



## MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

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### **Community Services Partnership Funding Increase Request for Cecil Community Centre**

**Moved by:**            **Councillor Saxe**

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**Seconded by:**      **Councillor Chernos Lin**

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#### **Summary:**

Cecil Community Centre stretches very limited resources to serve a high-needs, low-income population in downtown Toronto. It provides essential community services, like affordable childcare, housing and employment support, and language resources for those learning English, and also acts as a Warming Centre surge site. Acting as a Warming Centre caused the Centre to lose multiple paid bookings, and damaged its ability to raise private funds through hosting events.

Despite these many valuable services, Cecil Community Centre receives only \$6,567 annually from the Community Services Partnership (CSP) grant program, far less than the other eight members of the Association of Community Centres (AOCCs) that provide similar programs. This wholly inadequate amount has not received a meaningful increase in well over a decade.

The Ward Councillor, in consultation with SFDA, requests that Cecil's CSP funding allocation be brought into equitable alignment with the eight members of the Association of Community Centres (AOCCs) that are currently receiving CSP funding.

This motion is urgent because it is an input into the 2026 Budget negotiations. The proposed amount was just recommended by SFDA yesterday.

#### **Recommendation:**

1. City Council request the Mayor to consider an increase of \$0.135 million to the 2026 Operating Budget for Social Development in the Community Services

Partnership (CSP) program to provide equitable grant funding to Cecil Community Centre's program budget.