

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2017
FROM:	LYNNE LIVINGSTONE MANAGING DIRECTOR NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN AND FIRE SERVICES
SUBJECT:	LONDON COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM INNOVATION & CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATIONS (2018)

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
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- London Community Grants Program Innovation & Capital Funding Allocations (2017) (Sept 26, 2016)
- 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

In early 2017, the application process was launched for the annual Innovation & Capital grant stream of the London Community Grants Program.

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the 2018 allocations for the Innovation & Capital stream of the London Community Grants Program. This report also provides additional information regarding the London Children’s Museum request for capital funding should Council wish to consider their request as part of the 2018 annual budget update process.

1. London Community Grants Program Innovation & Capital Allocations for 2018

Through the 2016-2019 Multi-Year Budget process, Council approved the following funding for the Innovation & Capital stream:

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

A total of 33 applications, with requests totaling more than \$3.8M were received for 2018. Through the Community Review Panel’s decision making process, a total of twelve projects, seven projects in the Innovation category, and five projects in the Capital category have been supported for funding.

From June 28th to July 13th the appeals process was 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 for 2018, along with a brief description of the specific projects funded is attached as Appendix 1.

2. London Children’s Museum Capital Funding Request for 2018

The London Children’s Museum submitted an application for 2018 capital funding in the amount of \$2M. This request was to contribute to an overall estimated capital cost of \$15.0M for the relocation of the Children’s Museum to a new facility in 2018. The Community Review Panel reviewed this application based

on its merit and prioritized it to be funded. However, based on the amount requested and the available funding for the Innovation & Capital stream in 2018, the Panel referred this request to City Council for consideration noting that if additional funding was available, the Panel would be supportive of providing one-time capital funding to the London Children’s Museum.

Should Council wish to consider the capital funding request from London Children’s Museum, Civic Administration should be directed to work with the Children’s Museum to prepare a Budget Amendment form for consideration as part of the 2018 Annual Budget Update. This would enable Council to assess the London Children’s Museum funding request in relation to the other budget priorities.

Next Steps

From September to December 2017, Civic Administration will work with all funded organizations to sign grant agreements for funding to be released in early January 2018.

In 2018, Civic Administration will review the current London Community Grants Program policy in preparation for the next round of multi-year funding (2020 – 2024), and bring a revised policy to Council for endorsement in early 2019 prior to the call for applications. As part of this policy review, Civic Administration will consider a process for large one-time capital asks, noting that these requests currently fall outside the scope and budget allocated to the current Innovation & Capital stream.

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. Any adjustments to the funding allocated to the program will require Council approval through the annual budget update. Consistent with this approach, should Council wish to consider the \$2M capital funding request from London Children’s Museum, Civic Administration should be directed to work with the Children’s Museum to prepare a Budget Amendment form for consideration as part of the 2018 Annual Budget Update. This would enable Council to assess the London Children’s Museum funding request in relation to the other budget priorities.

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				
<u>Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for Glen Cairn will support renovations to build a kitchen and create a space for the community to come together around food. Through this investment, Glen Cairn will be able to enhance their efforts to reduce food insecurity in London, ultimately becoming a distribution hub for food share programs that provide access to healthy, nutritious food for low-income residents. 				\$40,000
<u>London & Middlesex Heritage Museum</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the strategic area of focus of heritage preservation, this grant will support the full replacement of the roof on the boyhood home of renowned local artist Paul Peel (built c.1850), as well as the partial replacement of a cedar shingle flat roof on the Dr. Jones House which features a recreated doctor's office and significant collection of early medical artifacts. 				\$14,800
<u>Pillar Nonprofit Network</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This investment will support Pillar to repair the elevator at Innovation Works to make sure the building is accessible to all residents of London. 				\$45,000
<u>The Cathedral Church of St. Paul</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This grant will support St. Paul's to repair the Cathedral's buildings, supporting the strategic areas of focus of <i>Building a Sustainable City</i> by preserving heritage buildings in our downtown and supporting the Cathedral to continue its work serving Londoners—including the city's most vulnerable. 				\$12,000
<u>Youth Opportunities Unlimited</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This investment will support Youth Opportunities Unlimited to build a kitchen in the New Addition Building, expanding the at-risk youth social enterprise training program which is designed with wrap-around supports to eliminate barriers for at-risk youth facing barriers such as poverty, mental health and addictions, incomplete education, and homelessness to help them find pathways to be successful. 				\$21,000
Innovation				
<u>Family Service Thames Valley</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FSTV was provided with funding to build a Financial Empowerment Network – a network of diverse financial literacy and empowerment stakeholders. With the support of these stakeholders, the Financial Empowerment Network will work to collectively improve access to knowledge, tools, and opportunities to help individuals make informed, positive financial decisions throughout their life. 				\$22,000
<u>Merrymount Children's Centre</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This grant will support the Playing with Rainbows Group in partnership with the London Cross Cultural Learners Centre. This program will provide caring and compassionate services to the Yazidi population – a group of Syrian refugees who experienced increased levels of trauma in the conflict – as well as future targeted refugee populations through group counselling to facilitate the process of healing in children who have been traumatized by the experiences of war and migration. 				\$13,400

<u>mindyourmind, a program of ConnexOntario Health Services Information</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This investment will support the Shared Humanity project, which involves an innovative approach to cross-sectoral collaboration in partnership with mindyourmind, Dr. Javeed Sukhera, and the Western University Department of Psychiatry. The project seeks to connect youth with lived experience with mental health, and health profession students, and providers in order to reduce barriers and stigma and improve collaboration and empathy for youth with mental health difficulties in London. 				\$19,300
<u>Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support & Integration (MRCSSI)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This grant will support the program <i>Supports for Success: Engaging newcomer Syrian children and youth</i>. This program seeks to ensure that newcomer school-aged children and youth are connected to relationships, supports, and opportunities that help them to achieve success. This project will develop and deliver various tailored community and school-based programming strategies for newcomer Syrian female and male children/youth ages 10 to 19. 				\$50,000
<u>ReForest London</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This grant will support the creation of an environment and sustainability centre at Westminster Ponds, supporting the strategic area of focus of <i>Building a Sustainable City</i>. A high profile flagship centre will provide both the place and the energy to catalyze Londoners to take action towards a more sustainable future. 				\$35,000
<u>London Multicultural Association</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This funding will support the London Multicultural Festival, bringing together many diverse groups to share their heritage, history, and culture with the London community. 				\$7,500
<u>UnLondon Digital Media Association</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This investment will support the creation of a Digital Creative Industries Development Office that will provide the creative industry and individual entrepreneurs with the facilities, education and advocacy needed to design, launch, and grow businesses and ideas that contribute to local, regional, and global innovation. This office will directly support diversification and resilience-building in our local economy. 				\$32,000
TOTAL				\$312,000