




CITY OF HAMILTON
CITY MANAGERS OFFICE
Digital Innovation & Strategic Partnerships

TO:	Chair and Members Audit, Finance & Administration Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	Dec 10, 2020
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	2021 Grant Advances – City Enrichment Fund (GRA20004) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That effective Jan 1, 2021, an advance of funds be provided to the organizations specified in the attached Appendix “A” to Report GRA20004, and;
- (b) That any outstanding arrears due to the City of Hamilton by the organizations (as shown in the attached Appendix “A” to Report GRA20004) 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. In order to avoid undue hardship to their operations, it was felt that the advances should continue and have continued annually since.

For the organizations listed in the report (attached as Appendix “A” to Report GRA20004), 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

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Financial: Based on Council approval of the 2021 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 2021.

Staffing: None

Legal: None

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The City has been supporting various Boards and Agencies 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 2020.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Corporate Services Finance and City Manager's Office staff were consulted and jointly prepared this report.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

To be consistent with prior years, staff is seeking Council Approval to continue funding as of January 2021, for those organizations that receive funding (attached as Appendix "A" to Report GRA20004) 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 – Not Applicable

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 GRA20004 – 2021 Advance, City Enrichment Fund