

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY and PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 28, 2017
FROM:	LYNNE LIVINGSTONE MANAGING DIRECTOR NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN AND FIRE SERVICES
SUBJECT:	LONDON'S HOMELESS PREVENTION SYSTEM HOMELESSNESS PARTNERING STRATEGY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES INFORMATION SYSTEM COMMUNITY COORDINATOR FUNDING AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director of Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, the attached proposed Bylaw (Schedule A) **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting of April 4, 2017:

- a) **TO APPROVE** a Funding Agreement, attached (Appendix A) between The Corporation of the City of London and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Federal Minister of Employment and Social Development Canada, for one-time funding in the amount of \$80,000 under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy;
- b) **TO DELEGATE** to the Managing Director of Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, or their designate, authority to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with the Funding Agreement approved under section a) above; and,
- c) **TO AUTHORIZE** the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Funding Agreement approved under section a) above.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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- London's Homeless Prevention System Homelessness Partnering Strategy Funding Agreement Amendment 3 (CPSC: January 24, 2017)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy Funding Agreement – Data Sharing Agreements (CPSC: February 17, 2016)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Designated Communities – Community Entity – Funding Agreement (CPSC: April 28, 2014)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Designated Communities – Community Entity – Funding Agreement (CNC: May 3, 2011)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy (CPSC: March 23, 2009)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Allocation of Funds (CPSC: March 17, 2008)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Community Entity Model (CPSC: September 24, 2007)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Contribution Agreement – Community Entity Model (CPSC: April 16, 2007)

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the City of London enter into a Funding Agreement with the Government of Canada's Employment and Social Development, Homelessness Partnering Strategy for the period of April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2019 for a total allocation of \$80,000 to be used toward partial coverage of the cost of the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) Community Coordinator.

Background

Under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, qualified organizations may receive funding for projects to help prevent and reduce homelessness in Canada including a Community Coordinator to support the deployment of the HIFIS. The Community Coordinator works with homeless serving program providers regarding data collection, data coordination, technical support and training.

As previously reported to the Community and Protective Services Committee, the City of London is implementing a single information system to be used by the City and its homeless serving programs operating in London. Currently, the City and homeless serving programs use independent information systems with little or no data sharing between them. Without a shared information system a complete picture of homelessness, along with the outcomes and results of interventions and programs in London, cannot be realized.

A comprehensive evaluation of available information systems was completed and HIFIS was identified as the system to be applied in London. HIFIS is a cost-free product of the Government of Canada. A report detailing HIFIS will be submitted to Council at a later date.

The data collected through HIFIS will support a more detailed analysis of homelessness in London, and enhance access to meaningful data to improve decisions at strategic, operational, and service levels.

As part of the 2017 roll out of HIFIS, the Community Coordinator will work alongside the Implementation Consultant, Cargo Management Consulting Inc., with particular attention given to the homeless serving programs. It being noted that Municipal Council approved Cargo Management Consulting Inc. as the Implementation Consultant at its meeting held January 31, 2017. (2017-S14) (7/2/CPSC)

The City Solicitors Office and Risk Management have reviewed the Funding Agreement. Risk Management advises that the Agreement contains clauses which limit liability. These clauses cannot be changed. The limits on liability and disclaimer regarding warranties are standard. Although the indemnity clauses are broad, in the opinion of Corporate Insurance/Risk Management this should not stop the City of London from moving forward with final approval of this Agreement. The potential benefits of this project outweigh potential risks. The City of London's ability to mitigate these risks includes the use of insurance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Since April 1, 2007, the City of London has maintained an Agreement with the Government of Canada to receive federal funding under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy. The funding received from the Government of Canada is allocated to initiatives that contribute to the *Homeless Prevention System for London Ontario: A Three Year Implementation Plan* and are generally awarded to projects through a public expression of interest.

The HIFIS Community Coordinator funding is supplemental to the fiscal funding the City of London receives from the Government of Canada under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy. This is for partial coverage of the cost of the position and is a one-time funding request, and may be subject to renewal. The maximum amount available for the period of April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2019 is \$80,000, of which \$50,000 is in fiscal year 2017/2018, and \$30,000 is in fiscal year 2018/2019.

The remainder of the funding required for this position is secured through the Province of Ontario under the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI). There is no financial impact to the City's approved 2017 - 2019 Operating Budget.

CONCLUSION

Solving homelessness in London is a strategic priority identified in Council's 2015–2019 Strategic Plan for the City of London. In particular, *A Homeless Prevention System for London Ontario A Three Year Implementation Plan* contributes to how we will work together to achieve caring and compassionate services, and to reduce and prevent homelessness. Collaborative efforts with community organizations, through a Housing First response, help tenants to keep their existing housing and avoid homelessness, and find solutions regarding poverty, addictions, mental illness, and trauma. Funding from the Government of Canada assists London in achieving its goals.

SUBMITTED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
JAN RICHARDSON MANAGER, HOMELESS PREVENTION NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN & FIRE SERVICES	LYNNE LIVINGSTONE MANAGING DIRECTOR, NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN & FIRE SERVICES

SCHEDULE A

Bill No.
2017

By-law No.

A By-law to approve the Funding Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Federal Minister of Employment and Social Development Canada under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy; and, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute these Agreements.

WHEREAS section 2 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that municipalities are created by the Province of Ontario to be responsible and accountable governments with respect to matters within their jurisdiction and each municipality is given powers and duties under this Act and many other Acts for the purpose of providing good government with respect to those matters;

AND WHEREAS section 3.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* states that the Province acknowledges that a municipality has the authority to enter into agreements with the Crown in right of Canada with respect to matters within the municipality's jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS section 10 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that the City may provide any service or thing that the City considers necessary or desirable for the public, and may pass by-laws respecting same, and respecting economic, social and environmental well-being of the City, and the health, safety and well-being of persons;

AND WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

- a) The Funding Agreement attached as (Appendix A) between The Corporation of the City of London and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Federal Minister of Employment and Social Development Canada, for one-time funding in the amount of \$80,000 under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, is approved;
- b) The Managing Director of Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, or designate, is delegated authority to undertake all the administrative acts and financial reporting that is necessary in connection with the Funding Agreement approved under section a) above; and,
- c) The Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to execute the Funding Agreement; approved under section a) above.

This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council April 4, 2017

Matt Brown
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First reading -
Second reading -
Third reading -