

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES and PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2016
FROM:	LYNNE LIVINGSTONE MANAGING DIRECTOR NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN AND FIRE SERVICES
SUBJECT:	LONDON COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM INNOVATION & CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATIONS (2017)

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director of Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, the report providing an update on the London Community Grants Program **BE RECEIVED** for information.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

- City of London Community Grants Program Multi-Year Funding Allocations 2017–2019 (July 25, 2016)
- City of London Community Grants Program: Proposed Evaluation Criteria and Revised Community Grants Policy & Grant Agreement (December 7, 2015)
- Modernizing the Municipal Granting Process for Non-Profit Organizations (October 26, 2015)
- Strategic Funding Framework: Revised Grant Agreement (February 3, 2014)
- Strategic Funding Framework: City Council Directed Funding to Non-Profit Organizations (April 30, 2012, June 10, 2013)
- City of London Municipal Granting (June 15, 2011)

BACKGROUND

On October 27, 2015, City Council endorsed the London Community Grants Program model and process for modernizing the municipal granting process. City Council also directed Civic Administration to implement the revised model and process for municipal granting for 2017 onwards.

In early 2016, the application process was launched for the Multi-Year and Innovation & Capital grant streams of the London Community Grants Program. In July 2016, Council received a report outlining the decisions made for the Multi-Year grant stream for 2017 to 2019. The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update about the decisions that were made for the Innovation & Capital grant stream of this program.

Strategic Plan for the City of London

Modernizing the municipal granting process is linked to the City's Strategic Plan in the strategic area of focus: *Leading in Public Service* (open, accountable and responsive government). This report is in direct response to the strategy: "Update the City's granting policy and process to non-profit organizations."

The modernized granting process supports the following efforts:

- Direct alignment of funding outcomes with the goals set out in the City's Strategic Plan;
- Increased accountability and commitment for the funds received; and,
- Implementation of a simple, clear, fair, and transparent grant process.

London Community Grants Program Innovation & Capital Allocations

Through the recent 2016-2019 Multi-Year Budget process, Council identified the following amount of funding available for the Innovation and Capital grant stream:

	2017	2018	2019
Innovation & Capital Grant Stream	\$174,000	\$312,000	\$496,000

A total of 21 applications, requesting \$1.05M were received for 2017. Through the Community Review Panel's decision making process, the panel funded a total of 5 projects, one project in the Innovation category and four projects in the Capital category.

From June 30th to July 14th there was an appeals process conducted for the Innovation & Capital stream. Civic Administration received, reviewed, and addressed appeals as per the guidelines and timelines outlined in the London Community Grants Policy. As per the Policy, decisions on appeals are final.

The complete list of organizations granted funding, along with a brief description of the specific projects funded is attached as Appendix 1.

Next Steps

From September to December 2016, Community Development and Funding staff will work with all funded organizations to sign grant agreements for funding to be released in early January 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Annual funding to support the London Community Grants Program exists in the Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services base budget, which was approved through the 2016-19 Multi-Year Budget process. The amount of funding allocated to the municipal granting program will be confirmed each year as part of the annual budget update process. Should any adjustments be required to the funding allocated to the modernized program, a business case would be prepared which would require Council approval. In the event that available funding in a year exceeds the funding requests recommended for approval by the Community Review Panel, a reserve fund will be established that will allow the excess available funding to be carried over and applied to funding requests in future years.

SUMMARY

As a City, we continue to focus on investments that enhance local capacity, support accessible, responsive programming, increase quality of life for all, and continue to make London *a leader in commerce, culture and innovation – our regions connection to the World.*

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APPENDIX 1

Organization / Project Description	SOC	BSC	GOE	Total Funding
Capital				
Chelsea Green Children’s Centre Roof Replacement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located in London’s East end, a new roof will afford a safe and secure building in order for Chelsea Green to continue to offer valuable programs for children and families. Capital funding was granted to Chelsea Green to help them to leverage the remaining balance for the roof from other sources 				\$50,000
L’Arche London Gathering Place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The L’Arche London Gathering Place will relieve the pressing demands to accommodate the needs of intellectually challenged individuals and their families in the London community. It will be the first home to many daytime activities in a permanent location. Capital funding was granted to L’Arche to support the construction of the new Gathering Place. This new location will allow L’Arche to expand upon their current programs. 				\$15,000
Museum of Ontario Archaeology Facility Renewal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital funding was granted to support the Museum to replace the roof, HVAC, and siding of their building. These renovations will ensure that MOA is able to meet professional standards and maintain the integrity of the museum’s collection and the facility. 				\$50,000
WAYS Mental Health Support WAYS Fresh Start: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital funding was granted to build a laundry room for homeless and at-risk youth to have better access to clean clothes. There is currently no service providing this on an on-going basis in our community. This will be a free service offered onsite at WAYS on their Maitland St. Community Programs Centre. 				\$22,000
Innovation				
Pathways Skill Development Community Woodshop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The London Community Woodshop will be a social enterprise in collaboration with community groups, non-profit organizations and service providers. The Woodshop will provide space, equipment and training for a diverse population to develop skills, start businesses and build community. Currently there is no community space in London that makes woodworking affordable, accessible, and provides a social hub for users. The Woodshop will offer adults and retirees the tools, skill development, training, mentorship, supports, shared learning and relationship building needed to decrease social isolation, reduce issues with mental health and nurture positive community/neighbourhood relationships. 				\$37,000
			Total:	\$174,000