



CITY OF HAMILTON
CITY MANAGER OFFICE
Strategic Partnerships & Revenue Generation

TO:	Chair and Members Audit, Finance & Administration Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	December 17, 2018
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	2019 Advance - City Enrichment Fund (GRA18005) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That effective Jan 1, 2019, an advance of funds be provided to the organizations specified in the attached Appendix “A” to Report GRA18005, and;
- (b) That any outstanding arrears due to the City of Hamilton by the organizations (as shown in the attached Appendix “A” to Report GRA18005) 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. Organizations that were previously funded through Boards & Agencies were transitioned over to the new program. Some of these Boards & Agencies organizations and the 91st Highlanders Athletic Association were historically provided advances. In order to avoid undue hardship to their operations, it was felt that the advances should continue.

For the organizations listed in the report (attached as Appendix “A” to Report GRA18005), 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.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

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

Financial: Based on Council approval of the 2019 funding levels, the remaining payments to these organizations would be adjusted to ensure that total payment amounts do not exceed the 2019 Council approved funding level, which is expected by June 2019.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

Staffing: None
Legal: None

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

The City has been supporting various Boards and Agencies and the 91st Highlanders Athletic Association with operational funding in the past. Since these organizations depend on the City to fund their operational expenditures, past practice has been to provide regular on-going payments pending the approval of the City Budget for each year. The proposed payment schedule closely follows that of 2018.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

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 2019, for those organizations that receive funding (attached as Appendix “A” to Report GRA18005) on a monthly basis, pending approval of the 2019 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 GRA18005– 2019 Advance, City Enrichment Fund