



## MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

### Authority to Accept Health Canada Funding to Advance Training and Curriculum Development for the Toronto Community Crisis Service

Moved by: Councillor Alejandra Bravo

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Amber Morley

#### SUMMARY:

Recognizing the demonstrated success and increasing demand for the Toronto Community Crisis Service (TCCS) as the City of Toronto's fourth emergency service, Social Development is establishing a dedicated Training Centre, which has been approved and is now under development ([2025.EC25.2](#)).

The purpose-built facility will address current limitations in training capacity and provide a standardized, scalable and cost-effective approach to workforce development as the crisis service continues to expand.

In 2026, an opportunity was identified to advance equity-focused training through external funding. The City successfully secured a one-year \$700,000 grant from Health Canada to support the development, implementation and evaluation of specialized training curriculum and programming. The City's contribution primarily consist of in-kind resources, including staff time dedicated to project oversight, coordination, and partnership management.

The initiative will strengthen the TCCS's capacity to deliver culturally safe and community-informed mental health crisis response, particularly for equity-deserving communities, through:

- a. Community engagement to identify barriers, stigma and key service delivery considerations;
- b. Co-development and pilot implementation of specialized modular training in collaboration with community partners;
- c. Targeted training for community organizations to strengthen broader sector capacity; and
- d. Evaluation activities to measure impact and inform continuous improvement.

**Reason for Urgency:**

This matter is time-sensitive and being presented as a Member Motion to avoid unnecessary delays in receiving the \$700,000 grant from Health Canada.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Councillor Alejandra Bravo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Amber Morley, recommend that:

1. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Social Development, to enter into a contribution agreement, or related agreements, including any amending agreements, with Health Canada for the receipt and expenditure of funding under Canada's Black Justice Strategy, to undertake appropriate measure as the program proceeds to adjust program parameters, recipients and funding among program components as required to ensure full and effective use of available federal funds, on such terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the Executive Director, Social Development, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.
2. City Council approve the receipt of Canada's Black Justice Strategy funds through Health Canada for the provision of Social Development's Strengthening Non-Police-Led Crisis Response in Black Communities: Enabling the Toronto Community Crisis Service Training Curriculum project, in line with the terms and conditions of the contribution agreement, or related agreements, and any applicable program guidelines and directives.
3. City Council increase the 2026 Operating Budget for Social Development by \$700,000 gross and \$0 net on a one-time basis, fully funded by Health Canada, to support the development implementation and evaluation of specialized training curriculum and programming for the Toronto Community Crisis Service.
4. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Social Development, to enter into agreements or other suitable arrangements with other community agencies, not for profit organizations, and/or individuals to allocate and deliver Canada's Black Justice Strategy funding in accordance with the provisions of the contribution agreement, or related agreements, and any applicable program guidelines and directives, upon terms satisfactory to the Executive Director, Social Development, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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