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TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2011
FROM:	CINDY HOWARD DIRECTOR, SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES
SUBJECT	RFP 11-25 HOMELESSNESS PARTNERING STRATEGY SUB-PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Social and Community Support Services and with the concurrence of the Executive Director of Community Services:

1. The proposals submitted by:
 - a) My Sisters' Place of WOTCH Community Mental Health Services (MSP), 534 Queens Ave., London, ON N6B 1Y6 at their allocated fiscal funding of \$140,000, HST included, based on a thirty (30) month contract;
 - b) Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), 648 Huron St., London, ON N5Y 4J8 at their allocated fiscal funding of \$81,893, HST included, based on a thirty (30) month contract;
 - c) Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU), 200-141 Dundas St., London ON N6A 1G3 at their allocated fiscal funding of \$50,000, HST included, based on a thirty (30) month contract;
 - d) Mission Services of London, 415 Hamilton Road, London, ON N5Z 1S1 at their allocated fiscal funding of \$140,000, HST included, based on a thirty (30) month contract; and
 - e) At Lohsa Native Family Healing Services Inc, 343 Richmond St., London, ON N6A 3C2 at their allocated fiscal funding of \$50,000, HST included, based on a thirty (30) month contract, **BE ACCEPTED**;
2. The Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to undertake all administrative acts which are necessary in connection with this award; and
3. Approvals hereby given **BE CONDITIONAL** upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract or issuing a purchase order relating to the subject matter of this approval.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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- Homelessness Partnering Strategy Contribution Agreement – Community Entity Model (CPSC: April 16, 2007)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Community Entity Model (CPSC: September 24, 2007)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Allocation of Funds (CPSC: March 17, 2008)
- London CARES Phase One Authorization and Funding (BOC: July 16, 2008)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy (CPSC: March 23, 2009)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy Contribution Agreement (CPSC: March 1, 2010)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy Contribution Agreement (BOC: March 3, 2010)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Designated Communities – Community Entity – Funding Agreement (CNC: May 3, 2011)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy Contribution Agreement – Community Entity – Sub-Project Funding Agreement (CNC: June 14, 2011)

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee with the results of a Request for Proposal issued to strategically address issues of homelessness and the prevention of homelessness in our community through the federal funding available under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy.

PURCHASING PROCESS

Request for Proposal 11-25 was issued and six (6) submissions were received. A Selection Committee comprised of staff from the Community Services Department, London Homeless Coalition, representatives from community organizations and Purchasing & Supply evaluated the submissions against a pre-established set of criteria: Proposal Quality; Sponsor Group; Meets Community Plan Priorities; Measurable and Achievable Outcomes; Financial Feasibility; Location; Evaluation; Community Contribution; Target Population and Cultural Context; and Sustainability.

BACKGROUND

Since February 19, 2007, by resolution of Municipal Council, the City of London has served as the Community Entity for the federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) on a go forward basis at the invitation of the London Homeless Coalition (LHC); it being noted that HPS is funded through 100% federal funding and has no impact on the City of London's budget. As the Community Entity, the City of London receives federal funding under the National Homelessness Initiative – Homelessness Partnering Strategy. Service Canada has entered into an agreement with the City of London for the new Homelessness Partnering Strategy and funding model operating from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2014.

Allocation of funding is based on the federally approved London Community Plan on Homelessness. The HPS identifies key priorities and target populations that could be supported through the funding. Approval from the Homelessness Partnering Secretariat has not been received.

The London Homeless Coalition recommends to the City the process for the allocation of funding for programs and projects for each fiscal year. For the 2011-2014 period, the London Homeless Coalition recommended that one Request for Proposal be issued for the full contract period. Based on the outcome of the Request for Proposal, the City of London enters into a Sub-Project Funding Agreement with funded organizations (referred to as sub-contracts in the agreement). The City oversees all contracts and financial monitoring.

AGREEMENT DEVELOPMENT

Municipal Council, at its session held on June 20, 2011 resolved:

- a) to approve the template Sub-Project Funding Agreement to be entered into between the City and such corporations who have been selected for funding for their sub-projects in accordance with the City's Funding Agreement with Canada;
- b) to delegate to the Manager, Homelessness, Hostels and Special Populations, the authority to insert certain details into the template Sub-Project Funding Agreement approved in part a) above; and
- c) to delegate to the Executive Director of Community Services the authority to execute the agreements approved in part (a) above and as may be altered pursuant to part (b), above, and as provided for in the by-law. (2011-C10-00) (15/12/CNC).

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Below is a list of the five (5) proposed funded agencies and the amount of federal funding for each project:

Agency	Project	Oct 1, 2011 – Mar 31, 2012	Apr 1, 2012 – Mar 31, 2013	Apr 1, 2013 – Mar 31, 2014
WOTCH Community Mental Health Services, My Sisters' Place	Support Centre	70,000	140,000	140,000
Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)	Mental health, substance abuse and housing support	40,947	81,893	81,893
Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU)	One-to-one support and life skills programming	25,000	50,000	50,000
Mission Services	Reception Centre	70,000	140,000	140,000
At Lohsa Native Family Healing Services	Aboriginal Homeless Diversion Centre	25,000	50,000	50,000
City of London	Community Entity – HPS Administration	25,660	51,321	51,321
Total		256,607	513,214	513,214

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Homelessness Partnering Strategy is funded through 100% federal funding and has no impact on the City of London budget.

CONCLUSION

The City of London Community Plan on Homelessness links the Homelessness Partnering Strategy to support initiatives to aid those experiencing homelessness.

Reporting of the outcomes and funding allocation will be provided through the annual London Community Housing Strategy (LCHS) Community Update Reports. This community report will address all of the homelessness prevention and intervention initiatives funded through the City of London.

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SUBMITTED BY:	
MIKE TURNER DEPUTY CITY TREASURER	
RECOMMENDED BY:	CONCURRED BY:
CINDY HOWARD DIRECTOR, SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES	ROSS L. FAIR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

cc: Martin Hayward, City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer
 Anna Lisa Barbon, Manager, Financial and Business Services
 Stephen Giustizia, Manager, Ontario Works and Homelessness
 Jan Richardson, Manager, Homelessness, Hostels and Special Populations