



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Joint Services Steering Committee

FROM: Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

MEETING DATE: October 8, 2009

**SUBJECT: Report CSSSJSSC09-019
Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program Outcome
and Presentation**

PURPOSE

A report to provide information regarding the outcome of the expression of interest for the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP) and receive a presentation from the Community Counselling and Resource Centre regarding their "Reducing Rural Poverty" program.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Joint Services Steering Committee endorse the recommendation outlined in Report CSSSJSSC09-019 dated October 8, 2009, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That the report and presentation be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The CHPP is 100% provincially funded so there is no municipal budget implication.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of CHPP is to assist people experiencing homelessness and households at high risk of becoming homeless by providing:

- Improved access to and connection of households that are homeless with a system of community services;
- To obtain and keep long-term housing, and
- To assist households at-risk of homelessness to retain housing.

The total CHPP funding allocation from the Ministry is \$145,535. On May 25, 2009, City Council approved a portion of CHPP funding to go to a Semi-Independent Living program for women that will operate out of Cameron House. At that time, staff were to continue to review priority needs related to homelessness and bring forward a report to recommend an allocation of the remaining CHPP funding at \$95,535 for 2009 and \$71,535 for 2010 and 2011.

On May 26, 2009 an Expression of Interest was issued to community partners to invite them to submit a proposal for the administration of CHPP funding. Written proposals were due on June 3, 2009. The submissions were reviewed by a panel of three staff (two from Social Services and one from the City Finance Division) to ensure proposals met with CHPP goals and guidelines.

The outcome is as follows:

For 2009, the balance of the CHPP funding will be allocated as follows:

- \$16,000 issued to the Rural Outreach Centre (ROC) to support their “Support for Rural People in Crisis” program.
- \$15,000 to Youth Emergency Shelter (YES) on a fee-for-services basis to support their “Transitional Life Skills Program for Youth”.
- \$21,795 issued to the Community Counselling and Resource Centre to support the Housing Resource Centre emergency funds.
- \$42,740 issued to the Community Counselling and Resource Centre to support their “Reducing Rural Poverty and Homelessness” program

These allocations were approved by the Director of Community Services in accordance with his delegated authority (Report CPFRA08-008 March 31, 2009).

For January 2010 to March 31, 2011, the balance of the CHPP funding will be allocated to the Community Counselling and Resource Centre to support their “Reducing Rural Poverty and Homelessness” program in the amount of \$71,535 for each year.

Staff from the Community Counselling and Resource Centre will attend to provide a brief presentation to the Joint Services Steering Committee regarding the “Reducing Rural Poverty and Homelessness” program.

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