

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 20, 2018
FROM:	SANDRA DATARS BERE MANAGING DIRECTOR, HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEARNESS HOME
SUBJECT:	ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMUNITY SUPPORTS FUND

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home;

- 1) The proposed by-law attached as Appendix "A" **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on March 27, 2018 to:
 - a) **authorize** and **approve** an Agreement substantially in the form attached as (Schedule 1 to the by-law) between The Corporation of the City of London and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by The Ministry of Housing for the purpose of approving a Transfer Payment Agreement for the Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Funds;
 - b) **authorize** the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Agreement authorized and approved in part a), above;
 - c) **authorize** and **approve** an Contribution Agreement, in the form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, between the Corporation of the City of London and Ministry of Housing approved proponents; and
 - d) **authorize** the Managing Director of Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, or designate, to execute the Contribution Agreements authorized and approved in part c), above.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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Link to Corporate Strategic Plan

Administering the Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Fund links to the Corporate Strategic Plan's key area of focus of Strengthening our Community and the strategy of providing Caring and Compassionate Services, specifically:

3C "Reduce and Prevent Homelessness"

BACKGROUND

Intent of this Report

1. Provide background on Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Funds;
2. Request approval of the Transfer Payment Agreement between the City and the Ministry of Housing to administer funding for the Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Funds; and
3. Request approval for The Managing Director of Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home or his/her designate to execute on behalf of the City, Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Contribution Agreements between the City and the Ministry approved proponents for the Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Funds in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Background

On June 30, 2016, the Province announced its multi-sector Strategy to End Human Trafficking. The strategy includes establishing two funds, a Community-Based Supports (CBS) Fund and the Indigenous-Led Initiatives with the aim of improving and extending access to supports and community-based services for survivors of human trafficking.

The objectives of the Community Supports Fund include:

- Supporting an effective and coordinated service delivery network that is better equipped to provide responsive, sustainable and comprehensive care for survivors of human trafficking;
- Increasing effective, culturally and linguistically relevant, holistic, and trauma-informed services and care that improve the short and long-term safety and well-being of survivors of human trafficking;
- Building capacity of organizations to better meet the needs of their communities; and
- Supporting evidence-informed programs/approaches that demonstrate improved outcomes for survivors of human trafficking.

As part of the Province's Strategy to End Human Trafficking, the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS), through the Provincial Anti-Human Trafficking Coordination Office, issued a call for proposals on April 3, 2017 to invite eligible organizations to submit applications for funding under the CBS Fund. This fund is intended to support community-based solutions to human trafficking and increase supports for survivors of human trafficking.

The Ministry of Housing (MHO) is providing funding under the 2016 Social Infrastructure Fund - Investment in Affordable Housing (SIF-IAH) program for eligible housing proposals under the Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Funds that will provide dedicated affordable housing for survivors of human trafficking.

The SIF-IAH program is a joint initiative between MHO and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) with the objective of improving access to affordable housing that is safe, sound, suitable, and sustainable for households across Ontario.

Program requirements include program design, administration and delivery, payment of funding, financial provisions, accountability, and communications.

The SIF-IAH funding provided under the Community Supports Fund can be delivered under two component:

1. Rental Housing Component
 - a. Construction and/or acquisition and rehabilitation/repurposing of buildings/housing spaces for supportive and/or transitional housing
2. Operating Component
 - a. Funding for rent supplements and/or housing allowances to assist with the shelter costs of survivors of human trafficking

The Community Supports Fund supports two overarching outcomes of the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy:

- Decreased number of people who are homeless
- Increased number of households achieving housing stability

The Ministry of Housing issued a 'Call for Applications' for agencies to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Fund initiative by May 18, 2017. The Ministry of Housing evaluated EOI submissions based on:

1. Proposed Approach;
2. Rationale & Evidence;
3. Evaluation;
4. Partnership and Collaboration; and
5. Project Delivery and Organizational Capacity.

Ministry of Housing Approved Submissions

For London, the Ministry of Housing approved two EOI submissions to deliver housing assistance under the Province's Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Fund initiative. Addiction Services of Thames Valley and the London Abused Women's Centre were both successful

proponents as a result of the Ministry of Housing's review and have been approved for funding towards a Housing Rent Supplement / Housing Allowance program.

Role of the City of London as Service Manager

The City of London is designated under the Housing Services Act as the Service Manager for Housing Services for the City of London and the County of Middlesex. The Service Manager is responsible for administering various Housing programs through the Housing Services Act, regulations and Ministry of Housing guidelines.

Service Managers are responsible for the administration of the program requirements. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Entering into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province;
2. Entering into funding agreements with housing proponents;
3. Advancing payments to proponents;
4. Monitoring projects for program compliance; and
5. Fulfilling reporting requirements.

The "Transfer Payment Agreement" has been reviewed by the Corporation of the City of London's Legal Services, as well as Risk Management and Financial and Business Services.

Client Eligibility

To be eligible for the Housing Rent Supplement / Housing Allowance program, households must be on, or be eligible to be on, social housing waiting lists and have household incomes that do not exceed the applicable Household Income Limits as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 370/11 under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*.

Households in receipt of social housing rent-geared-to-income (RGI) subsidy or payments under any other rent support programs are not eligible.

Unit Eligibility

Units may be in private buildings or in non-profit or co-operative projects and must be modest (at or below average market rent) and in a satisfactory state of repair. However, only market rent units in social housing developments are eligible.

Units must meet local occupancy standards.

Key Milestones

Transfer Payment Agreements must be executed by no later than March 31, 2018.

Risk Management

Although Risk Management has identified that the indemnity provisions within the Ministry of Housing Transfer Payment Agreement exposes the Corporation to unlimited liability, Risk Management concludes that the indemnity clause should not prevent the City of London from entering in to the Transfer Payment Agreement as the benefit of the funds outweigh the associated risk from the indemnity provision.

More clearly, the City of London will mitigate risks associated with the Transfer Payment Agreement by using the optimum level of oversight and control, enabling the City of London to manage risk and ensure objectives are met. This will be done using clearly defined expectations of the objectives, functions, and eligibility criteria for all activities that are supported by this program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for the Anti-Human Trafficking Community Support Fund is funded 100% by the Province and is not subject to any cost sharing requirements by the City. As a result of the approval by the Ministry of Housing, the City will receive a total funding of \$603,510 for the Anti-Human Trafficking Community Support Fund with the responsibility to distribute the respective share to the Addiction Services of Thames Valley and the London Abused Women's Centre.

Service Managers are allocated 5% of the total funding received to assist with the administration cost of the Service Manager's program responsibilities.

PREPARED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
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APPENDIX A

Bill No.
2017

By-law No.

A by-law to approve the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Housing for the Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Fund; to authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the agreement; and to authorize the Managing Director of Housing, Social Services and Dearnness to execute the Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Contribution Agreement.

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;

WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

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;

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

1. The Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of Housing and the Corporation of the City of London, substantially in the form attached as Schedule A to this by-law is hereby approved.
2. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the agreement approved in section 1 above substantially in the form attached to this by-law, and satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
3. The Managing Director of Housing, Social Services and Dearnness Home or his/her designate is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City, Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Contribution Agreements between the City and the Ministry approved proponents for the Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Funds in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
4. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council

, 2018

Matt Brown
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First reading -
Second reading -
Third Reading -