



## EXTERNAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE Public Police Programs PRP-FN-005

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### Policy Statement

*It is the policy of the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Services Board that the policy requirements set out in this document shall form part of the Board Policies and the Chief of Police is hereby directed to implement and comply with these requirements in her/his administration and operation of the Peel Regional Police.*

### 1. Subject

The conditions under which the Chief of Police is to accept funding assistance from external agencies, including government bodies, encompassing direct financial contributions, goods, and services-in-kind, for public police programs including support for one-time initiatives, and ongoing programs.

### 2. Definitions

#### Board

Means the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Services Board

#### Executive Director

Means Executive Director of the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Services Board

#### External Funding Assistance (EFA)

Means private funding obtained to finance investigations or special crime prevention and /or law enforcement programs

### 3. Policy Requirements

It is the Board's intent to protect the impartiality of the police service and public police programs, while allowing External Funding Assistance (EFA) to enhance or support public police programs.

It is the policy of the Board that:

- (a) the use of EFA serve as an effective enhancement and/or supplement to the ability of the police service to undertake and complete public programs or projects, the result being to improve the safety and security of individuals within the Region of Peel;
- (b) the EFA is in compliance with priorities established by the Board and/or operational priorities of the police service as established by the Chief of Police;
- (c) the EFA be consistent with the principles that core policing functions be publicly funded. For further clarity, the provision and determination of adequate and effective police services resides solely with the Board;
- (d) the EFA not commit the police service to additional resources, unless agreed to beforehand by the Chief of Police, or if required, by the Board;

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- (e) to the extent possible, the EFA be accounted for and subject to oversight and review;
  - (f) no EFA be accepted from an anonymous source or donor;
  - (g) it be based on a minimum funding level, the nature, extent and planned use of the EFA be outlined in written form and approved by the appropriate level of command (as directed by the Chief of Police) prior to receipt of the EFA; and
  - (h) it be based on a minimum funding level, the EFA support a specific project as outlined in written form.

The Chief of Police shall ensure that:

- (i) adequate safeguards be established. To the certainty of the EFA being provided; and that to the extent possible, confirmation that use of the EFA is to be at the discretion and control of the Peel Regional Police, consistent with the terms established in the written form;
- (j) wherever possible, the external agency involved be an association or organization representing a group of individual interests so as to mitigate against any perception of partiality;
- (k) with respect to direct financial contributions, the appropriate process be developed to ensure accurate accounting for funds disbursed, the handling of funds, and the return of unused funds;
- (l) with respect to goods or services-in-kind, approval be provided by the appropriate level of command, ensuring the EFA is in support of the named program or project. Wherever and to the extent possible, record of goods or services-in-kind should be maintained;
- (m) the EFA not involve the commitment of additional, unbudgeted resources unless previously approved by the appropriate level of command consistent with the Board's Financial Control By-law; and
- (n) Board approval is sought for any EFA that s/he believes may be inconsistent with this policy, yet may be of assistance to the police service.

#### **4. Reporting**

On an annual basis, the Chief of Police shall provide a report to the Board providing detailed information with respect to External Funding Assistance received. At minimum, the report shall document all EFA for public programs or projects involving \$25,000 or more in direct financial contributions. The report shall include government funding, external secondments and those programs where, at the discretion of the Chief of Police, goods, services-in-kind, or the external agency, is of an extent or type that warrant inclusion.

The Executive Director shall forward the annual External Funding Assistance – Public Programs report to Regional Council for information purposes.

In addition, the Chief of Police is to report to the Board on an exception basis EFA requests that s/he believes should be brought to the Board's immediate attention, including those programs or projects that may generate general public interest or response.

#### **5. Authority/Legislative Reference**

Board Minute: #IC38/97 – 02/28/97

**Supercedes:** External Funding Assistance – Adopted 1997/02/27 (II-K-23)

Board Minute: #63/13

**6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive**

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