

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2018
FROM:	LYNNE LIVINGSTONE MANAGING DIRECTOR NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN AND FIRE SERVICES
SUBJECT:	LONDON COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM INNOVATION & CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATIONS (2019)

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, and that City Council **RECOGNIZE** the contributions of the Community Review Panel members who supported the London Community Grants Program from 2016 to 2019.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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- London Community Grants Program Innovation & Capital Funding Allocations (2018) (Sept 18, 2017)
- 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 2018, the application process for the annual Innovation & Capital grant stream of the London Community Grants Program was launched.

The purpose of this report is to:

1. provide Council with the 2019 allocations for the Innovation & Capital stream of the London Community Grants Program, and;
2. to recognize the contribution of the members of the London Community Grants Program Community Review Panel in support of this program.

1. London Community Grants Program Innovation & Capital Allocations for 2019

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

	2017	2018	2019
Innovation & Capital Stream	\$174,000	\$312,000	\$495,543

A total of 37 applications, with requests totaling more than \$2.5M were received for 2019. Through the Community Review Panel's decision making process, a total of fifteen projects, eight projects in the Innovation category, and seven projects in the Capital category, have been supported for funding.

From June 29th 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 2019, along with a brief description of the specific projects funded is attached as Appendix 1.

2. London Community Grants Program Community Review Panel

Since 2016 when the London Community Grants Program began, the program has been supported by several members of the community who have dedicated their time to review grant applications from organizations across the community. Through four funding cycles – Multi-Year (2016-2019) and three rounds of Innovation & Capital (annually) – the members of the Community Review Panel cumulatively reviewed 158 grant applications totaling more than \$27 million. These Londoners dedicated a significant amount of time to evaluate applications submitted to the London Community Grants Program, asked important questions about the impact of each application on the community, and made funding decisions with the goal of advancing strategies aligned with the City of London’s Strategic Plan. Through the Panel’s collective decisions, each member has contributed to a lasting impact on our community, and have allocated almost \$8M to not-for-profit organizations in London since 2016.

Civic Administration would like to recognize the time and commitment of the individuals listed in the table below:

Community Members (3)	<p>Decca Jama (2016) Social Service Worker and Community Advocate</p> <p>Harry Orbach Miller (2016-2017) Student, Western University</p> <p>Harry Joosten (2016-2018) Independent Community Service Professional, Governance Vitality</p> <p>Ali Jomaa (2017-2018) President, London Muslim Mosque</p> <p>Emma Blue (2018) Director of Advocacy, London Youth Advisory Council</p>
Strategic Plan - Strategic Area of Focus Experts	
<i>Growing our Economy</i>	Mark Harrison (2016-2018) Service Delivery Manager, Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development, Province of Ontario
<i>Building a Sustainable City</i>	Wes Kinghorn (2016-2018) President, Urban League of London
<i>Strengthening our Community</i>	Helen Connell (2016-2018) Associate Vice President, Communications and Public Affairs, Western University
Funder	<p>Jo-Ann Hutchison (2016) Regional Advisor, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, the Ontario Seniors’ Secretariat and the Ontario Women’s Directorate, Province of Ontario</p> <p>Lori Runciman (2017-2018) Director, Grants, London Community Foundation</p>
Outcomes Measurement Expert	<p>Jeff Wright (2016) Associate Vice President, Strategy, Fanshawe College</p> <p>Christina Martin (2017-2018) Associate Manager of Learning & Evaluation, Kovacs Group Inc.</p>
Financial Expert	Kelly Swanson (2016-2018) Chartered Professional Accountant-Certified Management Accountant, Certified Financial Planner, and Fellow, Life Management Institute
City Staff	<p>Cheryl Smith (2016-2018) Manager, Neighbourhood Strategic Initiatives & Funding</p> <p>Cathy Parsons (2016) Manager, Economic Partnerships</p> <p>Kristen Pawelec (2017) Manager, Economic Partnerships</p> <p>Robin Armistead (2018) Manager, Culture & Municipal Policy</p>

In early 2019, Civic Administration will place an open call for community members to become members of the Community Review Panel and will recruit additional members to represent the expert roles on the panel for the next four year round of funding through the London Community Grants Program (2020-2023).

Next Steps

From September to December 2018, Civic Administration will work with all funded organizations to sign grant agreements for funding to be released in early January 2019.

Civic Administration is currently reviewing and evaluating the current London Community Grants Program administration and policy in preparation for the next round of multi-year funding (2020-2023), and will 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 requests, 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 2016-2019 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.

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 region’s connection to the World.*

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APPENDIX 1

Organization / Project Description	SOC	BSC	GOE	Total Funding
Capital				
<u>Chelsea Green Children's Centre</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This one time grant will support Chelsea Green to purchase a new heating/cooling unit to ensure Chelsea Green is able to continue to offer support and care for children and families in a comfortable environment. 				\$15,000
<u>Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre (London Community Dental Alliance)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This one time grant will support the London Community Dental Alliance to build an accessible, affordable dental clinic in the Glen Cairn neighbourhood. The London Community Dental Alliance is a collaborative of social service agencies, dental and hygiene professions, students and community volunteers, dedicated to improving oral health for Londoners experiencing low-income. 				\$50,000
<u>L'Arche London</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This one time grant funding will support L'Arche to install sliding doors to divide their programming space to enable additional community based programs to be run simultaneously in their new facility. 				\$7,993
<u>London Youth for Christ (YFC London)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This one time grant will support YFC to undertake renovations to their 30 year old parking lot. Improvements to the current parking lot will ensure that YFC's program space continues to be accessible for all. 				\$30,000
<u>ReForest London</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This one time grant will support enhanced accessibility – both physical accessibility and directional signage – at the Westminster Ponds Centre to better engage and serve the needs of all Londoners. 				\$35,000
<u>Trinity United Church Community Centre</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This one time grant will support renovations to the Green Room Theatre to improve the quality of arts and cultural experience for Londoners. Trinity has many partnerships across the community including London Intercommunity Health Centre and London Housing Corporation who access programs in the Theatre. 				\$6,000
<u>Youth Opportunities Unlimited</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This one time grant will support Youth Opportunities Unlimited with the construction of the new youth shelter which will provide a safe and secure place for youth on a short-term basis where they can receive, or be directed to the supports they need. 				\$50,000
Innovation				
<u>Across Languages Translation and Interpretation Service</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This one time grant will support the Multicultural Health Settlement Navigator project focusing on London Syrian refugee population. This project will hire system navigators to work alongside interpreters, newcomers and service providers to ensure an integrated system of care for newcomers through the coordination of a responsive, equitable and culturally safe network of health services. 				\$40,000
<u>Anova</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This one time grant will support Anova to undertake the development of phase two of a model that will apply a gender lens to the Housing First Approach, embedding the importance of housing while aligning safety and risk as an overarching focus. This model will aim to build a systemic response to address women's homelessness in the city using a collaborative community approach, with substantial focus on safety, risk, intervention, and prevention. 				\$51,000

<p><u>Hutton House Association for Adults with Disabilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This one time grant will support Hutton House to offer three courses in the Adult Education program to be offered in a new way: Budgeting Simulation; Apps Class; and Skills for Learning and Life. Funding will support the development of curriculum for these courses that will support residents with low-income and individuals with disabilities to develop skills to increase their participation in the community, increase their confidence and independence, and navigate daily life more efficiently to achieve personal goals. 				\$34,000
<p><u>London Environmental Network</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This one time grant will support the development of The Green Economy London (GEL) program that is aimed at encouraging local organizations to conserve energy through several innovative approaches. GEL will provide participating organizations with a host of services and tools to help track sustainability metrics, support members to develop targets and reduction strategies, provide guidance and peer-learning opportunities, and recognize the achievements of members. 				\$50,300
<p><u>LondonFuse</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This one time grant will support LondonFuse to revamp their current directory of neighbourhoods into one that is dynamic, informative, and that reflects the best of all neighbourhoods in our community to celebrate unique neighbourhood identities, highlighting hidden gems from across the city and promoting a wide range of experiences in London. 				\$16,850
<p><u>LUSO Community Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This one time grant will support LUSO to develop tools and resources for the housing sector to better equip landlords to support newcomers living in their buildings, enabling newcomers to feel safe, and more actively participate in their communities. Resources have currently been developed in Arabic to support the Syrian population, but additional work will be undertaken to develop resources in Spanish and Nepali, a need that has been determined through community consultation. 				\$80,000
<p><u>St Joseph's Health Care</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This one time grant to the Mental Health Incubator for Disruptive Solutions (MINDS) initiative of London-Middlesex will engage young people with lived experience with mental health and addictions to develop solutions that directly impact them. The funding will directly support honorariums and workshops for young people involved in the project. 				\$18,000
<p><u>Thames Region Ecological Association (TREA)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This one time grant will support TREA to develop a Tool Lending Library that will provide Londoners with the ability to borrow from a large tool inventory for personal use. The Tool Lending Library will offer hand tools, building tools, garden tools, and food processing tools, with the intention of hosting training opportunities and workshops for people of all skill levels. 				\$11,400
TOTAL				\$495,543