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COUNCIL DATE: **KyO**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **July 9, 2014**

FROM: **General Manager, Finance & Technology**

FILE: **1850-20**

SUBJECT: **Sponsorship Request – Youth Strengths Conference**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance & Technology Department recommends that the Finance Committee recommend that Council approve a sponsorship contribution of \$5,000 from the Council Initiatives Fund in support of the Youth Strengths Conference to be held on July 23 to 25, 2014.

BACKGROUND

Acting Together: Community University Research Alliance (AT-CURA) has invited the City to be a sponsor for the Youth Strengths Conference. The title of this conference is Youth Strengths & Prevention of Delinquency and Gang Involvement: Academics and Community Acting Together and will be held at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford from July 23 to July 25, 2014.

AT-CURA is a strength based project aimed at preventing youth gang involvement and represents collaboration between academic researchers and community partners. The aim of AT-CURA is to identify factors that prevent youth from violent and gang-related criminal activities and to provide an evidence-based foundation to create programs to foster the identified preventive factors among youth.

DISCUSSION

AT-CURA is hosting a two day conference on Youth Strengths & Prevention of Delinquency and Gang Involvement: Academics and Community Acting Together from July 23 to 25, 2014 at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford. This conference will share research and practice focusing on youth strengths to develop or improve youth programs and public policy.

The conference will host keynote speakers Robert Biswas-Diener, author of The Courage Quotient and Kimberly Schonert-Reichl, an Applied Developmental Psychologist and Professor at UBC. In addition, a session on youth gang prevention will be presented. The conference program is attached as **Appendix “I”**.

Staff has reviewed this sponsorship request and recommends that a sponsorship grant of \$5,000 be provided by the City for this event. The Grants Evaluation Committee recommends that funding to sponsor this event be allocated from the Council Initiatives Fund as it does not meet the criteria of the City Grants Policy.

Funding in the Council Initiatives Fund

If Council adopts the recommendation of this report, the un-allocated balance in the Council Initiatives Fund would be \$144,776 as documented in **Appendix "II"**.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The Youth Strengths Conference supports the Crime Reduction Strategy (socio-cultural goal 17), through education and awareness, with a focus on youth.

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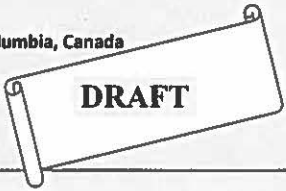
Appendix I: Youth Strengths Conference Program
Appendix II: Status of the Council Initiatives Fund

**Youth Strengths and Prevention of Delinquency and Gang Involvement:
Academics and Community Acting Together**

July 23-25, 2014, Sheraton Guildford in the City of Surrey, Metro Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

***** Preliminary Conference Program *****

June 02, 2014 (subject to change)



WEDNESDAY, JULY 23			
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Early Registration			
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Opening Reception: Welcome Address by Surrey Mayor Diane Watts (Tickets available for Guests \$30)			
THURSDAY: JULY 24		FRIDAY: JULY 25	
REGISTRATION		REGISTRATION	
8:00 am		8:00 am	
9:00 am- 9:50 am (50 min.)	Keynote: <i>Packing for the Journey: How Focusing on Strengths Equips Youth for Lifelong Success</i> Robert Biswas-Diener , Author of <i>The Courage Quotient</i> , Portland, Oregon, USA	9:00 am- 9:50 am (50 min.)	Keynote: <i>What Are the Differences that Make a Difference? Translating Theory and Research into Practice to Promote Empathy, Compassion and Kindness in Children and Youth</i> Kimberly Schonert-Reichl , Applied Developmental Psychologist and Professor, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada
9:50 am- 10:30 am (40 min.)	Plenary: <i>Gratitude, Authenticity, Forgiveness and Trust: AT-CURA Research Findings</i> Roger Tweed , Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey, BC, Canada	10:00 am- 11:00 am (1 hour)	<p align="center">Concurrent Sessions #3</p> <p>A. Youth Room: The Reality of Gangs and Making Choices Sgt. Lindsey Houghton (CFSEU-BC) and Jordan Buna (Student Assistant, AT-CURA), Surrey, BC, Canada</p> <p>B. Strengths Amidst Risk II: Facilitated Conversations</p> <p>1. <i>Enhancing Youth Strengths for Re-Engagement in School:</i> Sarah Bishop, Barbara Davies, Pacific Community Resources Society, Surrey, BC, Canada</p> <p>2. <i>The Surrey Wrap: Addressing the 5 Domains through Relationship-Based Interventions:</i> Jonathan Ross, Surrey School District 36, BC, Canada</p> <p>C. Reaching and Engaging Diverse Youth at Risk of Gang Involvement: Alison Guttrath, Abbotsford Community Services, Abbotsford, BC, Canada</p> <p>D. Leaving the Gang Behind: A Policy-Motivated Study of Gang Desistance: Scott Decker, Arizona State University, USA</p> <p>E. Rights and Protections of Youth</p> <p>1. <i>A Child's Rights Perspective on Preventing Youth Crime,</i> Amrita Jandu, Shawnda Johnston, Marie Verbenkov, University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford, BC, Canada</p> <p>2. <i>Uh Oh...Client Friend-Requests on Facebook: Social Media's Impact on Today's Youth Work:</i> Morgan Boc, Marion Selfridge, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada</p>
10:30 am- 11:00 am	BREAK	11:00 am- 11:30 am	BREAK

THURSDAY: JULY 24		FRIDAY: JULY 25	
11:00 am-12:30 pm (90 min.)	<p style="text-align: center;">Concurrent Sessions #1</p> <p>A. Youth Room: Drama Workshop <u>Robert Biswas-Diener</u>, Author of The Courage Quotient, Portland, Oregon, USA</p> <p>B. Engaging and Managing Angry Young Men: A Six-Session Intervention. Neuropsychological Perspectives on Youth Mental Health, Interactive Workshop: <u>Warrick Brewer</u>, Orygen Youth Health Research Centre, Carlton North, Australia</p> <p>C. Strengths Building Amidst Risk I</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Reducing Risk and Building Strengths among Gang-Involved Youth:</i> <u>Ann Alexander</u>, PLEA Community Services Society of BC; <u>Maya Peled</u>, McCreary Centre Society, Vancouver, BC, Canada 2. <i>Surrey Firefighters Association Girls Empowerment Program,</i> <u>Rochelle Ivanv</u>, Surrey School District; <u>Arielle Patterson</u>, City of Surrey, BC, Canada 3. <i>Systematic Support for Newcomer Youth:</i> <u>Meredith Verma</u>, Surrey School District, Surrey, BC, Canada <p>D. Applying an Innovative Developmental Evaluation Framework to the Study of Youth Violence Prevention in an Urban Context: Themed Collaboration(Symposium): <u>Sarah Walker</u>, University of Washington; <u>Mariko Lockhart</u>, City of Seattle; <u>Todd Herrenkohl</u>, <u>Asia Bishop</u>, University of Washington, USA</p> <p>E. Empowering and Equipping Youth Workers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Cultural Sensitivity: Interactive Workshop:</i> <u>Tim Archer</u>, Big Brothers of Vancouver, BC, Canada 2. <i>Policies, Procedures, and Personalities, Oh My: Overcoming the 3 Pains in Collaboration:</i> <u>Gary Thandi</u>, Genesis Family Empowerment Society, BC, Canada 	11:30 am-12:30 pm (1 hour)	<p style="text-align: center;">Concurrent Sessions #4</p> <p>A. Youth room: TBA</p> <p>B. What Works to Prevent Youth Involvement in Gangs <i>Lessons Learned from Public Safety Canada's Youth Gang Prevention Fund Projects: Interactive Workshop:</i> <u>Sue Olsen</u>, Public Safety Canada, National Crime Prevention Centre, Burnaby, BC, Canada</p> <p>C. Ottawa Gang Strategy: A Roadmap for Action 2013-2016 Panel Session: <u>Nancy Worsfold</u>, Crime Prevention Ottawa, Canada; <u>Jessica Ripley</u>, Ottawa Police Service, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada</p> <p>D. Urban Youth Research Finding</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Surviving or Thriving: Urban Youth and Developmental Assets,</i> <u>Kelly Schwartz</u>, University of Calgary, Canada 2. <i>Youth Alienation and the Allure of Gangs,</i> <u>Indira-Natasha Prahst</u>, Langara College; <u>Prabhsharanbir Singh</u>, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada 3. <i>Scare Tactics that Work: Which Anti-gang messages have impact? :</i> <u>Brooke Knowlton</u>, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada <p>E. Supporting Youth and Creating Safe Neighborhoods</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>City of Surrey Crime Reduction Strategy:</i> <u>Colleen Kerr</u>, <u>Councilor Barinder Rasode</u>, City of Surrey, BC, Canada 2. <i>Collaboration between Academics and Community: Promoting Youth Strengths to Prevent Violence, Gang Involvement, and Criminal Activities:</i> <u>Devinder Chattha</u>, Progressive Intercultural Community Services, Surrey, BC, 3. <i>Working Together to Care for Youth and Families: Collaboration among Three Distinct Communities in Practice and Education:</i> <u>Sabrina Gill</u>, BC Children's Hospital, Vancouver, BC, Canada
12:30 pm 1:10 pm	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>Sponsored by Simon Fraser University</p>	12:30 pm 1:10 pm	<p>LUNCH</p> <p>Sponsored by Canada Ticket</p>
1:10 pm 1:40 pm	<p>Keynote: <i>End Gang Life</i> <u>Dan Malo</u>, Chief Officer of the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit-BC (Integrated anti-gang police agency), BC, Canada</p>	1:10 pm 1:40 pm	<p>Keynote: <i>Nurturing Youth Resilience in Challenging Contexts: Why Different Factors Predict Well-being Across Cultures and Communities</i> <u>Michael Ungar</u>, Co-Director, Resilience Research Centre, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada</p>

THURSDAY: JULY 24		FRIDAY: JULY 25	
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (1 hour)	<p style="text-align: center;">Concurrent Sessions - #2</p> <p>A. Youth Room <u>Michael Ungar</u>, Co-Director, Resilience Research Centre, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada</p> <p>B. Urban Youth Issues 1. <i>From Escaping War to Escaping Street Gangs: The Experiences of Young Refugees in Winnipeg, Canada:</i> <u>Matthew Fast</u>, Newcomers Employment and Educational Development Services, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada 2. <i>Adventures in Emotional and Social Learning:</i> <u>Sheldon Franken</u>, Delta School District, BC, Canada</p> <p>C. Youth: It's Never Too Late: Facilitated Conversation <u>Steve Arnett</u>, <u>Ashley Frerichs</u>, <u>Lee Wilson</u>, and 3 youth, Nanaimo Youth Services Association</p> <p>D. Strengths in Adolescent Offenders and At-Risk Adolescents: Themed Collaboration (Symposium) <u>Jodi Viljoen</u>, <u>Catherine Shaffer</u>, and <u>Lara Akinin</u>, SFU, Burnaby, BC, Canada</p> <p>E. Unique Groups and Approaches 1. <i>Role of Peace Education in Developing the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for Juvenile Delinquents:</i> <u>Neelam Rathee Singh</u>, Post-Graduate College for Girls, Chandigarh, India 2. <i>Northern Experiences: Working with Youth in the Yukon and Northwest Territories,</i> <u>Chris Rider</u>, Bringing Youth Towards Equality Society (BYTE), Yukon and Northwest Territories, Canada 3. <i>Exploring How Youth Who are Homeless Perceive the Working Alliance Between Themselves and Youth Workers: An Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis:</i> <u>Jan Gilroy</u>, Calgary, Alberta, Canada</p>	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (1 hour)	<p style="text-align: center;">Concurrent Sessions - #5</p> <p>A. Youth Room: TBA</p> <p>B. Applied Strategies 1. <i>Developing a Gang-Exit Strategy in Winnipeg, Manitoba:</i> <u>Matthew Fast</u>, Gang Action Interagency Network (GAIN), Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada 2. <i>Kashmir Besla</i>, Registered Clinical Counselor 3. <i>Towards a Black Youth Strengths-Based Model in Enhancing Academic Achievement in Engineering Studies at South African Universities,</i> <u>Duduzile Mkhize</u>, Rivonia, South Africa</p> <p>C. Ask the Program Evaluation Expert: <u>Nathalie Gagnon</u>, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey BC, Canada</p> <p>D. Integration of Restorative Practices for Reducing Youth Risk Factors and Delinquency: Facilitated Conversation <u>Joanne Field</u>, <u>Ben Braun-Kauffman</u>, <u>Justin Hohne</u>, Abbotsford Restorative Justice and Advocacy Association, Kim Williams, University of the Fraser Valley, Sgt. Casey Vlnet, Abbotsford Police Department, Abbotsford, BC, Canada</p> <p>E. SNAP Youth Justice: Engaging Justice-Involved Youth in Building Strengths and Learning Emotion Regulation, Self-Control, and Problem Solving Skills: Themed Collaboration (Symposium) <u>Leena Augimeri</u>, <u>Margaret Walsh</u>, <u>Sarah Woods</u>, Child Development Institute, Toronto, Ontario, Canada</p>
3:10 pm – 4:00 pm (50 min)	Plenary: <i>Building Strengths: Putting Research into Practice: Youth and Community Presentations of AT-CURA Initiatives</i>	3:10 pm – 3:55 pm (45 min)	Plenary: <i>Panel on Policy: Where Do We Go From Here?</i>
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm (1 hour)	<p>Celebration Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters • Raffle/Prizes • Entertainment 	3:55 pm – 4:40 pm (45 min)	Plenary: <i>Panel on Practice: Where Do We Go From Here?</i>
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	BREAK	4:40 pm – 4:50 pm	Closing Remarks: <u>Gira Bhatt</u> , Principal Investigator and Project Director, AT-CURA, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey, BC, Canada
7:00 pm – 8:45 pm	Community Forum: Katy Hutchison <i>Walking After Midnight: A Personal Story of a Family's Journey through Trauma and Healing</i> (Open to the public - \$10 admission)		



2014 FINANCIAL PLAN COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Description	Amount	Allocation to date
Carried Forward from Prior Year	103,026	
2014 Approved Budget	<u>250,000</u>	
City of Bhangra Festival (Year 3 of 3)		15,000
Break the Silence on Violence against Women (year 2 of 2)		5,000
My Neighbourhood, My futures Initiative (year 2 of 5)		40,000
Surrey Steps Up: Youth Engagement Guest Speaker		5,000
BC Championship Female Hockey Association		3,250
Surrey Fire Fighters' Historical Society		12,500
Optimist Junior International Curling U-18 Championships		4,500
Surrey Fire Fighters Charitable Society Walk, Run & Roll Event		5,000
SASSY Awards		7,500
Doors Open Expansion		15,000
Flavours of Surrey		22,000
Canada Cup Field Hockey Event		2,500
Francophone Games		1,500
Innovation Boulevard		46,500
Culture Days		10,000
RED FM Sponsorship Request		5,000
Surrey Pride Society		1,000
Crescent Beach Concours d'Elegance 2014		2,000
Youth Strengths Conference (Proposed)		5,000
Allocations for 2014		<u>\$ 208,250</u>