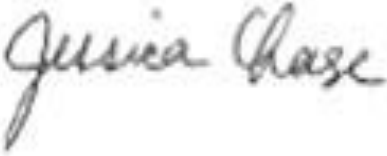




## COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	September 17, 2024
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	City Enrichment Fund - Bridge and Appeals Process (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Jessica Chase Acting Director Government Relations and Community Engagement City Manager's Office
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

This communication update is to provide Council with the results of the City Enrichment Fund Bridge and Appeals process which was approved by Council July 12, 2024, and open to the public for applications from July 25 – August 22, 2024.

### Background

The City Enrichment Fund (CEF) program annually invests in local charities, non-profit and grassroots organizations that deliver programs and services to citizens in Hamilton across seven sector areas. At the May 13, 2024, Grants-Sub Committee meeting, staff were directed to report back with a recommended appeals process for CEF and additional funding that may be required.

At the July 3, 2024, Grants-Sub Committee meeting staff presented two processes that were designed to address shortfalls in 2024 funding levels that are largely due to the overall increase in passing applications and impacts of the new CEF funding model. Staff recommended two opportunities for additional one-time funding during the CEF transition period. To address community concerns in an equitable manner, all 2024 CEF applicants were eligible to apply to either the Bridge or Appeals processes.

The Director of Government Relations and Community Engagement received one-time delegated authority to approve and enter into funding agreements with the Bridge and

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Appeals applicants to ensure the timely receipt of funding support ahead of the 2025 CEF funding cycle. Applicants were notified of the Bridge and Appeals funding opportunities by direct email, grant portal updates, and with all information made available through the City Enrichment Fund webpage. Applicants were offered additional support through translation services, fillable forms, online video support, and one-on-one staff meetings.

### **Bridge Funding**

The one-time Bridge process provided additional funding to returning 2024 CEF applicants that received an A rating and received a lower level of funding in 2024 compared to 2023. User friendly applications were submitted online followed by a weekly internal review and approval process. Following the submission of a Bridge application, applicants were notified of results in approximately 5-8 business days.

In total, 46 Bridge applications were submitted and approved with a total \$378,911 in funding provided. Funding for the one-time Bridge process was supported through the City Enrichment Fund Reserve and the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

### **Appeals Funding**

The one-time Appeals process was open to 2024 CEF applicants that experienced unique extenuating circumstances that negatively impacted the success of the submitted application. User friendly applications were submitted during the four-week intake period, with staff assessment and approvals completed within three weeks following the August 22, 2024 application deadline.

In total, 23 Appeal applications were received and 9 Appeal applications were successful with an approved total of \$49,983 in additional funding. The distribution of appeal funds maximizes the \$50,000 available budget and provides impactful funding levels for each passing applicant. Successful appeal applicants with requests of \$5000 or below received 100% of the request, with successful appeal applicants with requests above \$5000 received 75.7%. All Appeals applicants, successful and unsuccessful, were notified of results on September 10, 2024.

Funding for the one-time Appeals process was supported through the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

### **Next Steps**

At the July 3, 2024 Grants-Sub Committee meeting, staff were directed to report back on the permanency of an appeals process to the Grants Sub-Committee in advance of

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the 2025 recommendations. Staff are currently evaluating this process and preparing a recommendation for May, 2025.

Should you require any further information, please contact Andrea Carvalho, Advisor, City Enrichment Fund and Community Outreach by e-mail [Andrea.Carvalho@hamilton.ca](mailto:Andrea.Carvalho@hamilton.ca) or 905-546-2424 ext. 6797.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix “A” – Bridge Funding approved by Acting Director September 2024

Appendix “B” – Appeals Funding approved by Acting Director September 2024

### City Enrichment Fund - Appeal Funding Summary

REF #	CEF	Organization Name	Program Name	Total Program Budget	2024 CEF Funding	Bridge Funding	TOTAL FUNDING
ART - A2 - Bridge	ARTS	Brott Music Festival	2024 Brott Music Festival	\$ 1,656,000	\$ 154,500	<b>\$ 45,500</b>	\$200,000
ART - A7 - Bridge	ARTS	Hamilton Artists Inc.	Arts Operating	\$ 311,033	\$ 52,530	<b>\$ 8,670</b>	\$ 61,200
ART - A8 - Bridge	ARTS	Hamilton Children's Choir	Arts Operating	\$ 710,221	\$ 42,488	<b>\$ 9,777</b>	\$ 52,265
ART - A9 - Bridge	ARTS	Hamilton Festival Theatre Company	Arts Operating (Established & Semi-Professional)	\$ 693,653	\$ 46,350	<b>\$ 13,650</b>	\$ 60,000
ART - A10 - Bridge	ARTS	gritLIT Readers and Writers Festival	gritLIT Festival and Programs 2024	\$ 115,000	\$ 13,133	<b>\$ 3,867</b>	\$ 17,000
<b>ART - A13 - Bridge<sup>1</sup></b>	ARTS	Immigrant Culture and Art Association (ICAA)	City Enrichment Fund Bridge Funding	\$ 114,001	\$ 13,194	<b>\$ 5,500</b>	\$ 18,694
ART - A18 - Bridge	ARTS	Theatre Aquarius	Arts Operating	\$ 4,372,165	\$ 270,375	<b>\$ 79,625</b>	\$ 350,000
ART - A19 - Bridge	ARTS	Tune In Foundation	Annual Operations	\$ 96,200	\$ 18,457	<b>\$ 3,046</b>	\$ 21,503
ART - A20 - Bridge	ARTS	Workers Arts and Heritage Centre	Operating Grant	\$ 493,846	\$ 28,130	<b>\$ 8,284</b>	\$ 36,414
<b>ART - B3 - Bridge<sup>1</sup></b>	ARTS	Festival of Friends	Festival of Friends	\$ 479,000	\$ 77,250	<b>\$ 12,750</b>	\$ 90,000
CCH - A1 - Bridge	CCH	Ancaster Heritage Days	Ancaster Heritage Days 2024 Summer Event	\$ 67,900	\$ 13,081	<b>\$ 7,289</b>	\$ 20,370
CCH - A3 - Bridge	CCH	Dundas Museum and Archives	Discover Your Historical Dundas (Archives Program)	\$ 22,150	\$ 3,142	<b>\$ 1,858</b>	\$ 5,000
CCH - A4 - Bridge	CCH	Pride Hamilton	2024 Pride Festival	\$ 107,500	\$ 18,849	<b>\$ 11,150</b>	\$ 29,999
CS - A2 - Bridge	CS	Good Shepherd Centre Hamilton	Marketplace	\$ 1,652,168	\$ 49,933	<b>\$ 21,067</b>	\$ 71,000
CS - A7 - Bridge	CS	Neighbour to Neighbour Centre	Food Bank	\$ 389,968	\$ 24,456	<b>\$ 4,026</b>	\$ 28,482

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CS - A8 - Bridge	CS	Neighbour to Neighbour Centre	Home Delivery	\$ 77,994	\$ 11,657	<b>\$ 5,039</b>	\$ 16,696
CS - B7 - Bridge	CS	Sexual Assault Centre (Hamilton and Area)	Crisis Support Program	\$ 171,667	\$ 15,450	<b>\$ 4,550</b>	\$ 20,000
CS - B8 - Bridge	CS	Sexual Assault Centre (Hamilton and Area)	Abuse Prevention Program	\$ 168,067	\$ 20,085	<b>\$ 5,915</b>	\$ 26,000
CS - B9 - Bridge	CS	Sexual Assault Centre (Hamilton and Area)	Counselling and Advocacy Program	\$ 274,465	\$ 19,313	<b>\$ 3,687</b>	\$ 23,000
CS - B10 - Bridge	CS	Sexual Assault Centre (Hamilton and Area)	Diverse Communities Outreach Program			<b>\$ 3,460</b>	\$ 3,460
CS - C5 - Bridge	CS	Immigrants Working Centre	IWC Childcare Services	\$ 727,014	\$ 19,447	<b>\$ 5,700</b>	\$ 25,147
CS - D1 - Bridge	CS	AY Alternatives for Youth Hamilton	AY Outreach	\$ 142,639	\$ 21,370	<b>\$ 4,977</b>	\$ 26,347
CS - D2 - Bridge	CS	AY Alternatives for Youth	SIY Outreach	\$ 184,789	\$ 32,952	<b>\$ 7,673</b>	\$ 40,625
CS - D3 - Bridge	CS	AY Alternatives for Youth	Parent Education, Support and Skills Development Program	\$ 75,768	\$ 11,601	<b>\$ 2,702</b>	\$ 14,303
CS - E1 - Bridge	CS	Ancaster Community Services	Meals on Wheels	\$ 115,475	\$ 4,303	<b>\$ 1,268</b>	\$ 5,571
CS - E2 - Bridge	CS	Ancaster Community Services	Frozen Meals	\$ 81,570	\$ 5,763	<b>\$ 1,697</b>	\$ 7,460
CS - E3 - Bridge	CS	Ancaster Community Services	Assisted Volunteer Driving Program	\$ 69,580	\$ 7,637	<b>\$ 2,250</b>	\$ 9,887
CS - E6 - Bridge	CS	Dundas Community Services	Services for Seniors	\$ 286,520	\$ 36,514	<b>\$ 10,486</b>	\$ 47,000
CS - E7 - Bridge	CS	Flamborough Connects	Senior Support	\$ 41,692	\$ 2,851	<b>\$ 839</b>	\$ 3,690
CS - E13 - Bridge	CS	St Joseph's Villa	Adult Day Program	\$ 744,609	\$ 15,450	<b>\$ 2,550</b>	\$ 18,000
CS - E14 - Bridge	CS	St. Matthew's House	Seniors in Kitchens	\$ 350,000	\$ 23,175	<b>\$ 2,700</b>	\$ 25,875

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CS - F1 - Bridge	CS	Adult Basic Education Association	Lifelong Learning Opportunities and Pathways	\$ 101,470	\$ 6,953	<b>\$ 2,047</b>	\$ 9,000
CS - F2 - Bridge	CS	Ancaster Community Services	Youth Engagement Program	\$ 114,300	\$ 11,974	<b>\$ 3,526</b>	\$ 15,500
CS - F3 - Bridge	CS	Ancaster Community Services	Community Outreach	\$ 256,830	\$ 29,192	<b>\$ 8,598</b>	\$ 37,790
CS - F5 - Bridge	CS	Dundas Community Services	Community Outreach	\$ 100,704	\$ 9,003	<b>\$ 2,096</b>	\$ 11,099
CS - F6 - Bridge	CS	Flamborough Connects	Outreach Services	\$ 167,294	\$ 33,037	<b>\$ 9,730</b>	\$ 42,767
CS - F10 - Bridge	CS	Immigrants Working Centre	IWC Employment Services			<b>\$ 10,346</b>	\$ 10,346
CS - F14 - Bridge	CS	Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton	Social Planning and Research			<b>\$ 10,333</b>	\$ 10,333
CS - G2 - Bridge	CS	Canadian Mental Health Association, Hamilton	Evening Social Recreation Rehabilitation Program	\$ 108,517	\$ 20,611	<b>\$ 6,070</b>	\$ 26,681
CS - G3 - Bridge	CS	Dundas Community Services	Counselling and Referral	\$ 95,227	\$ 5,988	<b>\$ 1,764</b>	\$ 7,752
ENV - A3 - Bridge	ENV	Hamilton-Wentworth Green Venture	NATURhoods: Naturally Adapting to urban Runoff	\$ 132,650	\$ 19,313	<b>\$ 5,687</b>	\$ 25,000
ENV - A4 - Bridge	ENV	Hamilton-Wentworth Green Venture	Experiential Environmental Learning	\$ 123,850	\$ 14,485	<b>\$ 4,265</b>	\$ 18,750
ENV - C1 - Bridge	ENV	Hamilton-Wentworth Green Venture	Building Greenspace Stewardship Capacity	\$ 77,700	\$ 13,326	<b>\$ 3,924</b>	\$ 17,250
ENV - C2 - Bridge	ENV	Hamilton-Wentworth Green Venture	Accelerating Deep Energy Retrofits in Hamilton	\$ 84,480	\$ 18,883	<b>\$ 5,561</b>	\$ 24,444

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SAL - D6 - Bridge	SAL	Hamilton Aquatic Club	Jimmy Thompson Swimmer Participation Program	\$ 46,997	\$ 5,794	\$ 1,706	\$ 7,500
SAL - F11 - Bridge	SAL	Knot A Breast	Dragon Boat Sport Development and Wellness Program	\$ 52,897	\$ 5,794	\$ 1,706	\$ 7,500
<b>Total Bridge Funding</b>						<b>\$ 378,911</b>	
<b>Total 2024 CEF and Appeal Funding</b>							<b>\$1,646,700</b>

<sup>1</sup> Funds Owing or/and Pending Submission of additional information

CEF Program Areas	
AGR	Agriculture
ARTS	Arts
CCH	Communities, Culture & Heritage
CS	Community Services
DIG	Digital
ENV	Environment
SAL	Sport & Active Lifestyles

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REF #	CEF	Organization Name	Program Name	Total Program Budget	2024 CEF Funding	Appeal Funding	TOTAL FUNDING
ART - A22 - Appeals	ART	Arts For All	Annual Operating	\$517,239	\$21,350	<b>\$7,570</b>	\$28,920
ART - A27 - Appeals	ART	Hamilton Arts Council	Hamilton Arts Council - Operating	\$416,645	\$70,091	<b>\$2,103</b>	\$72,194
ART - A32 - Appeals	ART	The Westdale	Arts - Operating	\$1,144,230	\$22,500	<b>\$5,000</b>	\$27,500
ART - A36 - Appeals	ART	Sinfonia Ancaster	Operations Funding	\$99,135	\$3,700	<b>\$5,000</b>	\$8,700
ART - A40 - Appeals	ART	The Harlequin Singers of Hamilton	Harlequin Singers - Concert Series 2024	\$35,974	\$0	<b>\$3,850</b>	\$3,850
<b>CCH - A32 - Appeals<sup>1</sup></b>	CCH	Winona Peach Festival	Winona Peach Festival 2024	\$389,600	\$60,695	<b>\$7,570</b>	\$68,265
CCH - A51 - Appeals	CCH	Festitalia Corporation	Festitalia	\$75,000	\$0	<b>\$10,390</b>	\$10,390
CCH - A58 - Appeals	CCH	Polish Symfonia Choir	Christmas Carols Concert 2024	\$16,948	\$0	<b>\$5,000</b>	\$5,000
CS - H8 - Appeals	CS	Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton	Hamilton Tastebuds Student Nutrition Program	\$1,087,015	\$23,175	<b>\$3,500</b>	\$26,675
<b>Total Appeal Funding</b>						<b>\$49,983</b>	
<b>Total 2024 CEF and Appeal Funding</b>							<b>\$251,494</b>

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