



CITY OF HAMILTON
CITY MANAGERS OFFICE
Strategic Partnerships & Communications

TO:	Chair and Members Audit, Finance & Administration Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	January 16, 2020
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	2020 Grant Advances – City Enrichment Fund (GRA20001) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That effective Jan 1, 2020, an advance of funds be provided to the organizations specified in the attached Appendix “A” to Report GRA20001, and;
- (b) That any outstanding arrears due to the City of Hamilton by the organizations (as shown in the attached Appendix “A” to Report GRA20001) 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 GRA20001), 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

Financial: Based on Council approval of the 2020 funding levels, the remaining payments to these organizations would be adjusted to ensure that total payment amounts do not exceed the 2020 Council approved funding level, which is expected by June 2020.

Staffing:

Legal:

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

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 2019.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

To be consistent with prior years, staff is seeking Council Approval to continue funding as of January 2020, for those organizations that receive funding (attached as Appendix “A” to Report GRA20001) on a monthly basis, pending approval of the 2020 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

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 GRA20001 – 2020 Advance, City Enrichment Fund