

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members Board of Health
COMMITTEE DATE:	December 4, 2017
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement (BOH17045) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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Council Direction:

Not Applicable.

Information:

On November 15, 2017, Public Health Services (PHS) received Amending Agreement No. 7 to the Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement (PHFAA) from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) (Appendix A). The PHFAA acts as the legal framework under which a board of health receives provincial funding to carry out the Ontario Public Health Standards and related programs. The PHFAA also outlines financial, program, and performance improvement reporting requirements to ensure compliance with this agreement.

As per the attached PHFAA and funding letters (Appendix B and C), in 2017, the PHS Board of Health received \$80,400 in additional base funding and \$535,300 in one-time funding to support the provision of mandatory and related public health programs and services.

Base-Funding

In 2017, zero increases were received for all programs except for Healthy Smiles Ontario (\$58,800) and Vector-Borne Disease (\$21,600) which both received additional base funding to fund program related cost allocations. In addition, as outlined in

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BOH17028, a Harm Reduction Program Enhancement of \$250,000 was granted to support local opioid response initiatives.

One-Time Funding

A total of \$535,300 in one-time funding dollars has been granted by the MOHLTC to support various PHS programs in 2017.

A portion of the one-time funding was requested as maintenance through the budget process to support:

- Continuation of the Public Health Inspector Practicum Program (\$10,000);
- An upgrade of enforcement tablets within the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy (\$6,000);
- Expansion of smoking cessation programming for priority populations (\$25,000);
- The Needle Exchange Program Initiative (\$34,800); and
- An evaluation of raccoon rabies clinics and promotional campaign (\$60,000).

In December 2016, through report BOH16064, the Board of Health approved the submission of additional one-time funding requests with staffing implications to the MOHLTC including support for:

- Raccoon rabies inspection, investigations and response in collaboration with Animal Services (\$303,400);
- Implementation of the Immunization of School Pupils Act (\$313,380); and
- Climate change adaptation (\$102,040).

One-time funding was requested to support collaboration between PHS and Planning & Economic Development (PED) in response to raccoon rabies. A total of \$209,400 in one-time funds have been granted for raccoon rabies work, however, this only reflects approval of the portion of the work to be completed by PHS and does not support the work of PED. The MOHLTC decision to not provide funding for the full scope of this work has been communicated to PED accordingly.

The Board of Health also submitted a request for one-time funding for work within the Vaccine Program. This request was not approved by the MOHLTC as submitted, however, one-time funding was received in this area to support implementation of regulatory amendments to the Immunization of School Pupils Act (\$50,000) and continued implementation of Panorama (\$140,100), the provincially-mandated database to record immunization records.

The request for one-time funding to support climate change adaptation was not approved by the MOHLTC.

As the full one-time funding request submitted through report BOH16064 was not granted, this creates pressures within program areas through to year-end. PHS will work as a department as well as with PED to manage these pressures within the existing budget and mitigate the impact of pressures to the best extent possible.

APPENDICES

Appendix A to Report BOH17045 – Amending Agreement No. 7 to the Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement

Appendix B to Report BOH17045 – Hamilton Public Health Services Program Based Grants Funding Letter to Medical Officer of Health

Appendix C to Report BOH17045 – Hamilton Public Health Services Program Based Grants Funding Letter to Chair Hamilton Public Health Services Board of Health