To: Chair and Members  
Community Services Committee  

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Re: Ministry of Health Promotion Funding for the City of Hamilton to Assist Breaking Down Cultural and Linguistic Barriers to Recreation (CS06030)  
(City Wide)  

Council Direction:  
Not Applicable.  

Information:  
The Communities in Action Fund (CIAF) is an initiative, from the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion, that aims to foster a physical activity and community sport culture in Ontario by helping local and provincial not-for-profit organizations provide and enhance opportunities for physical activity and recreation. The Ministry encouraged communities to target population groups that experience barriers to participation. This includes children and youth (18 years and under), Aboriginal people, older adults (55 and over), low-income families, people with a disability, visible/ethnic minorities and women and girls. Proposals addressing barrier removal will be eligible for funding.  

In July 2006, the City of Hamilton in co-operation with Sport Hamilton was granted $30,000 in CIAF funding towards the Cultural and Linguistic Roundtable project. Combined with $30,000 of financial and in-kind support, pledged by the City and Sport Hamilton, the Community Roundtable will consist of a facilitator from the City of Hamilton Community Services Department, a project manager from Sport Hamilton and up to fifteen (15) representatives from identified under-served cultural and linguistic groups in Hamilton.  

Once formed, the Roundtable will meet regularly to discuss various issues relating to access and availability of recreation programming, as well as provide the mechanism to create 30-45 pilot recreation programs within the city, based upon the recommendations of Roundtable members (to be launched in 2007-2008). The project will begin in September 2006 and the Roundtable will formally launch in late October 2006. Communication is currently underway.
with local, cultural and linguistic community groups to determine interest participation on the Roundtable.

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