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DATE 18 January 2000

TO/DEST. Co-ordinator
Community Services Committee

FROM/EXP. Commissioner, Social Services

SUBJECT/OBJET **CENTRE 454 - RENOVATION GRANT REQUEST**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Services Committee recommend Council approve a one time grant in the amount of \$83,000 towards renovation costs associated with the move of Centre 454.

BACKGROUND

On December 16, 1999 Community Services Committee approved the following Motion:

“That Centre 454’s application for capital funding for their new location be referred to staff for a report back to Committee.”

Centre 454 requested funds in the amount of \$166,000 to cover the costs of renovations to their new location at 216 Murray Street.

DISCUSSION

Centre 454 has been operating its Day Program from St. Alban’s the Martyr Anglican Church basement on 454 King Edward Avenue for the past twenty four years. Located in the downtown core, Centre 454 has been providing a supportive and caring environment for clients who are socially and economically disadvantaged. The drop-in services provide a variety of supports that contribute to helping clients move on to the next step and/or to stabilize their conditions.

However, the tenancy of the centre at 454 King Edward Avenue, will be over at the end of April. St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church plans to use the premises to provide alternate services for the

congregation. Centre 454 is therefore required to move and has secured a new location at 216 Murray Street, adjacent to the Shepherds of Good Hope.

Centre 454 has identified a number of avenues for soliciting financial and in-kind (goods and or services) donations to cover costs related to the move and renovations for the new location. Funding requests have been submitted to the Anglican Foundation, the Ottawa Carleton Community Foundation and the Anglican Diocese. Other fundraising campaigns are being launched to solicit support from other sources and the community at large. To date the Centre has received funds through the Diocese towards relocation costs, search and approval aspects for the new location. In-kind donations have also been received from a number of consultants they have worked with, through reduced fee schedules and other services for the renovation. The clientele who receive services through the Centre also offered their services to help in the renovations.

PROCESS

Centre 454, the Shepherds of Good Hope and Social Services staff have worked out a plan to eliminate duplication of services and demonstrate mutual benefits through joint client service planning. Centre 454 and Shepherds of Good Hope will work in collaboration during the transition period and will maintain a working relationship on an ongoing basis to align services, identify and address gaps in services and respond to emerging needs.

During the year all Day Program Centres will work with Social Services and the Homelessness Implementation Team to collect information and assess the impact of service.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There was no public consultation for this report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The \$83,000 is available in the Homelessness Initiative Fund. These funds are 100% Provincial (one-time only) and were recently provided to this Region from unspent funds from other municipalities.

*Approved by
Dick Stewart*

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Funds are available in the 2000 Operating Budget for the Homelessness Initiative (A/C 157733-507193). In total, \$850,617 has been received from the Province for this initiative, of which \$733,000 is for on-going funding and \$117,617 is one-time funding. The expenditure of \$83,000 for renovation costs at Centre 454 is to come from the one-time portion.

*Approved by T. Fedec
On behalf of the Finance Commissioner*