

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY and PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON APRIL 1, 2019
FROM:	SANDRA DATARS BERE MANAGING DIRECTOR HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEARNESS HOME
SUBJECT:	REACHING HOME: CANADA'S HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY COMMUNITY ENTITY - DESIGNATED COMMUNITIES FUNDING AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, the attached proposed by-law as Appendix "A" **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council Meeting to be held April 9, 2019 to:

1. Funding Agreement with Canada

- (a) **AUTHORIZE and APPROVE** the Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy Community Entity Designated Communities Funding Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Employment and Social Development Canada and The Corporation of the City of London, substantially in the form attached as Schedule 1 to this by-law;
- (b) **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Funding Agreement approved in subsection 1(a);
- (c) **DELEGATE** to the Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home the authority to approve any further Amendments to the Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy Community Entity Designated Communities Funding Agreement if the Amendments are substantially in the form of the Funding Agreement approved in subsection 1(a);
- (d) **AUTHORIZE** the Managing Director Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, or written designate, to execute any Amendments to the Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy Community Entity Designated Communities Funding Agreement approved in subsection 1(a); and,
- (e) **DELEGATE** to the Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home to undertake all the administrative, financial and reporting acts, including signing authority regarding, application forms for funding, budgets, cash flows, other financial reporting including financial claims, and directions, consents and other authorizations as may be required, provided that the monetary amounts do not exceed the maximum amount of Canada's contribution specified in the Agreement that are necessary in connection with the Funding Agreement approved in subsection 1(a).

2. Sub-Project Funding Agreement Template

- (a) **AUTHORIZE and APPROVE** the template Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy Sub-Project Funding Agreement, to be entered into between the City of London and such entities who have been selected for funding for their sub-projects in accordance with the City's Funding Agreement with Canada, substantially in the form attached as Schedule 2 to this by-law;

- (b) **DELEGATE** to the Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, or written designate, the authority to insert the necessary details into the Sub-Project Funding Agreement with respect to subsection 2(a), and to approve such agreements, provided that the agreements do not require additional funding or are provided for in the City's current budget, and do not increase the indebtedness or contingent liabilities of the City; and,
- (c) **DELEGATE** to the Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, or written designate, the authority to execute the Sub-Project Funding Agreements approved in subsection 2(b).

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

- London's Homeless Prevention System Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Funding Agreement Amendment #4 (CPSC: May 1, 2018)
- London's Homeless Prevention System Homelessness Partnering Strategy Funding Agreement: 2018 Coordinated Point-in-Time Count (CPSC: September 12, 2017)
- Homeless Individuals and Families Information System Community Coordinator Funding Agreement (CPSC: March 28, 2017)
- 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)
- London's Homeless Prevention System Progress Report and Update (CPSC: September 22, 2015)
- Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Designated Communities – Community Entity – Funding Agreement (CPSC: April 28, 2014)
- Homeless Prevention System for London Three Year Implementation Plan (CPSC: April 22, 2013)
- 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)

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend approval to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Government of Canada under Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy (Reaching Home), for the period of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2024, and to enter into Sub-Project Funding Agreements with organizations selected for funding.

BACKGROUND

The City of London has entered into funding agreements with the Government of Canada under the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) since 2007. The current agreement between the City of London and the Government of Canada for the period April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2019 will terminate March 31, 2019.

The Government of Canada's redesigned homelessness program, Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy, will launch April 1, 2019, replacing the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS). The introduction of Reaching Home requires that a new funding agreement be entered into between the City of London and the Government of Canada. Reaching Home funding is available to Designated

Communities and is aimed at preventing and reducing chronic homelessness in Canada by 50% by 2028.

The City of London has been approved as both a Designated Community and Community Entity. The City of London, as the Community Entity, enters into Sub-Project Funding Agreements with approved funded organizations and oversees all contracts and financial monitoring. Reaching Home funding will be applied to satisfy the requirements outlined in the current *Homeless Prevention and Housing Plan 2010-2024*, noting that the Homeless Prevention and Housing Plan will be updated by the fall of 2019.

The London Homeless Coalition Steering Committee functions as the Community Advisory Board and provides advice and recommendations regarding the allocation of funding. At its January 21, 2019 meeting the London Homeless Coalition reaffirmed its role as the Community Advisory Board for Reaching Home for the term 2019-2024, and confirmed its recommendation that the City of London will continue in its role as the Community Entity.

For the transition period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 existing projects are eligible to be renewed for a one year period. The following chart identifies the sub-projects to be renewed under Reaching Home funding.

Organization	Project Title and Description	Funding Allocation 2019-2020
St. Leonard's Community Services	<u>Project Home</u> Assists individuals experiencing chronic and persistent homelessness and high users of emergency shelter to achieve housing stability through access to permanent housing with intensive in home support.	\$550,000
Mission Services of London	<u>Rotholme Housing First Project</u> Assists families accessing Rotholme Women's and Family Shelter to achieve housing stability through access to permanent housing with support.	\$100,000
At Lohsa Family Healing Services	<u>Indigenous Community Plan</u> A dedicated strategic plan to guide solutions to solve homelessness for Indigenous individuals and families.	\$140,000
	Variance to be applied for planning of specialized housing.	24,428
City of London	Administration (10%)	\$90,492
Total Funding received and allocated from Reaching Home		\$904,920

The City Solicitors Office and Risk Management have reviewed the content of the Funding Agreement. Risk Management recommends that a limit be set on the indemnification, it being recognized that the Funding Agreement contains standard terms and conditions that are not subject to change. Therefore the following risk is identified:

The City is required to indemnify and hold Canada harmless including its officers, employees, directors, independent contractors, subcontractors, agents, successors and assigns and her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada and her Ministers and appointees, and includes any person participating in an audit, inspection or review conducted under Article 17.1 on behalf of Canada. Such indemnification is potentially limitless, and is set out below:

The Recipient shall, both during and following the Project Period, indemnify and save Canada harmless from and against all claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses and other actions made, sustained, brought, threatened to be brought or prosecuted, in any manner based upon, occasioned by or attributable to any injury or death of a person, or loss or damage to property caused or alleged to be caused by any wilful or negligent act, omission or delay on the part of the Recipient or its employees or agents, and participating employers or Project participants, if any, in connection with anything purported to be or required to be provided by or done by the Recipient pursuant to this Agreement or done otherwise in connection with the implementation of the Project.

While this provision exposes the City to liability, it should not outweigh the benefits of the funding and the City will mitigate the associated risks by using the optimum level of oversight, control and discipline to ensure that Sub-Project Agreement Holder(s) meet the City's objectives. This will be done by using clearly defined expectations of the objectives, functions, eligibility criteria, and recipient obligations as set in the Sub-Project Funding Agreements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This Agreement is 100% funded by the Government of Canada, therefore there is no financial impact to the City of London.

The Funding Agreement is for the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2024. The total maximum amount of Canada's contribution towards the eligible expenditures of the project is \$5,095,101.

The following identifies the allocation by fiscal year from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2024:

- \$ 904,920 in fiscal year 2019-2020
- \$ 904,920 in fiscal year 2020-2021
- \$1,095,087 in fiscal year 2021-2022
- \$1,095,087 in fiscal year 2022-2023
- \$1,095,087 in fiscal year 2023-2024

SUBMITTED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
LAURA CORNISH ACTING MANAGER HOMELESS PREVENTION HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEARNESS HOME	SANDRA DATARS BERE MANAGING DIRECTOR HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEARNESS HOME