RECOMMENDATION

THAT Report No. SS-28-19 re: “In-year Halton Region Community Investment Fund Grants” be received for information.

REPORT

Executive Summary

- In-year HRCIF investments of $316,290 are being made to respond to Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) priorities in the areas of homelessness, older adult isolation and support for youth exiting the care of the Children’s Aid Society.

- To respond to emergent CSWB needs, the Commissioner of Social and Community Services is authorized to execute in-year funding agreements through the Halton Region Community Investment Fund (HRCIF) with organizations that are leading CSWB initiatives as per Report No. SS-10-19 re: “Halton Region Community Investment Fund – 2019 Funding Recommendations”.

Background

The Halton Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan identifies and addresses human service issues through Action Tables and other activities that strengthen the health, safety and well-being of the community. An overview of CSWB priorities and Action Table initiatives was provided in Report No. SS-11-19/MO-15-19 re: “Update on Halton Community Safety and Well-Being Plan”.

To support the ongoing operationalization of the CSWB model, steps have been taken to align CSWB activities with the Halton Region Community Investment Fund (HRCIF). This includes an approved recommendation in Report No. SS-10-19 re: “Halton Region
Community Investment Fund - 2019 Funding Recommendations” to authorize the Commissioner of Social and Community Services to execute in-year Funding Agreements with organizations that are leading CSWB initiatives.

In-year funding establishes flexibility within the HRCIF to support emergent CSWB needs and is consistent with direction in Halton Region’s 2019-2022 Strategic Business Plan to leverage the HRCIF to achieve CSWB objectives. More detail on the alignment of the HRCIF with CSWB planning is outlined in Report No. SS-07-19 re: “Alignment of Halton Region Community Investment Fund and Community Safety and Well-Being Plan” and Report No. SS-21-19 re: “Halton Region Community Investment Fund - Proposal call for 2020 funding”.

Discussion

As identified in Report No. SS-10-19, $200,000 of HRCIF funding was initially reserved to support in-year CSWB initiatives in 2019. Due to unallocated funds and surplus from grant recipients that did not fully expend an approved HRCIF budget, a total of $316,290 is available for allocation to in-year CSWB priorities. In-year funding agreements are being prepared as outlined in Table 1 subject to final approval by the Commissioner of Social and Community Services.

Table 1: In-Year CSWB Investments

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<th>CSWB Priority</th>
<th>Organization</th>
<th>Overview</th>
<th>Amount ($)</th>
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<td>Homelessness</td>
<td>Home Suite Hope</td>
<td>Development and implementation of a pilot project to enhance access to life skills programming</td>
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<td>Links2Care</td>
<td>Support for a system navigator to proactively identify and support older adults who are isolated or at-risk of isolation. Funding includes resources to strengthen awareness of older adult isolation in Halton</td>
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<td>Older adult isolation</td>
<td>Community Development Halton</td>
<td>Support for a part-time coordinator for the Halton Senior Connectors program which connects older adults to information and resources. A key focus is to build community capacity to identify and respond to older adults who are isolated through enhanced access to training</td>
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<td>Oakville Meals on Wheels</td>
<td>To support operations as the agency transitions to a new funding model. This will include greater integration with activities of the CSWB Action Table on Older Adult Isolation</td>
<td>47,205</td>
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Youth exiting care | Halton Children’s Aid Society (CAS) | Creation of two housing opportunities through the Halton CAS Host Home program for youth participating in an HRCIF funded pilot project to enhance access to education, training and employment among youth exiting the care of the Halton Children’s Aid Society | 25,550 |
| | | Total | 316,290 |

Recipients of in-year CSWB investments are required to execute a funding agreement and meet HRCIF accountability requirements. Staff will report on the outcomes of in-year CSWB investments through updates on the HRCIF and CSWB planning.

FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

Through in-year reallocations and HRCIF funding that was reserved through report SS-10-19, sufficient funding is available to support in-year CSWB priorities in the amount of $316,290 as outlined in this Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: None