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REPORT TITLE: **Community Safety and Well-being Plan: Year One Seed Funding Update**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the initiatives selected for Year One seed funding for the Community Safety and Well-being Plan be approved;**

**And further, that the Director, Strategic Policy & Performance be authorized to approve grant funding agreements between eligible Community Service Provider agencies and The Regional Municipality of Peel and to execute any agreements or other related documents required to complete the allocation, payment and transfer.**

## **REPORT HIGHLIGHTS**

- To support implementation activities of the Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) Plan seed funding is proposed for allocation to community agencies for collaborative initiatives that will advance shared priorities in the areas of family violence, mental health and addictions and systemic discrimination.
- Three collaborative initiatives have been endorsed by the CSWB Steering Committee to support activities for 2021 and serve as a foundation for future years.
- The initiatives represent important investments to strengthen capacity of Peel agencies, build on collaborations and support system improvements.

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## **DISCUSSION**

### **1. Background**

On October 22, 2020 Regional Council approved Peel's Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) Plan (2020-2024). The Plan was developed collaboratively with community partners to create a sustainable and long-term plan for Peel residents.

Peel's Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan applies a collective impact approach to advance shared priorities in our community. Seed funding is available through the CSWB operating budget to provide initial support in the implementation phase for joint initiatives that will lead to strengthened services and supports in Peel in our three areas of focus: family violence, mental health and addictions, and systemic discrimination. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the implementation fund opportunity was launched in fall 2021.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to provide seed funding for the three community collaborative initiatives that were identified to support the CSWB Plan activities in Year One.

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### **a) Eligibility for Funding Process**

This one-time seed funding for 2021 was planned through CSWB action tables to support implementation activities that could be completed by the end of 2021.

The aim was for a low barrier process that was fair and consistent across action tables. The Secretariat supported action tables in completing applications to determine the scope of work, activities and resourcing required. Initiatives had to demonstrate how they supported the CSWB Plan core principles of a collective impact methodology by focusing on a systems approach, collaboration and equity. The selection process was overseen by the CSWB Steering Committee and focused on how well proposed projects met CSWB Plan criteria, advanced implementation efforts and feasibility.

## **2. Year One initiatives**

Three collaborative initiatives have been identified for 2021 for family violence, mental health and addictions and systemic discrimination:

- \$33,000 will be awarded to Family Services of Peel to work with partners on an integrated data gathering project that will assess community capacity for addressing family violence in Peel and how it relates to issues of equity, access, and diversity. This project will also identify existing gaps to inform system improvements and shared advocacy efforts.
- \$15,400 will be awarded to United Way of Greater Toronto to work collaboratively with community partners on identifying improvements to Peel's situation table model and defining success to support development of a Peel specific evaluation framework. Since the Situation Table was launched in early 2021 a large proportion of cases have been among youth and young adults.
- \$33,000 will be awarded to The Regional Diversity Roundtable to work with partners to develop a toolkit and resources for community agencies to collect workforce census data, support disaggregated data collection and set benchmarks for addressing equity in their organizations including on the representation of staff to better reflect the diversity of the Peel community.

The 2021 initiatives reflected in this report represent important investments to strengthen capacity of Peel agencies, build on collaborations and support system improvements that will ultimately improve the well-being of Peel residents.

## **RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

The Risks associated with this recommendation are low. Legal Services has guided the Secretariat in development of a funding agreement template that meets Region of Peel requirements.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no net financial impact from the approval of the proposed Year One initiatives. The seed funding for the initiatives is provided through the approved 2021 operating budget for the Community Safety and Well-being program.

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