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Office of the City Treasurer - Finance

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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Subject: 2015 Agency Grant Payments

1. RECOMMENDATION: City Wide: Ward(s): _____

THAT Council **APPROVE** the funding of City Funded Agencies and the Windsor Public Library in 2015 up to a maximum of 50% of the 2014 approved grant amounts as outlined in this report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

N/A

2. BACKGROUND:

As in previous years, when the budget has not been approved prior to the start of the fiscal year, Council has approved payments to City funded agencies and the Windsor Public Library up to a maximum of 50% of the prior year's approved budget.

3. DISCUSSION:

It is anticipated that the City's 2015 operating budget along with approval for agency funding will not be finalized until the latter part of January, 2015. In the interim, these agencies and the Windsor Public Library still rely on City of Windsor grant funding in order to sustain their operations. Any necessary adjustments to these entities' payment schedules resulting from the 2015 budget discussions and final approval will be made and communicated accordingly.

4. RISK ANALYSIS:

As these entities rely on the financial support of the City of Windsor to maintain their operations, they may experience financial difficulties if funds are not made available until the budget is approved. In the interim, we are seeking approval to release payments up to a maximum of 50% of the 2014 approved amounts.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The table below outlines the entities funded by the City of Windsor, their 2014 approved budgeted amounts, and the maximum level they would be funded prior to the approval of the 2015 operating budget. As per normal practice, up to 50% of the previous year's grant is recommended.

Agencies & Departments Requiring Transfer Payments	2014 Approved Budget	% of 2014 Budget Requested for Transfer	Maximum Transfer Approved for 2015
Statutory Agencies:			
Essex Region Conservation Authority	\$1,457,004	50%	\$728,502
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit	\$2,436,703	50%	\$1,218,352
Land Ambulance Services	\$8,931,840	50%	\$4,465,920
Non-Statutory Agencies:			
Windsor-Essex Development Commission	\$1,190,472	50%	\$595,236
Handi-Transit	\$966,502	50%	\$483,251
Centres for Seniors Windsor	\$118,934	50%	\$59,467
Tourism Windsor, Essex, Pelee Island	\$940,000	50%	\$470,000
Arts Council	\$15,000	50%	\$7,500
Artcite Inc.	\$5,000	50%	\$2,500
Windsor Symphony *			
Department:			
Windsor Public Library	\$7,293,932	50%	\$3,646,966
Total	\$23,355,387		\$11,677,694

*As Council will recall, the operating/lease agreement with the Windsor Symphony Orchestra, effective September 12, 2012 included the elimination of their grant for the 2015 fiscal year:

CR38/2012,

That City Council approve a reduction in the annual agency grant to the Windsor Symphony Orchestra beginning in 2013 from a level of \$300,000 in 2012 to \$125,000 on a transitional basis for calendar years 2013 and 2014 and that the \$125,000 grant amount be eliminated in 2015.

In total, the maximum level of funding required based on the recommended pre-approval is \$11,677,694.

6. CONSULTATIONS:

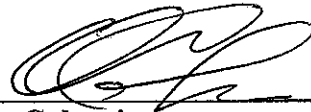
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7. CONCLUSION:

The 2015 budget process has not yet been finalized and therefore the payment schedules for the City of Windsor funded entities requiring transfer payments, as outlined above, cannot be completed. Payments to these entities up to a maximum of 50% of last year's approved budget would assist in avoiding any financial difficulties that they may experience and would also allow for Council to make further adjustments to their budgets prior to the finalization of the 2015 budget.



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