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TO/DEST. Co-ordinator, Community Services Committee

FROM/EXP. Acting Medical Officer of Health
Commissioner, Social Services Department

SUBJECT/OBJET **REQUEST FOR A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ONE-TIME
GRANTS FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
ALLOCATION COMMITTEE**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Services Committee appoint a representative to the “One Time Grants for Health and Social Services” Allocation Committee that reviews the 1997 requests for grants.

BACKGROUND

The Health Grants program was created in 1993 to support new and short-term health promotion projects and/or innovative health strategies. Since 1991, the Social Services Department assumed responsibility for the allocation of one-time grants which support creative, time-limited initiatives to deal with the social issues of people on low-income.

In December 1994, representatives of the RMO Health and Social Services Departments met with United Way/Centraide Ottawa-Carleton and the Ottawa-Carleton Regional District Health Council to develop ways of simplifying the annual granting processes of the four agencies. The purpose of this collaboration was to design a streamlined, joint process that would make more sense to both the funders and the community; be easy to understand; take less time; be credible and fair; and ensure a co-ordinated approach to funding in the community. Within this collaborative approach, the separate mandate, priorities and identity of each funder have been maintained. One key area of collaboration is the Allocation Committee which is responsible for reviewing and recommending the annual grants.

Priorities for Health and Social Services Grants

On April 18, 1996, the Community Services Committee approved the following areas as priorities for the 1997 One-Time Grants Process:

Health Grants Priorities:

- Strategies that improve health by reducing risk-taking behaviour among young people; and
- Women's Health Promotion.

Social Services Grants Priorities:

- Projects that provide necessary services to homeless adults or that reduce conditions that contribute to adult homelessness;
- Projects that assist visible and ethnic minority and Aboriginal groups or that reduce racism in social services; and
- Initiatives which enable people on low-income to influence issues and policies which affect them.

DISCUSSION

Requirement for a Community Services Committee representative on allocation committee:

The One-Time Grants Allocation Committee is comprised of representatives of RMOC Community Services Committee, RMOC Health Department, RMOC Social Services Department, United Way/Centraide Ottawa-Carleton, Ottawa-Carleton District Health Council, University of Ottawa - School of Nursing and École de service social, Ottawa-Carleton Police Services, Comité Inter-agences, Ministry and Social Services, Ministry of Citizenship, Ethnic minority groups, and consumer and volunteer representatives. According to the adopted Terms of Reference, the Community Services Committee must appoint a representative for the 1997 review process. The anticipated time commitment is outlined below.

The submission deadline for the 1997 grants process is October 1, 1996. The Allocation Committee will review the applications during the months of November and December. The following days have been scheduled for this purpose:

Orientation Session: October 28, 1996 (after-noon)
Allocation Review Process: November 4, 8, 12, 15, 18, 25, 28 & 29
December 3 & 6 (if necessary)

The process will start with the review of applications submitted to the Regional District Health Council and the RMOC Health Grants program (estimated time required: 3-4 days). This will be followed by review of applications to United Way/Centraide and RMOC Social Services.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public consultation is not required for this appointment.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There are no financial implications associated with this appointment.

CONCLUSION

The allocation process for one-time grants from the Health and Social Services Departments is a joint project of the two departments, and the District Health Council and United Way/Centraide. A representative from the Community Services Committee is required for the 1997 grant process.

Report approved by

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