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Chair and Members of the
Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

Re: London Community Grants Program Allocations

Every year, the City of London provides community grants by means of two funding streams; one being the Multi-Year Funding Stream and the other being the annual Innovation and Capital Funding Stream through the London Community Grants Program. This Program is in place to facilitate community investment and planning by providing funding to not-for-profit organizations with the goal to build social and cultural infrastructure, and strengthen neighbourhoods as key strategic determinants for the health and well-being of local communities.

The undersigned request that a review of the London Community Grants Program and the related Policy be undertaken to provide for a greater focus on applications that support anti-Black racism, anti-Indigenous racism, anti-oppression, diversity, inclusion and equity.

The undersigned are therefore seeking support of the following recommendation:

“That the following actions be taken with respect to the London Community Grants Program, related Council Policy and funding allocation:

- a) for the Multi-Year Funding Allocation for the period 2024-2027, the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to provide for a minimum of 25% (\$500,000) of the total funding available to be allocated to applications whose proposals would support anti-Black racism, anti-Indigenous racism, anti-oppression, diversity, inclusion and equity; it being noted that if no applications are received that would support these initiatives, the funding may be allocated to those applications that meet the “London Community Grants Program Policy”; and,
- b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to bring forward any necessary amendments to the “London Community Grants Policy” to implement a) above and to provide for applications that support the initiatives listed in a) above, to be eligible under the annual Innovation and Capital Funding Stream allocations; it being noted that such applications would be subject the community panel review process as provided for in the Policy.”

Respectfully submitted,

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