

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council Date: October 23, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. JACKSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Release of the City Enrichment Fund and Bridge Funding to Immigrant Culture and Art Association (ICAA), Waiving the Hold Policy on a One-Time Basis

WHEREAS, the Immigrant Culture and Art Association (ICAA) is a not-for-profit organization operating in Ward 3 that strives to make a positive difference in the lives of immigrants, newcomer and low-income artists in Hamilton since 2002 offering access to cultural and artistic workshops, materials, and activities;

WHEREAS, in June 2024, Council approved two City Enrichment Fund (CEF) grants to support the ICAA’s operations one for \$13,194 and a \$5,500 grant for the Newcomer Artist Digital Branding Project totaling \$18,694;

WHEREAS, ICAA was approved for an additional one-time Bridge funding of \$5,806 to further support their operations;

WHEREAS, successful CEF applicants are required to meet the obligations outlined in the CEF Guidelines and Funding Agreement, with any failure to do so resulting in future funding being withheld until all outstanding requirements are met and reported;

WHEREAS, due to ICAA’s 2023 budget being lower than projected, their 2023 CEF grant exceeded the 30% funding policy, leaving the organization in arrears to the City in the amount of \$9,965;

WHEREAS, the CEF program does not offer a repayment plan, requiring full repayment of arrears before any additional funding can be released; and

WHEREAS, ICAA will continue to hold arrears with the City and be required to repay the City before December 1, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the requirement for the Immigrant Culture and Art Association (ICAA) to repay its arrears before the release of the 2024 grants, be waived as a one-time exception; and
- (b) That any outstanding arrears due to the City of Hamilton by ICAA be recovered from the approved City Enrichment Fund (CEF) and Bridge funding until the debt is satisfied, prior to that organization receiving the balance of the approved payment of \$14,535.