



CITY OF HAMILTON

**Community Services
Housing & Homelessness Division**

TO: Chair and Members Emergency & Community Services Committee	WARD(S) AFFECTED: CITY WIDE
COMMITTEE DATE: February 17, 2011	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Food & Shelter Advisory Committee 2011 Budget Submission (CS11028) (City Wide)	
SUBMITTED BY: Joe-Anne Priel Community Services Department	PREPARED BY: David Brodati 905-546-2424 ext. 6159
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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee's 2011 Volunteer Committee Budget submission in the amount of \$500, attached as Appendix A to Report CS11028, be approved.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The \$500 will be used for incidental costs for meetings, i.e. room, equipment, photocopying, and refreshments. This is the same amount that the Food & Shelter Advisory Committee received last year.

Alternatives for Consideration - Not Applicable

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (for Recommendation(s) only)

Financial:

The \$500 will be used for incidental costs for meetings, i.e. room, equipment, photocopying, and refreshments.

Staffing:

Community Services Department, Housing & Homelessness Division staff will continue to act as staff liaisons to the Food & Shelter Advisory Committee.

Legal:

There are no legal implications

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)

The Food and Shelter Advisory Committee (FSAC) is a longstanding volunteer citizen committee that informs Council (through the Emergency and Community Services Committee) of issues or policies that impact persons or communities for whom barriers exist to income security, food security and access to safe, accessible, adequate shelter and permanent housing. The Committee also provides a forum for intergovernmental and community partner discussion on these matters, and ensures that the perspectives of persons (clients) and communities who are experiencing these barriers are taken into consideration in the review of relevant City policies and programs.

The objectives of FSAC also include:

- To ensure that issues specific to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless are brought forward and acted upon in a timely manner.
- To ensure that issues specific to people who are hungry are brought forward and acted upon in a timely manner.
- To coordinate concrete action to address these issues and provide advice to Committee regarding preventative measures related to emergency food, shelter and health related supports.
- To bring forward research initiatives and identify emerging trends and potential gaps in service.

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- To advise the City in its planning for inclusive zoning to ensure safe shelter and affordable housing through participation in the development of the City's Official Plan.
- To educate the community about urgent food and shelter needs through regular reporting to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The Food & Shelter Advisory Committee was consulted regarding their budget needs for 2011.

ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

(include Performance Measurement/Benchmarking Data, if applicable)

FSAC is requesting \$500 to pay for meeting expenses. FSAC has been fortunate that its members have often helped to defray the meeting expenses. In the current economy, however, this is becoming an increasing burden on the agencies. This funding will help facilitate FSAC's work.

The FSAC provides Council with a valuable perspective regarding issues of emergency food and shelter. FSAC is made up service providers and citizens with experience and interest in these issues. They are keenly aware of emerging trends in the community through their work delivering these services. FSAC uses this experience to provide information to Council. It does this by providing feedback to staff regarding matters of interest to Council as well as through direct reports to the Emergency and Community Services committee.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:

(include Financial, Staffing, Legal and Policy Implications and pros and cons for each alternative)

None.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN (Linkage to Desired End Results)

Focus Areas: 1. Skilled, Innovative and Respectful Organization, 2. Financial Sustainability,
3. Intergovernmental Relationships, 4. Growing Our Economy, 5. Social Development,
6. Environmental Stewardship, 7. Healthy Community

Intergovernmental Relationships

- ◆ Influence federal and provincial policy development to benefit Hamilton
- ◆ Maintain effective relationships with other public agencies

Social Development

- ◆ Everyone has a home they can afford that is well maintained and safe
- ◆ Residents in need have access to adequate support services

Healthy Community

- ◆ An engaged Citizenry
- ◆ Adequate access to food, water, shelter and income, safety, work, recreation and support for all (Human Services)

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

Appendix A to Report CS11028

CITY OF HAMILTON

2011

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

BUDGET SUBMISSION

Food and Shelter Advisory Committee

PART A: General Information

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Voting Members	Non-Voting Members
Ron Sharegan	Marla Adams
Geoffrey Roman	Brett Barnes
Allison Jones	Brian Kreps
Representative from Social Planning & Research Council	Gillian Hendry
Representative from Neighbour to Neighbour	Mara Fortino
Representative from Good Shepherd Centres	
Representative from Housing Help Centre	Barb Terry
Representative from McQueston Legal & Community Services	Betty Lou Purdon
Representative from the Salvation Army – Booth Centre	Dorothy Elliott
Representative from Mission Services	
Representative from Wesley Urban Ministries	
Representative from St. Matthew’s House	
Representative from Hamilton Foodshare	

MANDATE:

- To identify the urgent needs of citizens within the community for whom barriers exist to income security, sufficient nutritious food, and access of safe, accessible, affordable shelter/housing with adequate supports.
- To provide the opportunity for agencies to collaborate and to respond to urgent needs in our community as they emerge, to collaborate on appropriate preventative strategies, and to collaborate on systems planning.
- To provide information regarding urgent community needs and recommendations toward their resolution to Council via the Emergency & Community Services Committee.
- To provide an opportunity for other levels of government and all citizens/agencies with a keen interest in emergency food distribution and emergency housing needs to meet on a regular basis to discuss, and/or provide recommendations and/or undertake actions to address those needs for citizens of Hamilton who are hungry and in need of adequate shelter.

PART B: Strategic Planning

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

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ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE GOALS:

Please check off which Council approved Strategic Commitments your Volunteer Committee supports			
1) A City of Growth and Opportunity	X	4) A City Where People Come First	X
2) A Great City in Which to Live		5) A City that Spends Wisely and Invests Strategically	
3) A Healthy, Safe and Green City		6) A City of Choice for High Performance Public Servants	

PART C: Budget Request

INCIDENTAL COSTS:

Meeting costs (room, equipment, refreshments, printing etc.)	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$200.00

SPECIAL EVENT/PROJECT COSTS:

Community forum on homelessness prevention.	\$300.00
SUB TOTAL	\$0

TOTAL COSTS	\$ 500.00
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Funding from Volunteer Committee Reserve (only available to Volunteer Committees with reserve balances)	NA
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TOTAL 2011 BUDGET REQUEST (net of reserve funding)	\$ 500.00
PREVIOUS YEAR (2010) APPROVED BUDGET (2010 Request \$500.00)	\$500.00

CERTIFICATION:

Please note that this document is a request for a Budget from the City of Hamilton Operating budget. The submission of this document does not guarantee the requested budget amount. Please have a representative sign and date the document below.

Representative's Name:

Signature:

Date:
