

# CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

City Council: July 14, 2023

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....**

**Compass Community Health’s Produce Prescription Box (FVRx) Program (Ward 2)**

WHEREAS, The Good Food Box (TGFB) Hamilton shut down indefinitely in fall 2021 because of the impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, which exacerbated levels of food insecurity as TGFB was a vital source for many Compass Community Health clients to access fresh and affordable produce;

WHEREAS, Compass Community Health has been running its Produce Prescription Box (FVRx) Program providing bi-weekly produce boxes to 30 food insecure folks for the past 10 months;

WHEREAS, the FVRx Program enables healthcare providers to write individual prescriptions for fresh produce boxes for patients facing food insecurity with the goal of providing a strategy for providers at Compass Community Health to have a real impact on the lack of access to fresh produce, how it relates to diet-related diseases, and improve health inequities; and

WHEREAS, the first 6 months of the program were partly evaluated through participant surveys that showed the program aided in nutrition, food security, mental wellness, and physical health.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That up to \$5,400 be allocated from the Ward 2 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609602) to Compass Community Health’s Produce Prescription Box (FVRx) Program; and
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.