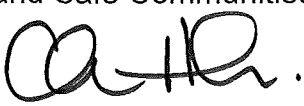


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INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	October 17, 2019
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group - Joint Funding Application (HSC19057) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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COUNCIL DIRECTION

At the Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting on September 19, 2019, the correspondence from Kevin Gonci, Chairman, Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group, respecting Request Approval for Joint Funding Application, was referred back to Recreation staff with a report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee in October 2019.

INFORMATION

The Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group (HCPG) is a non-profit organization which represents over thirty-five community groups and organizations that have expressed an interest and need for a new sport and recreation facility in the City of Hamilton.

On September 24, 2019, HCPG presented a proposal to develop a \$60 M community Multi-Sport Facility to City Staff. They anticipate that this facility will have a significant impact on the quality of life for Hamilton residents in addition to providing major economic benefits to our entire region. This project also has the potential for addressing the need for future recreation facility infrastructure in areas of community growth and expansion. This facility would be operated by a third party and would have limited implications on City staff.

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The HCPG is interested in taking advantage of a time-sensitive funding opportunity that has the potential of covering a significant portion of the estimated project costs. However, the application deadline is November 12, 2019 and it is unlikely that the formal review of the proposal will be completed prior to this date.

The funding opportunity is the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (Community, Culture and Recreation Funding Stream). This is a federal program designed to create long-term benefits to Ontario communities by providing up to \$11.8 B towards cost-share projects including Multi-Purpose facility development. This funding program is competitive in nature so City of Hamilton project submissions will compete with other project submissions submitted by other local not-for-profit eligible applicants.

Joint applications are highly recommended, in particular submissions made by multiple sectors and demographics in conjunction with local municipalities. HCPG feels strongly that a joint-submission with the City of Hamilton will result in a very favourable outcome that will tremendously benefit City of Hamilton residents.

HPCG, through their letter dated September 18, 2019, requested that Council consider submitting a joint application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

Two ways in which this can be done are:

Lead Applicant – City of Hamilton as the “Lead Applicant”/Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group & Community Partners as “Joint-Applicants”

Joint-Applicant – Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group & Community Partners as the “Lead Applicant”/City of Hamilton as a “Joint-Applicant”.

As either the Lead or Joint-Applicant, the City of Hamilton would be required to contribute financially to the project or to the operation of the facility. Based on the information in Table 1 below, the City of Hamilton would need to commit an estimated \$8 M as a capital contribution towards the development of this facility.

Table 1: Estimated Project Funding Model

Funding Source	Est. Dollar Amount
Federal (40%)	\$24,000,000
Provincial (33.33%)	\$20,000,000
Municipal/Community (26.67%)	\$16,000,000
City of Hamilton	\$8,000,000
HCPG	\$8,000,000
Total Project Cost	\$60,000,000

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The lead applicant will be required to sign a transfer payment agreement with the province and also enter into a partnership agreement with the other eligible applicants that will be contributing to the project. Funds will only be made available to the lead applicant, who is responsible for the financial management of the project and meeting provincial reporting requirements. Successful joint applicants are encouraged to enter into an agreement clearly setting out the nature of their relationship and key elements of the project in line with the Community, Culture and Recreation stream application and with funding approval described in the projects ICIP transfer payment agreement.

Alternatively, the City of Hamilton can choose to be neither the Lead nor Joint-Applicant. The ICIP funding guidelines allow for Non-Profit organizations to submit applications on their own. In this case, HCPG will likely submit the application with one of its other community partners and will still be asking the City for a financial contribution if they are granted the funding. This financial request will likely be similar to the one above, however, it will not be required by ICIP and can be negotiated.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None