



TO: Chair and Members of the Finance & Facilities Committee

FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health

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REVISED GRANT – HEALTHY COMMUNITIES FUND

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Finance & Facilities Committee review and make recommendation to the Board of Health to endorse the Board Chair to sign the Amending Agreement No. 7 to the Public Health Accountability Agreement as it relates to the additional 100% funding for the Healthy Communities Fund – Partnership Stream Program as appended to Report No. 03-14FFC.

Key Points

- The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) provides funds to healthy community partnerships through its Healthy Communities Fund – Partnership Stream to coordinate planning and action around policies that make it easier for Ontarians to lead healthy and active lives.
- Physical inactivity and poor eating practices can lead to obesity and are risk factors for the development of chronic diseases.
- The promotion of local physical activity and healthy eating policy encourages residents to increase their physical activity and improve their healthy eating thus reducing their risks for obesity and chronic diseases.

Background

The Healthy Communities Fund – Partnership Stream is a community program with a goal of improving health outcomes through the development of local healthy eating and physical activity policies. The program brings community partners together to implement a shared vision and key priorities, develop partnerships and networks, and mobilize communities to create and adopt healthy public policy.

Boards of Health were encouraged to make 100% funding requests as part of the 2013 Program Based Grant request to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). In September 2013, the Board of Health received notification of receiving a \$69,770 100% grant for this purpose. [Report No. 106-13](#) “Healthy Communities Partnership Update” describes the program further and provides background information on the grant and key initiatives and strategies being applied in both the City of London and Middlesex County.

Additional Funding Request

As part of the mid-year review of the program by the MOHLTC, funding recipients were requested to provide updates on their initiatives and were given the opportunity to apply for increased funding for the program until March 31, 2014. Attached as [Appendix A](#), is the additional funding request of \$49,000 made by Health Unit staff on behalf of the Healthy Communities Partnership Middlesex-London. Also, due to late funding approvals, the mid-year review identified that many of the initiatives or projects were behind schedule and most partnerships requested funding to be extended until March 31, 2014. Attached as [Appendix B](#), is the Amending Agreement No. 7 to the Public Health Accountability Agreement which accomplishes two things- it allows the Ministry to flow an additional \$49,000 to the Healthy Communities Partnership Middlesex-London and, it extends to March 31st, 2014, the period of time in which the total funding can be utilized.

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