified by Indigenous organizations and community at large. The Indigenous Funding Framework is grounded in the City of Toronto's [Statement of Commitment to Aboriginal Peoples](#), the Calls to Actions from the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Report](#), and the [Toronto Grants Policy](#).

[Adopted](#) by Toronto City Council on December 18, 2024, the Indigenous Funding Framework is anchored in the following four principles:

- Building, nurturing and sustaining meaningful relationships with Indigenous communities
- Fostering a collaborative approach to resource and funding management
- Promoting transparency with clear criteria and communication channels to foster a sense of fairness and trust
- Invest in capacity-building within Indigenous organizations to support long-term sustainability

### Implementation Plan

The implementation plan for the Indigenous Funding Framework occurs across six key areas and is detailed on page 16 of the [Framework](#). Implementation includes the following deliverables:

- Evaluation of the “Take what you need, leave what you don’t” granting pilot
- Incorporation of the Framework’s goals and principles into the redesign of Community Service Partnerships, including the development of funding targets
- Socialization of the Framework within Social Development, other City divisions and external funders
- Review and redesign of existing funding programs to ensure alignment with the Framework
- Ongoing advocacy for additional funding to support Indigenous organizations
- Work collaboratively with other City divisions to continue identifying and implementing improvements to granting processes

### Funding Pilot

The “Take what you need, leave what you don’t” funding approach was piloted during the COVID-19 response to support greater self-determination for community-driven

responses. In this approach, funding is distributed to organizations based on need, with the Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council (TASSC) serving as an Indigenous intermediary. Indigenous organizations opt into the funding opportunity and self-determine the needs of the funding as they arise. The number of organizations participating may vary according to their needs and membership with TASSC.

Recent funding cycle include:

- 2024/2025: \$1.950 million distributed between 24 organizations.
- 2025/2026: \$1.950 million distributed between 25 organizations.

In the 2024/2025 funding cycle, Indigenous organizations identified salaries, operations and supports and health and safety as their top expenses. Other expenses included food and cultural supports, programming, housing, telecommunications, promotional and educational activities, travel, honorarium, professional development, governance, and mental health. Supporting organizations to self-identify funding priorities in this way provides the City with valuable insights into unmet needs within community organizations.

As part of the Implementation Plan, an evaluation of the “Take what you need, leave what you don’t” model of funding will take place within the 2025/2026 funding cycle. The evaluation will be led by an Indigenous consultant through the TASSC, the co-developer on the Indigenous Funding Framework. The evaluation will include interviews with the pilot funding recipients about their experience receiving the funding and their connection to the Indigenous Funding Framework. The evaluation results will be ready by Fall 2026.

## **Next Steps – Implementation Plan (2025 – 2028)**

The implementation of the Indigenous Funding Framework will take place over the next three years between 2025 to 2028. Strong progress toward the Framework’s goals through several key activities has taken place, including:

- Sharing the Framework widely: More than 250 City staff, partners, and funders have received tailored presentations to understand its purpose and principles.
- Keeping stakeholders informed: The Toronto Grants Coordinating Committee receives regular updates on the Framework and how the implementation plan is moving forward.

New Activities for 2026:

- Support Indigenous organizations through the Community Service Partnerships re-application process

## **2. Black Mandated Funding Framework Update**

The [Black-Mandated Funding Framework](#) is a key initiative designed to address the historical underinvestment of Black-led and Black-serving organizations in Toronto. The Framework provides an equity-centered approach to addressing anti-Black racism and enhancing Black-mandated organizations' access to the City's funding processes.

The Framework aligns with the City of Toronto's ongoing commitments to address anti-Black racism through the 5-year [Action Plan to Confront Anti-Black Racism](#) and Council's approval on June 14, 2023, of the development of a renewed 10-year Action Plan to Confront Anti-Black Racism. The Framework also responded to the [United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent](#), which was recognized by the City of Toronto on March 26, 2019.

[Adopted](#) by Toronto City Council on November 8, 2023, the Black-Mandated Funding Framework is grounded in the following principles:

- Enabling an ecosystem of support for Black community groups
- Ensuring City accountability and accessibility
- Advancing equity and self-determination

## **Implementation Plan**

An [Implementation Plan](#) guides grants administration and advances the socialization of the Framework within Toronto's diverse Black communities, the City of Toronto's granting divisions, and with external funders. It includes the development of tools to support Black-mandated organizations and groups to access funding and increases the ability of funders to track investments and partnerships connected to the Framework. Currently in the third and final phase of the implementation plan, the City is working to strengthen partnerships while addressing underfunding, coordinating investments, and building awareness and alignment around the Framework.

## **2024 Funding Approach**

In September 2024, Social Development introduced enhancements to improve access to funding for Black-Mandated grassroots, emerging and established organizations. Key updates included:

- A streamlined eligibility self-assessment tool in the Toronto Grants, Rebates and Incentives Portal
- Eleven engagement and information sessions, including one session conducted in French for Black-led Francophone groups, delivered in partnership with the Toronto Newcomer Office
- Introduction of multi-year grant funding

Social Development continued its investment in an enhanced organizational mentorship model. By engaging culturally specific not-for-profit organizational mentors and trustees as an essential part of the grants administration process and investing in capacity building support services, grassroots and emerging groups have gained increased access to funds from the City for community driven initiatives, even when they are not independently incorporated. This relationship has forged stronger non-profit sector partnerships to enhance their organizational and operational capacities.

Four streams of Black-Mandated Funding Framework funding were provided in the 2024/2025 cycle to support the ecosystem of Black-mandated groups and organizations in Toronto:

- \$0.320 million supported the delivery of enhanced organizational mentorship and trusteeship infrastructure
- \$0.490 million supported 14 established, Black-mandated organizations with unrestricted funding (\$35,000 each)
- \$1.155 million supported 33 grassroots/emerging groups (\$35,000 each)
- \$0.165 million in enhanced self-directed capacity building supports for the 33 grassroots and emerging groups (\$5,000 each)

## **Impact and Opportunities**

Funding provided in 2024 expanded the capacity and reach of Black-mandated organizations across Toronto. 33 grassroots and emerging Black Mandated organizations delivered a range of programs and services including two organizations supporting the Black Francophone community, four organizations supporting 2SLGBTQ+ Black Torontonians, organizations supporting newcomers and/or African refugees and 21 organizations supporting Black youth in Toronto.

City and sector leadership continue to work to advance the goals and principles of the Framework through:

- Ongoing consultation with other City granting divisions, other municipalities, other orders of government and foundation funders on the Framework to promote alignment, coordinate investments and increase equitable funding access.
- Socialization of the Framework components through community engagement activities informing the development of the 10-Year Action Plan to Confront Anti-Black Racism
- Expanded outreach and engagement for Black Francophone communities to increase capacity building supports, awareness and access to funding opportunities
- The development of tools and supports for Black-mandated organizations and groups applying for City funding
- Improvements to the Toronto Grants, Rebates and Incentives Portal to better track Black-mandated applicant groups, ultimately impacting the City's ability to monitor increased investments across all funding streams and the impact of funded activities

## **Next Steps - 2025 Funding Approach**

In 2025, Black-mandated groups and organizations approved for multi-year funding will receive their second year of support to continue project and program delivery through 2026. Organizations currently receiving one-year funding will be offered the opportunity to apply for a second year. Eligibility for this additional year will be assessed based on demonstrated progress, alignment with program objectives, and submission of updated workplans, budgets, and impact reports through the Toronto Grants, Rebates and Incentive Portal (TGRIP). Continued funding will strengthen these organizations and reinforce the community-informed approach that guided the 2024 grant process.

The non-profit organizational mentors will continue providing trusteeship oversight and capacity building supports for funded grassroots and emerging organizations. In 2025, an estimated 14 established organizations and 31 grassroots organizations will be funded, with a total investment of \$1.950 million for activities to be completed by the end of 2025/2026.



The Framework will continue to follow a flexible and iterative approach. A new grant call is anticipated in 2026 to further support the development of a resilient and well-resourced, Black-mandated nonprofit sector. This next phase will be co-designed with input from diverse Black communities and supported through ongoing partnerships with the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Unit and United Way Greater Toronto. Future grants will align with strategic priorities identified in the next iteration of the Toronto Action Plan to Confront Anti-Black Racism.

With the City of Toronto recognizing [the Second International Decade of People of African Descent 2025-2034](#), the Black Mandated Funding Framework will be a key element of the City's efforts to implement systemic change in partnership with Black-led organizations and groups dedicated to increasing access and opportunities for Black residents and improving the well-being of all communities.

### **3. Community Service Partnerships Renewal Update**

In 2023, a three-year plan to review and redesign the Community Service Partnerships funding stream was presented to City Council. To advance the third year of the Community Service Partnerships renewal plan, all funding agreements with existing funded organizations in good standing were extended into 2025 and 2026. This strategic extension of funding facilitated the uninterrupted delivery of 321 programs delivered by 169 community-based organizations across Toronto. In 2024, a total of 2,607,470 unique residents benefited from CSP funded programs and services, supported by 5,235 paid staff and 17,672 volunteers. Total funding for 2024 amounted to \$20,602,184.97. By maintaining stable funding, this safeguarded sector resilience and ensured the continuity of essential services, particularly for organizations serving Indigenous, Black and equity-deserving communities.

The 2025 planned activities that were completed as part of this redesign plan included the development of reconciliation and equity key performance indicators to guide future funding decisions, the development of a monitoring and evaluation framework, ensuring alignment with the Indigenous and Black-Mandated Funding Frameworks and exploring an application process that supports the new funding model being introduced.

#### **Renewal Approach**

After careful consideration of sector feedback, including emerging themes from the 2024 Council and community engagement and consultations, the 2027-2029 grant call will focus on aligning existing funded organizations with the updated model. It will not include an open grant call or the reallocation of funding to new organizations. A fully open grant call without an increase in available investments would likely cause significant disruptions to Toronto's non-for-profit sector, leading to the instability of critical programs and services vulnerable Torontonians rely on. The renewal approach will enable:

- Extension of funding for currently supported Community Service Partnerships organizations in good standing over a new three-year term, providing greater program stability.

- Flexibility for organizations to adjust or reallocate programs and services dollars, prioritizing programs with a proven track record to better align with the City's priorities and the emerging needs of the communities they serve.
- Enhanced engagement and reporting mechanisms to better measure impact, support organizations addressing emerging challenges, communicate grant outcomes more effectively, and ensure stronger stewardship of public funds.

This process balances the urgent need for continuity during a time of social and economic uncertainty with the City's longer-term goal of launching an open process in the future. It allows the City to safeguard essential services that vulnerable Torontonians depend on, while laying the groundwork for a more transparent, data-driven funding model rooted in equity, impact, and sustainability.

These renewal decisions are part of a broader effort to strengthen the Community Service Partnerships program by improving its structure, transparency, and alignment with both community needs and strategic Social Development priorities. This approach will serve as a foundation for the continued development and implementation of updated key model components that will support a more effective, equitable, and accountable funding program moving forward.

In 2025/2026, ahead of the reapplication process, further enhancements to Community Service Partnerships program will be implemented as described below. This includes the refinement of Community Service Partnerships grant pillars, the definition of corresponding grant outcomes, and the development of an updated monitoring and evaluation framework.

## **Updated Model Components**

The renewed Community Service Partnerships model components align with the City of Toronto's Community Grants Policy and the previously adopted 2019 Community Service Partnerships Framework. These updates are designed to modernize the funding approach, provide a stronger identity to the funding stream and ensure strong alignment with the City's priorities and emerging community needs. The updated model also provides a clear pathway to engage new applicants in an open application process, if increased funding is made available.

Key updates will include:

- Revised eligibility criteria, funding structure and eligible program models
- Introduction of reconciliation and equity-focused key performance indicators
- An enhanced monitoring and evaluation framework aligned with Social Development's Divisional Outcomes Framework
- Updated application and review process and improved communications protocols
- Introduction of the newly developed Community Service Partnerships pillars

The elements of the updated CSP Model Elements are outlined in Appendix 1.

## **Community Service Partnerships Pillars**

The introduction of the Community Service Partnerships Pillars marks a key step in aligning funded programs and services with the City's priorities. This framework strengthens collaboration and fosters deeper relationships between the sector and the City.

The newly developed Community Service Partnerships Pillars are: Inclusive Access and Participation; Community and Connections; Healthy Living and Wellbeing; People and Neighbourhoods; and Sector Capacity Building. Further details are outlined in Appendix 2.

The Community Service Partnerships Pillars establish clear grant objectives that ensure funding decisions align with the City's broader strategic goals. They strengthen the City's ability to communicate the purpose and impact of the Community Service Partnerships funding program, clarify expectations, and provide consistent guidance on program eligibility and alignment, particularly for future open grant opportunities if additional funding is made available.

Developed in line with key divisional strategies and action plans, the pillars promote a more cohesive and accountable funding approach that supports strategic partnerships and directs investments toward programs that advance community wellbeing, equity, and addressing community need. In early 2026, Social Development will align grant outcomes with strong ties to the Divisional Outcomes Framework to the pillars. This will further enhance alignment between funded work and the division's strategic priorities, helping ensure that investments lead to measurable, meaningful outcomes for communities.

Existing organizations will be required to align their programs and services with one or more of these pillars. Organizations may also choose to reallocate their current funding to other programs and services within their organization that better align with the pillars. If alignment is not possible, organizations will be provided with funding to transition out of the funding portfolio.

## **Monitoring and Evaluation**

Through this renewal process, Social Development will introduce an enhanced, streamlined monitoring and evaluation framework aligned with the Divisional Outcomes Framework. This new approach will strengthen accountability, improve how the impact and value of investments are measured, and support the assessment of the funding model's long-term outcomes.

As part of the enhanced monitoring and evaluation framework, several key updates will be implemented to improve consistency, transparency, and data quality across all funded organizations. These updates aim to strengthen alignment with the Divisional Outcomes Framework and support organizations in improving their internal evaluation capacity.

Key enhancements will include:

- Standardized, risk-informed site visits: A consistent, risk-based approach will guide site visits to ensure appropriate oversight across all funding recipients.
- Strengthened reporting procedures: Enhanced reporting processes will improve data consistency, clarify expectations, and better align reporting with program outcomes.
- Standardized data collection tools: A centralized question bank, aligned with outcome indicators, will support the collection of high-quality, comparable data across the sector.
- Support for organizational evaluation capacity: The use of shared tools and frameworks will assist organizations in strengthening their internal monitoring and evaluation practices.

Through our assessment of current monitoring and evaluation models, Social Development has identified a need to strengthen capacity-building supports both internally and externally in the areas of financial management, governance best practices, and data literacy to help build long-term resiliency across the sector. The renewal process will place a strong focus on these and will include the development and implementation of trainings, resource sharing, and collaborative learning opportunities. By addressing these gaps and introducing adaptive approaches and practices, the renewed model will strengthen funded organizations' ability to navigate complex challenges with greater confidence and autonomy during times of uncertainty.

Social Development is committed to sharing evaluation results with the sector, enforcing transparency, continuous learning, and collective accountability. These efforts aim to strengthen the sector's capacity and support informed decision making and the delivery of high-quality and relevant programs and services for Torontonians.

## **Next Steps**

The next two years will focus on the development and implementation of the renewed Community Service Partnerships components. This will include:

- **2026:** Administration of a closed grant call to align funding agreements and the portfolio of agencies supported with the new model and key performance indicators.
- **2027:** New funding agreements begin.

## **Delegated Authority Report Back**

To ensure that grant funds are allocated each year to maximize benefit to communities, City Council has provided delegated authority for the Executive Director, Social Development to:

- Approve grant recipients of investment funding programs such as the Youth Violence Prevention Grant and Community Crisis Response Fund to support youth violence prevention programming and ensure timely responses to violence and trauma in neighbourhoods

- Approve allocations to Indigenous and Black-Mandated organizations in support of the Funding Frameworks
- Approve funding for the 170 organizations in the Community Service Partnerships funding program
- Disburse funding to new initiatives approved by City Council

Tables 2 and 3 summarize the grant programs where delegated authority was used in 2024 and 2025.

Table 2 – 2024 Grant Programs Allocated by Delegated Authority Since Last Report

<b>2024 Grant Programs</b>	<b># of Grants</b>	<b>Approved Amount Allocated</b>
Community Service Partnerships 2024 Reallocation	1	\$50,814.15
Community Crisis Response Fund	15	\$74,735.00
Community Crisis Response Fund Trustee Pre-payment	2	\$30,000.00
TO Wards Peace Program	1	\$833,600.00
Youth Violence Prevention	5	\$870,822.56
Innovation – Black Mandated Funding Framework	49	\$2,125,000.00
Innovation Fund 2024 Intermediary Pre-payment	2	\$1,155,000.00
Regent Park Grant	11	\$520,460.32
Identify 'N Impact	32	\$554,689.88
Capacity Building	5	\$135,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>\$6,350,121.91</b>

Table 3– 2025 Grant Programs Allocated by Delegated Authority (to September 2025)

<b>2025 Grant Programs</b>	<b># of Grants</b>	<b>Approved Amount Allocated</b>
Community Service Partnerships 2025 allocation	170	\$20,602,184.97
Community Crisis Response Fund 2025	54	\$265,951.59
Community Crisis Response Fund Trustee-Pre-payment	1	\$50,000.00
Community Crisis Response Fund 2025 Trustee Fee	2	\$60,000.00
Community Development Initiatives	5	\$523,541.00
Council-Directed	1	\$80,000.00
Youth Violence Prevention	14	\$2,926,103.73
Local Leadership Grant	15	\$659,172.40
Innovation	3	\$1,565,000.00
Capacity Building	1	\$50,000.00

Identify 'N Impact	1	\$492.00
Total	267	\$26,782,445.69

A full list of all grant recipients and related wards approved via delegated authority between October 2024 and September 2025 is included in Appendix 3.

The current delegated authority provided to the Executive Director, Social Development includes the authority to create, revise, reallocate or approve and disburse one-time Community Investment grant funding, subject to the annual budget process. Any grants created or revised through such action will align with the Toronto Grants Policy, City strategies, and the mandate of the Social Development division. In 2025, this authority was used to create or revise the following grant programs:

Table 4 - List of Grants Created or Revised in 2025

Grant Name	Grant Outcome
Summer Safety Grants	Provided funding to grassroots groups for projects promoting community safety, well-being, and violence reduction during the summer. Nine projects received \$20,000 each across the West, Central, and East districts.
Local Leadership Grant	Provided \$5,000 each to 103 resident-led projects supporting Indigenous, Black, and equity-deserving communities in Neighbourhood Improvement Areas and Emerging Neighbourhoods. 14 community organizations served as trustees for funded groups.
Targeted Community Development Initiatives	Supported five initiatives promoting inclusive and resilient communities, including youth hub programs, seniors' wellness activities, community events, and food distribution. Total funding of \$523,541.00 was provided to Malvern Family Resource Centre, St. Fidelis Golden Age Club, Weston Village Residents' Association, and NeighbourLink North York.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Appendix 1: Community Service Partnerships Model Components  
Appendix 2: Community Service Partnerships Pillars  
Appendix 3: Grant recipients Approved via Delegated Authority between October 2024  
and September 2025