

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Healthy and Safe Communities Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	June 11, 2018
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Poverty Reduction Implementation Plan (CES16043(b)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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Council Direction:

At its September 27, 2017 meeting, Council directed staff to:

“keep Council informed, by reporting back to the E&CS Committee preferably semi-annually or, at a minimum, annually with updates respecting the implementation of the Poverty Reduction Investment Plan.”

Report CES16043(b) provides an update on the implementation of the Poverty Reduction Investment Plan.

Information:

There are three components to the Poverty Reduction Implementation Plan (PRIP), approved by Council September 27, 2017:

- \$20M for new affordable rental housing construction at \$4M annually for five years (2017-2021)
- \$20M for social housing repairs and renovations at \$2M annually for 10 years (2018-2027)
- \$10M for general Indigenous poverty reduction at \$1M annually for 10 years (2018-2027)

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One half of the funds for new affordable rental housing construction and social housing repairs and renovations are allocated to CityHousing Hamilton.

Report CES16043(b) outlines PRIP funding allocations for 2017 and 2018 and provides brief descriptions of the projects funded to date.

New Affordable Rental Construction

The new affordable rental construction component of the PRIP was implemented in September 2017. The 2017 (\$4M) and 2018 (\$4M) allocations have funded three development projects as well as a portion of the purchase of 60 Caledon Ave. Table 1 details the allocation amounts to date. A total of \$5,808,000 has been allocated directly to new capital development including the land purchase, \$2,127,000 to exemptions of development charges and parkland dedication fees, and \$47,000 for administration of the Indigenous poverty reduction component of the PRIP (1 FTE Contracts Analyst allocated below through 2018). The \$18,000 unallocated funds will contribute to the Contracts Analyst position in 2019.

The 2019 and 2020 new construction allocations are dedicated to CityHousing Hamilton for pending development projects, of which \$3M has been allocated to the Bay and Cannon Street project.

Table 1

Funding Recipient	Allocation Amount (\$000s)
YWCA, Ottawa St Project	\$1,057,000
Indwell, Parkdale Landing Project	\$3,482,000
March of Dimes, Jason's House Project	\$266,000
60 Caledon Ave purchase	\$3,130,000
Contract Analyst – Indigenous 1 FTE (6 months)	\$47,000
TOTAL	\$7,982,000
Unallocated	18,000

New Affordable Rental Housing Development Projects

The following is a summary of the new affordable rental housing development projects that have been allocated funding from the Poverty Reduction Fund:

Hamilton Young Christian Women's Association (YWCA), Ottawa Street South:

- 35 self-contained units for women and women and children who are experiencing homelessness
- Rents set at 25% lower than average market rent

- Will include an additional 15 units, not funded by the Poverty Reduction Fund, for persons with developmental disabilities, with subsidies from the Ministry of Community and Social Services reducing the rents to the Ontario Disability Support Program shelter allowance amount
- A range of community services will be provided on site

Indwell Community Homes, Parkdale Landing, 205 Melvin Avenue:

- 50 units in a new five storey building with ground floor commercial uses
- Housing for singles with a history of unstable housing, most of which have a disability
- 10 units prioritized for Indigenous persons experiencing homelessness through partnerships with the Native Women's Centre and Homeward Bound
- Rents set at 60% of average market rents one-bedroom units, and 80% of average market rent for two-bedroom units

March of Dimes Canada Non-Profit Housing Corporation, 66 West 28th Street:

- Two additional bedrooms and expansion of shared living areas in a four-bedroom congregate care home for adults with developmental disabilities with high-care needs, receiving 24/7 care
- Supports will be provided by on-site staff and a variety of agencies

Purchase of 60 Caledon Ave, Mountain Secondary School site

- Funds were used for part of the purchase of 7 acres at 60 Caledon Ave for new affordable housing development
- The funds will offset the costs of affordable housing development when the site is sold

Social Housing Repair and Renovation

The annual \$2M for the social housing repair and renovation component of the PRIP begins in 2018. Of the \$1M allocated to CityHousing Hamilton, \$484,406 has been used to rehabilitate 106 units, at an average of \$4,570 per unit. The \$1M administered by the Housing Services Division has not yet been allocated to specific projects, though a call for applications has been issued and proposals are being evaluated. A total of \$875,000 is directly funding projects through the call for applications, and \$122,500 is for administration (1 FTE Senior Project Manager) for 2018 to provide supports to social housing providers throughout the projects and ensure guidelines and obligations are met.

Indigenous Poverty Reduction

The annual \$1M allocation for the Indigenous component of the PRIP is for poverty reduction begins in 2018. A contract detailing deliverables, and appropriate reporting and monitoring requirements has been signed with the Hamilton Executive Directors

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Aboriginal Coalition (HEDAC) who will direct the annual \$1M. The Contracts Analyst recently hired in the Housing Services Division will enable oversight of the contracts for these funds and support HEDAC as needed.