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Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks – March 6, 2017

Item No. 1 Funding Agreement between The City of Winnipeg and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care operating as Canadian Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the City enter into, execute and deliver a funding agreement with Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care operating as Canadian Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation, and such other agreements as determined necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to implement the intent of the foregoing (the "Ancillary Agreements").

2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the funding agreement and the Ancillary Agreements, in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to protect the interests of the City.

3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of all future similar agreements with Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care operating as Canadian Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation, in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to protect the interests of the City.

4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks – March 6, 2017

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 6, 2017, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Funding Agreement between The City of Winnipeg and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care operating as Canadian Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks – Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

Author	Department Head	CFO	CAO
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) has recently been selected to receive a grant to support innovation in its Emergency Paramedics in the Community (EPIC) Program. Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care operating as Canadian Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation (CC-ABHI) will provide $48,200 to WFPS to improve and support the identification and treatment of elderly patients with dementia.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the City enter into, execute and deliver a funding agreement with Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care operating as Canadian Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation, and such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to implement the intent of the foregoing (the “Ancillary Agreements”).

2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the funding agreement and the Ancillary Agreements, in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.

3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of all future similar agreements with Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care operating as Canadian Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation, in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.

4. That the proper officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council approval is required to enter into the proposed funding agreement with CC-ABHI.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

If the City receives approval to enter into the funding agreement, CC-ABHI will provide $48,200 to WFPS to improve and support the identification and treatment of elderly patients with dementia.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

CC-ABHI describes itself as “a solution accelerator, helping to drive innovation in the aging and brain-health sector.” It aims to support older adults as they age, ensuring their safety, independence, and overall wellness.

Among its initiatives, its Spark Program funds innovative services or products conceived by front-line healthcare providers. It awards grants on the basis of an applicant’s ability to meet goals related to Spark Program themes. Among the themes targeted for the 2017 award cycle are two that directly apply to how WFPS interacts with patients through EPIC, one of its community-paramedicine initiatives. These themes are reducing emergency department (ED) visits for frequent visitors and managing complex chronic conditions for older adults with dementia living at home.

The WFPS EPIC program addresses emergency department overcrowding and 911 use by using community paramedics to visit frequent 911 callers (and those at risk of becoming frequent callers) in their home. Once there, EPIC paramedics assess each patient’s individual needs and their current level of support. In partnership with other agencies, Emergency Paramedics in the Community (EPIC) designs a care plan to address service gaps and reduce patients’ reliance on emergency resources. To date the program has shown reductions in the number of 911 calls, ambulance transports, and ED visits among its target group.

WFPS aims to leverage the initial success of the EPIC program to improve and streamline its identification and treatment of older adults with dementia or other forms of cognitive impairment. WFPS earned the grant award of $48,200 for its proposal to purchase and integrate validated assessment tools that match those already used by allied health services with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. By assessing patients with a common approach and terminology, the WFPS expects to be able to reduce unnecessary work and match patients more quickly to the most appropriate resources. The funding award includes plans to evaluate the effect of the new assessment tools across a range of outcomes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement (FIS - No Financial Impact)	**Date**	February 21, 2017

Project Name

Funding Agreement with Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care Operating as Canadian Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

The EPIC program is fully funded by the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. As such all costs and revenues are aggregated to determine the overall level of funding received from WRHA. The agreement will have no financial impact on the City of Winnipeg.

Approved by

original signed by

John Hall, ACMA, CGMA

Manager of Finance

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

Legal Services (as to legal issues)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

01-2: Safety and Security

2a: Collaborate to make safe communities

Direction 7: implement an approach to safety and security that is collaborative and involves the community.

- Continue supporting and fostering relationships with–and between–community organizations, service providers, institutions, community leaders and other service organizations….
- Explore opportunities for integrated, multi-agency and community based safety services….

2b: Emergency preparedness, response and recovery

Direction 1: provide emergency fire/rescue and pre-hospital paramedical response.

- Collaborate and communicate with other governments and agencies on education and awareness programs, investigation, logistical support and joint preparedness.
- Provide pre-hospital emergency medical services, including maintaining an extensive network of partnerships with health service providers and community organizations….
- Improve community safety through risk reduction strategies, including …provision of accident and injury prevention initiatives, community partnerships related to safety awareness….

03-1: Opportunity

Direction 2: provide equitable access to municipal programs, services and facilities. enabling strategies.

- Acknowledge and strive to address age, gender, ability and cultural barriers to improve access to City Services for all citizens.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service
Division: Operations
Prepared by: Neil McDonald
Date: February 21, 2017
File No.

Attachments: Project Charter



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