

Report to Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

To: Chair and Members
Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

From: Cheryl Smith, Deputy City Manager, Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services

Subject: London Community Grants Program Innovation and Capital Funding Allocations (2022) - Update

Date: December 6, 2022

Recommendation

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services, the report dated December 6, 2022, titled “London Community Grants Program Innovation and Capital Funding Allocations (2022) - Update”, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Executive Summary

This report presents an update to the 2022 allocations for the Innovation and Capital granting stream reported to the [Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee on July 27, 2022](#). The purpose of this report is to outline the reallocation of funds that were declined by a successful applicant due to unforeseen circumstances.

Linkage to the Corporate Strategic Plan

The London Community Grants Program is aligned with two strategic areas of focus, as presented in the City of London Strategic Plan 2019-2023.

- Strengthening Our Community under the outcome Londoners are engaged and have a sense of belonging in their neighbourhoods and community.
- Creating a Safe London for Women and Girls under the outcome London has enhanced the potential for women and girls to live safe lives.

Analysis

1.0 Background Information

1.1 Previous Reports Related to this Matter

- [London Community Grants Program Innovation and Capital Funding Allocations](#) (July 27, 2022)
- [London Community Grants Program Innovation and Capital Funding Allocations](#) (June 23, 2021)
- [London Community Grants Program Policy Update](#) (January 26, 2021)
- [London Community Grants Program Allocations](#) (November 25, 2019)
- [London Community Grants Policy Update](#) (April 8, 2019)
- [London Community Grants Program: 2017 Annual Report & 2018 Innovation and Capital Stream Outcomes and Sustainability Plans](#) (March 26, 2018)
- [London Community Grants Program Innovation & Capital Funding Allocations](#) (September 17, 2018)
- [London Community Grants Program Innovation & Capital Funding Allocations](#) (September 18, 2017)

2.0 Discussion and Considerations

2.1 Background and Purpose

The [London Community Grants Program \(LCGP\)](#) provides funding to London based not-for-profit organizations and groups for programs and initiatives that align with the City of London’s Strategic Plan or through Council-directed emerging priorities. There are two streams, Multi-Year grants and annual Innovation and Capital grants. The Multi-Year Stream provides \$2.3M annually to not-for-profit organizations over four years; while the Innovation and Capital Stream provides \$495,954 annually.

On August 2, 2022, Council passed a motion that, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services, the report dated July 27, 2022, titled “London Community Grants Program Innovation and Capital Funding Allocations (2022)”, BE RECEIVED for information. One of the successful applicants outlined in the report was the Siku Hall Arts Centre. This organization was awarded \$90,000 for a capital growth project.

In October 2022, The Siku Hall Arts Centre informed City Staff that due to unforeseen circumstances they would not be proceeding with the project for which they were awarded funds. The purpose of this report is to outline the Community Review Panel’s reallocation of the declined funds. For more information about the role of the Community Review Panel, please refer to the [London Community Grants Policy](#).

The Community Review Panel decided to increase allocations to two applicants that were successful during the first review process and provide funding to one applicant that was not successful during the first review process. The breakdown of the \$90,000 reallocation is as follows:

Organization	Initial Allocation	Revised Allocation
Alzheimer Society of London and Middlesex	\$0	\$47,411
John Howard Society	\$14,411	\$24,000
ReForest London	\$99,000	\$132,000

As a result of the reallocation, the Community Review Panel is supporting nine of the 21 applications received. Four of which are Innovation and five are Capital.

- Of the nine projects supported for the 2022 Innovation and Capital stream funding:
- 39% of the total budget was allocated toward projects that the Community Review Panel agreed advance anti-Black racism, anti-Indigenous racism, anti-oppression, diversity, inclusion, and equity; and,
 - Four of the nine funded recipients had not been previously funded through the LCGP.

See Appendix A [attached](#) for allocation details.

3.0 Next Steps

Civic Administration will work with the three applicants to create and sign grant agreements for funding to be released as soon as agreements are signed by both parties. Through the formal grant agreement, financial and outcome reporting expectations are clearly outlined.

4.0 Financial Impact/Considerations

Annual funding to support the London Community Grants Program exists in the Neighbourhood and Community-Wide Services base budget. Through the 2020-2023 Multi-Year budget process, \$495,954 was allocated to the Innovation and Capital Stream.

Conclusion

The London Community Grants Program is an investment in community, providing not-for-profit organizations and groups with opportunities to strengthen neighbourhoods and build the health and well-being of local communities in alignment with the City of London's Strategic Plan and Council-directed emerging priorities.

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APPENDIX A: LONDON COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2022 INNOVATION & CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATIONS – REVISED DECEMBER 2022

Legend

Building a Sustainable City (BSC)	Creating a Safe London for Women and Girls (CSL)
Strengthening Our Community (SOC)	Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression, Equity, and Inclusion Projects (ARAO)
Growing Our Economy (GOE)	

CAPITAL						
Organization / Project Description	BSC	SOC	GOE	CSL	ARAO	Total
John Howard Society of London and District (Enhancing Productivity and Confidentiality Project) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding will support the installation of soundproof ceiling tiles, drywall and updated lighting in offices and meeting areas to provide greater access to confidential environments for clients and increasing volunteer and community engagement opportunities.	✓					\$24,000
ReForest London (Opening New Doors: Expanding Capacity at Westminster Ponds Centre) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding will support renovations to the Bruce and Peth Pavilions, increasing program and accessible space for additional community workshops, presentations, and volunteer training. The project will also set the foundation for a new dedicated space for urban forestry programming and ReForest London operations at the Westminster Ponds Centre.	✓					\$132,000
The Reimagine Institute for Community Sustainability (Program Space Renovation) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding will support renovations to the community hub and education space at Reimagine Co. which houses the Thing Library, environmental education, and Food Equity London programs adjacent to the Reimagine Co. package-free grocery store.	✓					\$24,500
Urban Roots London (Processing and Storage Infrastructure) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding will support the purchase and retrofitting of a shipping container for a new processing facility with distinct cold storage sections and upgrades to the urban farm utility infrastructure (hydro and water).		✓				\$34,600

CAPITAL						
Organization / Project Description	BSC	SOC	GOE	CSL	ARAO	Total
YMCA of Southwestern Ontario (Centre Branch Gymnasium Refurbishment) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding will support renovations to the gym floor providing a safe and accessible program space for numerous sport and recreational programs and expanded availability to other organizations. 		✓				\$40,000
INNOVATION						
Across Languages Translation and Interpretation Service (InterSight: Reinventing our Multilingual Community) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding will support the development of an application that connects local InterSight interpreters virtually to clients engaging with emergency doctors, police officers, shelter and outreach workers, and mental health professionals. 		✓			✓	\$75,400
Alzheimer Society of London and Middlesex (Volunteer Collective) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding will support community organizations to deliver the dementia training program to community volunteers supporting caregivers and individuals living with dementia to increase access to recreation and social programs. 		✓				\$47,411
CENTRE COMMUNAUTAIRE REGIONAL DE LONDON (City of London Francophone Ethnocultural Activities) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding will support Francophone Ethnocultural programs and access to community activities and services to assist local newcomers integrate into the London community. 		✓			✓	\$68,043
The London Coordinating Committee to End Woman Abuse , hosted by Anova (The Safe Haven Project) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding will support a trauma and violence-informed training and support program for existing and non-traditional landlords, building awareness of the unique barriers faced by women escaping violence. The funding will also aim to increase safe and quality housing for women through relationship building with traditional and non-traditional landlords. 				✓	✓	\$50,000