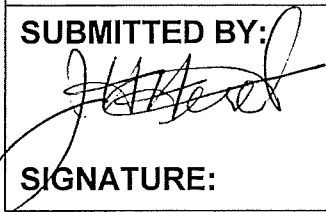




CITY OF HAMILTON
CITY MANAGER OFFICE
Strategic Partnerships & Revenue Generation Division

TO:	Chair and Members Grants Sub-Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	October 28, 2016
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	2017 Advance - City Enrichment Fund (GRA16011) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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SUBMITTED BY:	John Hertel Director Strategic Partnerships & Revenue Generation
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That effective January 1, 2017, an advance of funds be provided to the organizations specified in the attached Appendix "A" to Report GRA16011; and,
- (b) That any outstanding arrears due to the City of Hamilton by the organizations (as shown in the attached Appendix "A" to Report GRA16011) be first applied against the approved grant funding, including advances, until the debt is satisfied, prior to that organization receiving the balance of any approved payment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2015, Council approved the launch of the new City Enrichment Fund. As such, specific organizations that were included in Boards & Agencies, and historically provided advances, were transitioned over to the new program. It was considered that an advance should be provided to the historical funded groups to avoid undue hardship to their operations.

For the organizations listed in the report (attached as Appendix "A" to Report GRA16011), the City follows a policy which ensures that grant payments are not made until outstanding arrears owing to the City of Hamilton are paid off first.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (for recommendation(s) only)

Financial: There are no financial implications associated with providing advance payments to the listed organizations (attached as to Report GRA16011). Pending Council approval of the 2017 funding levels, the remaining payments to these organizations would be adjusted to ensure that the payment amounts do not exceed the 2017 Council approved funding level, which is expected by June 2017.

Staffing: None

Legal: None

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)

The City has been supporting various Boards and Agencies with grant funding in the past. Since these organizations depend on the City for funding their operational expenditures, past practice has been to continue to support them with regular on-going funding pending the approval of the City Budget for each year. The proposed payment schedule closely follows that of 2016.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS - NA

RELEVANT CONSULTATION - NA

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION (Include Performance Measurement/Benchmarking Data if applicable)

To be consistent with prior years, staff is seeking Council Approval to continue funding as of January 2017, for those organizations that receive funding (attached as Appendix "A" to Report GRA16011) on a monthly basis, pending approval of the 2017 budget, the funding is based on the previous year's budget and is adjusted if necessary, when the current year's budget receives Council Approval.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

(Include Financial, Staffing, Legal and Policy Implications and Pros and Cons for each alternative)

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Economic Prosperity and Growth

Hamilton has a prosperous and diverse local economy where people have opportunities to grow and develop.

Culture and Diversity

Hamilton is a thriving, vibrant place for arts, culture, and heritage where diversity and inclusivity are embraced and celebrated.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" to GRA16011 – 2017 Advance – City Enrichment Fund

City Enrichment Fund
 Requiring Advance Payments in 2017

Agency	Advance Payment Schedule for 2017	#of Payments (advance)	2016 Approved Annual Budget	2017 Advance Payment Amount (Monthly)	2017 Advance Payment Amount (5 Payments)
Art Gallery of Hamilton	1st of each month	5	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 83,333.33	\$ 416,666.67
Theatre Aquarius	1st of each month	5	\$ 210,000	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 87,500.00
Festival of Friends (Hamilton-Wentworth)	1st of each month	5	\$ 90,000	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 37,500.00
Hamilton Philhamonic Orchestra	1st of each month	5	\$ 150,000	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 62,500.00
Brott Music Festival	1st of each month	5	\$ 125,000	\$ 10,416.67	\$ 52,083.33
91st Highlanders	1st of each month	5	\$ 32,500	\$ 2,708.33	\$ 13,541.67
Total			\$ 1,607,500	\$ 133,958.33	\$ 669,791.67