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TO/DEST. The Chair and Members of Council

FROM/EXP. Commissioner, Social Services

SUBJECT/OBJET **HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES FUND
ALLOCATION DECISIONS**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the committee with the decisions of the Homelessness Initiatives Fund Allocation Committee.

BACKGROUND

In 1998, the Ministry of Community and Social Services announced the introduction of a Homelessness Initiatives Fund for the province of Ontario. The amount of \$210,000 was allocated for the Region of Ottawa-Carleton.

In a report to the Community Services Committee (5 January 1999; *Update on Homelessness*) it was indicated that the first allocation of this fund would occur early in 1999. Priorities for the first allocation were developed in collaboration with the Ottawa-Carleton Alliance to End Homelessness and submissions were invited from the community. The proposals were reviewed by an Allocations Committee comprised of Social Services and United Way staff.

The Alliance to End Homelessness supported the quick allocation these funds as one time only in 1999 so as to meet the urgent needs of persons who are homeless during the winter months.

In June of 1999 a second allocation of \$210,000 is expected from the Province. The second allocation of Homeless Initiative funds will be awarded in keeping with priorities to be determined locally through a community planning process. The Alliance to End Homelessness has agreed to work in collaboration with the Social Services between now and the summer to develop a priority setting plan for future allocations of Homelessness Initiatives Funds in the Ottawa-Carleton community. The second allocation process will occur in the fall of 1999, and it is expected to be on going funding.

Decisions of the Allocations Committee

The Homelessness Initiative Fund Allocations Committee made the following funding decisions:

Approved for funding:

1. Canadian Mental Health Assoc.	\$46,100	Housing outreach worker for Youth
2. Cornerstone	\$18,426	Housing worker for women in shelter
3. Centre 507	\$19,834	Expand Street Outreach hours
4. Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation	\$14,700	Development bachelor units
5. Housing Help/Action Logement	\$29,000	Integrated vacancy listing
6. Ottawa Salus Corporation	\$18,518	Community develop for housing on Flora St. and some renovations
7. Pinganodin Lodge	\$21,000	Outreach for aboriginal persons who are homeless
8. The Mission	\$18,426	Half time housing worker
9. Salvation Army	\$24,000	Rent Bank

The following proposals were not approved for funding.

1. Ottawa-Carleton Housing	\$0	Research project
2. Causeway Work Centre	\$0	Expand Northern Lights program
3. Shepherds of Good Hope	\$0	Night time drop in
4. Dignité pour l'intégration sociale	\$0	Develop a model of services to address needs of homeless
5. Elizabeth Fry Society	\$0	Housing outreach worker for women at risk
6. The Door	\$0	Extend dinner program
7. Pinecrest Queensway Health and Community Services	\$0	Housing outreach Worker for mentally ill
8. The Well	\$0	Housing support worker

Community Consultation

The Alliance to End Homelessness was consulted on the development of the funding priorities for the 1999 winter allocations. The Alliance also agreed that Social Services needed to allocate the funds as quickly as possible in order to address the needs of persons who are homeless in the winter months. The Alliance has further agreed to work collaboratively with Social Services to undertake a community planning process prior to the next allocation process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Homelessness Initiatives Fund is comprised of 100% Provincial funds. The only financial implication for the Region of Ottawa-Carleton is in the administration of the funds.

*Approved by
Dick Stewart*