



2016 – 2019 CITY OF LONDON STRATEGIC MULTI-YEAR BUDGET

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS BUSINESS CASE #15

STRATEGIC AREA OF FOCUS:	STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY
SUB-PRIORITY:	CARING AND COMPASSIONATE SERVICES
STRATEGY:	ELIMINATE BARRIERS FOR INDIVIDUALS FACING POVERTY, MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS AND HELP THEM FIND PATHWAYS TO BE SUCCESSFUL
INITIATIVE:	MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS STRATEGY
INITIATIVE LEAD(S):	SANDRA DATARS BERE
SERVICE(S):	ONTARIO WORKS
TOTAL 2016 – 2019 INVESTMENT REQUESTED (\$000'S):	\$200
TOTAL 2016 – 2019 NET BUDGET REQUESTED (\$000'S):	\$0*

* Initiative to be funded from Provincial Subsidy and the Social Services Reserve Fund; no tax levy impact.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE BASE BUDGET?

BASE BUDGET (\$000'S):	2015	2016-2019 TOTAL
Civic Service Areas:		
Gross	868	3,463
MCSS Subsidy	810	3,408
Net Operating	58	55
Full-Time Equivalents	4.5	4.5

Base Budget Summary:

Ontario Works is a provincially mandated and legislated employment program that provides integrated financial and employment supports to help move people toward self-sufficiency. These efforts promote a strong, inclusive economy. The provision of employment and financial support services through the Ontario Works program is one of the key ways of promoting a caring community. The Ontario Works program enhances employability, increases employment, increases earnings and financial independence.

Under the Ontario Works program, the Province of Ontario funds an Addiction Services Initiative (ASI) which is a targeted employment assistance measure designed to provide access to treatment for those whose substance use is a barrier to participation in employment or other Ontario Works activities. The ultimate goal of addiction services is enhanced employability of participants, leading to their getting and keeping a job. Addiction screening and assessment will make it easier for participants to attend treatment and get the supports they need to get and keep a job.

This base budget provides addictions supports delivery to Ontario Works clients and includes staffing, employment supports and funding to Addictions Services of Thames Valley (ADSTV) for addictions assessment and treatment services.

BASE BUDGET METRICS	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Budgeted Ontario Works caseload *	11,200	11,800	11,900	11,900	11,900
Number of participants served in Addictions Services Program	448	448	448	448	448
Percentage of addictions caseload exiting to employment (% of participants that leave OW for employment)	22%	22%	22%	22%	22%

* Ontario Works caseload statistics are subject to change under the new Provincial Ontario Works system.

WHAT INVESTMENT IS REQUIRED FROM PROPERTY TAX?

TAX LEVY IMPACT (\$000'S):	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016-2019 TOTAL	2020-2025
Net Requested Tax Levy <i>(Cumulative)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Incremental Tax Levy	0	0	0	0		
Annual Tax Levy Impact	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		

INITIATIVE DELIVERABLES

A community mental health and addiction strategy has been identified in the 2015-2019 City of London Strategic Plan as one important approach to assist in the elimination of barriers for individuals facing poverty, mental health and addiction.

Mental health and addictions are health issues and as such, the Province is the lead. It provides, through Local Health Integration Networks (LHIN), core funding for mental health and addiction support agencies and acute and primary care organizations (including hospitals), in order to provide service to those in need. Yet current needs exceed services and funding available and projections from the South West LHIN (Health System Design Blueprint, Vision 2022) suggest service needs will continue to increase significantly over the next seven years.

The Province has recently developed a comprehensive approach to transforming the mental health system. Open Minds, Healthy Minds – Ontario’s Comprehensive Mental Health and Addictions Strategy is the plan to support mental health throughout life, from childhood to old age, and to provide the integrated services and supports that Ontarians need if they experience a mental illness or addictions. The Provincial approach identifies that mental health and addictions issues impact many areas beyond the health sector. As a result, coordination is needed between health and community based sectors such as employment, homelessness, education and justice in order to fully support individuals and maximize positive community outcomes. The Provincial strategy is designed to address coordination and to reduce fragmentation. However, given the complexity of the interconnections, work may still be required to provide supports that meet the needs of individuals along the full continuum.

Building on the Provincial approach and cognizant of the lead roles played by various mental health and addition service providers in the community, Civic Administration will initiate engagement with key stakeholders to explore the development of a coordinated community mental health and addictions strategy. Funding will be used during 2016 to facilitate cross-sector community engagement to support the development of an integrated and coordinated local strategy that combines the strengths of the transformed mental health and addictions system with the strengths and needs of the community. Once developed, City staff will support community agencies to determine what elements of the strategy can be implemented within the funding/resources available and what additional resources/requests are needed.

CUMULATIVE OPERATING BUDGET (\$000’S):	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016-2019 TOTAL	2020-2025
Expenditure	100	100	0	0	200	0
Source of Funding:						
Grants (MCSS 50%)	50	50	0	0	100	0
User Fees						
Savings from Existing Budget						
Other – Social Services Reserve Fund	50	50	0	0	100	0
Net Tax Levy						
Additional Full-time Equivalents	0	0	0	0	0	0

METRICS (CUMULATIVE CHANGES)	2016	2017	2018	2019
Development of a community plan for local integration of mental health services with sectors beyond the health care system		Complete in 2017		

WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF NOT PROCEEDING?

Without the proposed investment, City staff will be unable to show leadership in our coordination and support roles for broader community needs and strategies related to mental health and addictions.

	Some other specific risks include:
1	System-wide coordination will not be maximized and fragmentation will continue.
2	Development of a system that is too medically/treatment based.
3	A system that has inadequate focus on prevention.
4	Loss of cross sector collaboration opportunities that are so critical for prevention and recovery.

OTHER INFORMATION TO REFER TO

See attached link to “Open Minds, Healthy Minds - Ontario’s Comprehensive Mental Health and Addictions Strategy”

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/common/ministry/publications/reports/mental_health2011/mentalhealth_rep2011.pdf