
REPORT TITLE: Community Safety and Well-being Plan - Seed Funding

FROM: Nancy Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health Services

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Director, Strategic Policy & Performance be authorized to approve initiatives selected for seed funding for the Community Safety and Well-being Plan; and,**
- 2. 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 on business terms satisfactory to the Commissioner of Health Services and on legal terms satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor.**

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- To support implementation of the Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) Plan, seed funding is allocated to community agencies for 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 2022 and serve as a foundation for future years.
 - The investments will build capacity within the Peel community and support collaborations and system improvements among Peel agencies.
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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 support the implementation phase for joint initiatives that will lead to strengthened services 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 delayed to April 2022.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to (a) provide seed funding on an annual basis to community collaborative initiatives selected to support implementation of the

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CSWB Plan; and (b) delegate authority to the Director, Strategic Policy and Performance to complete allocation, payment and transfer for this year and subsequent years of CSWB seed funding.

a) Eligibility for Funding Process

The seed funding for 2022 was planned through the three CSWB action tables to support implementation activities that could be completed by the end of 2022.

The aim was for a low barrier process that was fair and consistent across action tables. The Secretariat made up of Regional staff 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.

For future years, the Secretariat will continue to work with the CSWB Steering Committee to improve the application and allocation process, approve initiatives in a timely manner, build on existing initiatives and funding streams and be responsive to community needs.

2. Selected Initiatives for Funding

Three collaborative initiatives have been selected for funding for 2022:

- **Family and Intimate Partner Violence:** Family Services of Peel will work with partners to host a one-day forum that will bring family violence and allied sector organizations together to address fragmentations in the family violence system, identify strengths, gaps, and collaboration opportunities. This will contribute toward building a cohesive network of partners and would better position the sector to effectively respond to community needs and advocate for equitable funding.
- **Mental Health and Addictions:** Canadian Mental Health Association Peel Dufferin will work with partners on developing a 24/7 Crisis Walk-in which will provide immediate mental health and addictions services to those in crisis in the Peel community. This crisis walk-in will provide an alternative to the emergency department and this project aims to design a clinical model and referral pathways, and identify opportunities to optimize system funding.
- **Systemic Discrimination:** The Regional Diversity Roundtable will organize a forum for organizations in Peel to share learnings, progress, and challenges in advancing equity and addressing systemic discrimination. The forum will promote knowledge exchange, increase sector engagement and strengthen allyship. The funding will also be used to implement the next phase of work on the Disaggregated Workforce Assessment Tool (developed using year 1 seed funding) – analysis and reporting.

Seed funding is an important tool to strengthen capacity of Peel agencies, build on collaborations and support system improvements that will ultimately improve the well-being of Peel residents.

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3. Delegated Authority for Seed Funding Approval

Staff recommends that the Director, Strategic Policy and Performance be delegated the authority to:

- approve initiatives selected for seed funding and the amounts to be allocated, while considering the advice and recommendations from the CSWB Steering Committee;
- 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

This will enable the Secretariat to respond to opportunities identified and submitted by CSWB partners and advance the priorities identify in the CSWB Plan.

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. The seed funding is provided through the approved operating budget for the Community Safety and Well-being program.

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