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TPT II: Building Strong Communities Round 3 (2010-11) GUIDELINES *December, 2009*

Application Deadline: March 1, 2010

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Please note that these guidelines as well as application forms and additional information can be accessed at our website www.hcf.on.ca.

Hamilton Community Foundation invites requests for funding from charitable organizations working in arts and culture, education, health and human services, recreation, and the environment to assist in our poverty reduction, prevention and alleviation work through TPT II.

Background

TPT II: Building Strong Communities represents the second phase of HCF's \$8.4 million commitment since 2004 to address poverty in Hamilton. Based on research from many jurisdictions and evaluation of its own works, TPT II: Building Strong Communities focuses on two strategies:

- Reducing poverty using a *neighbourhood hub* model. There are eight Hamilton neighbourhoods where the Foundation is concentrating its work.
- Reducing poverty through *foundational grants*. This is funding for work which addresses broader systemic or policy level changes.

Within TPT II the Foundation also supports the development of emerging citizen leaders, knowledge sharing, evaluation and planning.

TPT II: Building Strong Communities, Round 3 (2010-11)

The open call opportunities for this year are:

1. **Neighbourhood hub grants: Poverty alleviation, prevention or reduction initiatives delivered through the eight neighbourhood hubs identified in last year's TPT II granting**

Poverty in Hamilton is more concentrated in certain neighbourhoods, and development through "hubs" has been shown to be effective in addressing the issue. A *neighbourhood hub* can be defined as a collaborative effort between many neighbourhood partners such as community agencies, businesses, public institutions such as schools, recreation centres and libraries, faith-based organizations, and citizens. Each hub is governed by a "local planning team" comprised of representatives from each of these areas.

The open call:

Applications will be accepted for initiatives within McQuesten, Jamesville, CATCH, South Sherman, Keith, Riverdale, Crown Point and Wever.

Priority for the Foundation's funding for 2010-11 is economic security. We are looking to support innovative community programs in the neighbourhood hubs that increase economic security and opportunities by helping low-to-moderate income people to get out of and/or avoid poverty and debt, and/or build wealth.

Issues and strategies we are interested in working on may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Employment and job skills education
- Fostering small business development and social entrepreneurship
- Affordable housing and home ownership
- Pathways to education/labour market (adult)
- Financial literacy education
- Debt, credit and home ownership counseling
- family self sufficiency and income security

Each hub may also apply for up to \$5,000 for resident-led, small project funding.

2. **Foundational grants: Poverty alleviation, prevention or reduction initiatives that address the needs of tenants living within social housing complexes in Hamilton**

The open call:

- The Foundation is seeking innovative, collaborative and practical strategies to support citizen engagement and poverty reduction strategies in **social housing in Hamilton**.
- We anticipate that grants in this category will have a maximum of \$20,000

Information for Open Call Applicants

Eligibility

Eligibility to receive a grant is restricted to registered Canadian charitable organizations and others qualified as described in Section 110 of the Income Tax Act. Organizations that are not registered Canadian charities but wish to submit an application to the Hamilton Community Foundation may refer to the "Information Sheet for Applicants to the Hamilton Community Foundation Regarding Charitable Status - Agency Relationships" for additional application

requirements. A copy may be obtained by contacting the Foundation's office or on-line from our website.

The Foundation **cannot** provide grants to:

- Individuals;
- Non-profit organizations that are not registered charities, unless working in partnership with a registered charitable organization as described above; or
- For-profit organizations.

Exclusions

Funds will not be provided for the following purposes:

- To reduce operating or capital deficits
- To contribute to annual, general or capital fundraising campaigns
- To promote political, religious, moral or ethical philosophies or for purposes which may be deemed discriminatory
- To support activities taking place outside of Hamilton

We do not anticipate making any multi-year commitments at this time.

Before Applying

You are strongly encouraged to review the focus for TPT II: Building Strong Communities, Round 3 before applying and determine your project's fit with the Fund's priorities. You can visit the Foundation's website at <http://www.hcf.on.ca> for more information. Feel free to call Sharon Charters at 905-523-5600, ext. 242 to discuss your proposal idea.

APPLICATION PROCESS

****NOTE: There is no letter of intent stage to TPT II, Round 3****

Full Proposals

The application forms (Hub and Foundational) to be used in preparing the full proposal, including a list of required attachments, is provided on our website (www.hcf.on.ca). It can be completed on-line but must be submitted in hard copy, in duplicate (together with duplicates of all attachments).

The deadline to submit a full proposal to TPT II: Building Strong Communities, Round 3 is March 1, 2010.

Proposals are reviewed by the Tackling Poverty Together Advisory Committee, with the final decision and approval to be made by the Foundation's Board of Directors. The Foundation will notify all applicants by the **end of June, 2010** of the Board's decisions.

Criteria for Decision-making

The following criteria will be used to assess all proposals:

- Direct relevance to TPT II, Round 3 priorities
- Demonstrated capacity and credibility to plan and implement the work
- Evidence of involvement in all stages of the project by community members representative of those the project seeks to benefit
- Compelling rationale for the approach proposed
- Sound fiscal policies and a commitment to financial accountability
- Realistic, measurable goals
- Potential to leverage additional financial support
- Clear and reasonable budget
- Level of cooperation with other groups that could contribute to improved results in the project
- Evidence of community support for the initiative
- Potential model that could be replicated
- Need for Hamilton Community Foundation funding

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