



EXTERNAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE POLICE INVESTIGATIONS PRP-FN-004

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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 his/her 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 police service investigations.

2. Definitions

Board

Means the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Services Board

External Funding Assistance (EFA)

Means private funding obtained to finance corporate 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 individual police investigations, while allowing External funding Assistance (EFA) to enhance or support such investigations.

It is the policy of the Board that:

- (a) the use of external funding assistance serve as an effective enhancement and/or supplement to the ability of the police service to undertake and complete investigations, the result being to improve the safety and security of individuals within the Region of Peel;
- (b) the EFA compliance with priorities established by the Board and/or operational priorities of the police service;
- (c) the EFA support an investigation already initiated or commenced by the police service;
- (d) the EFA not compromise or bring into question police impartiality. It must be made clear that an investigation will be neither continued or abandoned, solely on the availability of EFA, and that the decision as to the commencement, continuation, or abandonment of a specific investigation lies solely with the Chief of Police;
- (e) 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;

- (f) 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;
- (g) to the extent possible, the EFA be accounted for and subject to oversight and review;
- (h) wherever possible, 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
- (i) no EFA be accepted from an anonymous source or donor.

The Chief of Police shall ensure that:

- (j) 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;
- (k) 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;
- (l) 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;
- (m) with respect to goods or services-in-kind, the EFA is in support of the specific investigation. Wherever and to the extent possible, records of goods or services-in-kind should be maintained;
- (n) 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
- (o) Board approval is sought for any EFA that s/he believe may be inconsistent with the policy's guiding principles, yet may be of assistance to the police service.

4. Reporting

On an annual basis, the Chief of Police shall provide an **In-Camera** report to the Board providing detailed information with respect to External Funding Assistance received. At minimum, the report shall document all EFA's involving \$25,000.00 or more in direct financial contributions. This shall include government funding and external secondments. The report shall also include those investigations 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 in this report.

In addition, the Chief of Police is to report to the Board on an exception basis any EFA requests that s/he believes should be brought to the Board's immediate attention.

5. Authority/Legislative Reference

Board Minute: #IC38/97 – February 28, 1997

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

Board Minute #63/13

Board Minute #63/14

6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

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