



CITY OF HAMILTON
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES
 Office of the Medical Officer of Health

TO:	Mayor and Members Board of Health
COMMITTEE DATE:	December 5, 2016
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	One-Time Program Based Grant Funding Requests to the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care – (BOH16064) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to maintain the raccoon rabies extraordinary staffing of 2.0 FTEs for 2017, with an added 1.0 FTE for a Rabies Response Coordinator within Animal Services, at a cost of \$303,400, and a request for one-time 100% funding for this initiative be submitted through the Program Based Grant budget process of the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care;
- (b) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to maintain the extraordinary staffing for the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program of 3.0 FTEs for 2017, at a cost of \$313,380, and a request for one-time 100% funding for this initiative be submitted through the Program Based Grant budget process of the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care; and,
- (c) That the Medical Officer of Health be authorized and directed to increase the complement by a 1.0 FTE for 2017 to address OPHS requirements related to Climate Change adaptation at a cost of \$102,040, and a request for one-time 100% funding for this initiative be submitted through the Program Based Grant budget process of the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) annually invites boards of health (BOH) to request one-time funding through the Program Based Grant (PBG) process for

a range of projects and initiatives that support the delivery of mandatory and related programs.

Public Health Services (PHS) proposes that the BOH approve submission of one-time funding requests in the amount of \$718,820 gross for the following programs and initiatives:

1. Raccoon Rabies:
 - a. Inspection & Investigations related to Raccoon Rabies Strain in Hamilton
 - b. Rabies response within Animal Services' shelter, including animal examinations and preparations for testing
2. Immunization of School Pupils Act Implementation
3. Health Hazards – Climate Change Adaptation

Staff will provide an update during the budget process, and report back to the BOH on the Ministry's decisions related to these requests when the decisions are received.

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 4

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: The guidelines for PBG one-time funding requests advise that requests must not be assumed, and will be dependent upon the availability of Ministry funding. A total of \$718, 820 gross, \$0 net is being requested as follows:

1. Raccoon Rabies \$303,400:
 - a. Inspection & Investigations related to Raccoon Rabies Strain in Hamilton
 - b. Rabies response within Animal Services' shelter, including animal examinations and preparations for testing
2. Immunization of School Pupils Act Implementation - \$313,380
3. Health Hazards – Climate Change Adaptation - \$102,040

Staffing: The following temporary staff will be required to implement these initiatives as follows:

1. Raccoon Rabies
 - a. Inspection & Investigations related to Raccoon Rabies Strain in Hamilton – 1.0 FTE Public Health Inspectors

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- b. Rabies response within Animal Services' shelter – 1.0 FTE Rabies Response Coordinator
2. Immunization of School Pupils Act Implementation – 3.0 FTE Data Support Clerk
3. Climate Change Coordinator – 1.0 FTE

Legal: There are no legal implications associated with Report BOH16064.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Boards of health have an opportunity to request one-time funding from the MOHLTC annually through the PBG process for a range of projects and initiatives that support the delivery of mandatory and related programs.

- One-time funding is time limited.
- One-time funding requests approved by the Ministry can be provided as 100% provincially funded, or cost shared on a 75% provincial/25% municipal basis. The City of Hamilton Public Health Services' 2017 one-time funding requests are all for 100% provincial funding.
- One-time funding requests are evaluated by the MOHLTC based on established general criteria outlined in the Program-Based Grants User Guide.
- There are provisions to apply for other extraordinary costs or events later in the year if necessary.
- Submissions for one-time PBG funding requests require the Board of Health's approval.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

No policy implications

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Not applicable

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Further details regarding each of these initiatives can be found in the attached detail sheets in Appendix A.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

The Board of Health could choose not to apply for funding offered through the MOHLTC One-Time PBG Funding Requests, which would mean these resources would not be available to support the programs and initiatives outlined in this report.

Financial: This alternative would forego up to \$718,820 gross in provincial funding during 2017, and result in financial and program pressures related to these initiatives.

Staffing: Temporary staffing increases may continue to be required in order to meet the program demands.

Legal: These initiatives are requirements under the Ontario Public Health Standards, and in the case of the immunization program, the Immunization of School Pupils Act.

Policy Implications: No new policy implications

Pros: No pros

Cons: Choosing not to apply for funding represents a lost opportunity to effectively address operational and staff costs related to a range of projects and initiatives that support the delivery of mandatory and related programs, and the health of Hamiltonians, as outlined in this report.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix A to BOH16064: Proposed Operating Budget Changes; Program Enhancement Funding Requests

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