Renewal of Funding Agreement Between the Main Street Project and The City of Winnipeg

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1. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the current City of Winnipeg five-year funding agreement with the Main Street Project (MSP) expires December 31, 2001. Main Street Project has requested that the City enter into a new funding agreement in order to continue its funding commitment to the project.

Funding for non-profit organizations by way of a line item in the current estimates must be directed to Executive Policy Committee for approval.

The City of Winnipeg, the Province of Manitoba Addictions Foundation of Manitoba and the United Way have jointly funded the Main Street Project since 1975.

Currently, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority is the core funder of the Main Street Project's crisis services, emergency shelter and detoxification centre.

The United Way, The City of Winnipeg and The Province of Manitoba fund the Main Street Project's Mainstay Residence through a combination of formal funding agreements, a housing subsidy and per diem payments for social assistance clients.

The Winnipeg Police Service pay per diem payments on behalf of intoxicated persons detained at the crisis shelter under the Intoxicated Persons Detention Act (IPDA).

Other programming (Continuing Care and Community Development) is funded through a combination of donations, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and more recently the Federal Government through Human Resource Development Canada's Homelessness Initiative.

In 2000, total City support represented approximately 16% of Main Street Project's total budget. The remainder of funding was provided by the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (61%), The Province of Manitoba (12%), the United Way (5%), the Federal Government (2%) and other donations (4%). City support consisted of a combination of :

- $196,225.00 in per diem payments from the Winnipeg Police Service
- $104,225.00 by way of formal funding agreement

City funding by way of a formal funding agreement has been specifically allocated to the Mainstay Residence for numerous years, based on the former Social Service Departments reliance on this shelter for social assistance recipients.

In 1996, the funding agreement with Main Street Project encompassed a base amount of $98,600.00 with cost of living adjustments in each subsequent year of the agreement. In 2001, Main Street Project will receive $106,518.00, which represents approximately 22% of Mainstay Residence's total budget. The Main Street Project provides several unique and valuable programs in the community including crisis services and emergency shelter, a detoxification unit, continuing care, community development, the Mainstay Residence, and an Intoxicated Persons Detention Area. Based on prior mandates and

responsibilities, The City of Winnipeg, through a series of formal funding agreements, has been directing its support to one of its programs, the Mainstay Residence.

Mainstay is a 34-bed residence, which provides 24 hour supervised shelter for people who are unable to secure regular housing in the community due to active substance abuse, lifestyle and/or mental health problems. Mainstay was originally intended to provide short-term housing to help transition individuals to the community. However, as a consequence of the complex needs of its residents, Mainstay has shifted to longer-term supportive housing. As such, Main Street Project is faced with additional challenges and has commenced discussions with its other core funders in terms of increased needs and funding requirements. Main Street Project is requesting that the Province of Manitoba increase per diem rates to assist in covering operating costs for the Mainstay program.

Continued City support for Main Street Project is warranted, given both the ever-growing demand for supportive services and the magnitude of valuable services provided which are preventative in nature and lend themselves to enhancing the quality of life in the downtown area. Main Street Project provides numerous preventative services through their Community Development Program, including housing placement and outreach services, donated furniture distribution, and volunteer opportunities to allow people to make a contribution to their neighbourhood. Main Street Project plays a vital role in the downtown area helping individuals to gain a sense of community and contribute to the health and safety of the area around them.

The proposed recommendation provides continued support for Main Street Project at the same funding level as last year and begins to shift City support from the Mainstay Residence exclusively, to more preventative services offered through their Community Development Program. This allows Main Street Project the flexibility to utilize City funding dollars for supportive and preventative programming where most needed, yet not jeopardize the continued operation of the Mainstay Residence while longer term funding strategies for the residence are determined. Such funding is consistent with other agencies that the City currently funds and meets the criteria for funding, as outlined on Appendix “A”, adopted by Council in 1994.

The City has a lengthy history of supporting Main Street Project, and continued support would contribute to the principles of Plan Winnipeg with regards to Main Street revitalization, promoting neighbourhood safety and making the downtown an attractive and vibrant place for Winnipeggers and visitors.

Funds have been budgeted in the City’s Preliminary 2002-2004 estimates for this grant, as outlined on Appendix “B”. The agreement expires on December 31, 2004. The 2001 amount, which has already been paid, amounted to $106,518.00**.**

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. The City of Winnipeg enter into a new funding agreement with Main Street Project commencing January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2004 to assist in the provision of supportive and preventative services, including, but not limited to, social and recreational programming; counseling; and housing placement and outreach services for homeless or at risk of being homeless individuals in the downtown area.

II. That on the condition of Recommendation I being approved, the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to have the necessary agreement prepared, with said agreement to provide for funding in the amount of $106,518 for the period January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2004.

Appendix "A" referred to in Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated November 14, 2001

On December 13th, 1994 Council adopted the following criteria for funding:

- "Where it can be shown that a formally organized, not for profit organization cannot provide a social service, social development program, health, education, recreation or other similar service without aid and the City of necessity would have to provide this service in whole or in part, the City may contribute to the continuance of the service under these circumstances.

- Funding shall not be provided for any service for which clear legislative responsibility exists at any other level of government unless expressly authorized by City Council.

- Funding shall be provided by way of a formal agreement between The City of Winnipeg and the organization; such agreement to clearly stipulate the terms and conditions under which City support shall be rendered."

Appendix "B" referred to in Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated November 14, 2001

Financial Impact Statement:

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$	$	$	$	$
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs					
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$	$	$	$	$
External					
Grants (identify)					
Reserves, Equity, Surplus, Other					
Total Funding	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 0				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ 0				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$	$106,518	$106,518	$106,518	$0
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery					
Net Cost / (Benefit)	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Less: Existing Budget Amounts		106,518	106,518	106,518	
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0

Additional Comments: Funds have been budgeted in the City's Preliminary 2002-2004 estimates for this grant. The agreement expires on December 31, 2004. The 2001 amount, which has already been paid, amounted to $106,518.

(Controller's name)
Departmental Controller