Administration Response -Grant and Subsidies Audit

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Audit Committee *May 8, 2023*

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Current State

- Governing documents
 - Administrative Policy A1476 Municipal Funding Arrangements
 - Administrative Directive A1460 Grants and Other Contributions
- Grants
 - Formal application process
 - Selected based on meeting specific eligibility criteria
- Subsidies
 - More discretionary than grants, no eligibility criteria
 - Contributions that don't meet the definition of a grant, donation, sponsorship, or rebate.



2022 Subsidies - \$180,819 (in thousands of \$)



*Other includes: GEF Seniors Housing, Homeward Trust Bridge Housing, Air Services Opportunity Fund, Community Investment Operating Grant, Edmonton Global, EFCL, Downtown Vibrancy, and various other operating support to external organizations

2022 Grants - \$15,281 (in thousands of \$)



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*Other includes: Community Safety and Wellbeing and various other grants provided to external organizations

Recommendations and Response

RECOMMENDATIONS

Train business areas on the requirements of the grants and subsidies governing documents.

Monitor and report on business areas' compliance with the grants and subsidies governing documents.

Develop guidance for evaluation of and reporting on the outcomes of grant programs and subsidy payments, and monitor and report on the evaluations that business areas conduct.

ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE

Clarify GuidanceDevelop and Implement
Compliance MonitoringOutcome ReportingTraining

Outcome Reporting

| Grants to external organizations | Subsidies to boards and authorities |
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| Administration will provide outcome reporting process and framework | Administration will provide outcome reporting process and framework |
| Administration will make decisions or provide recommendations to Council based on outcome reporting | Council to decide on actions based on outcome reporting |

Balance the need for financial controls and fair/equitable processes for all groups

Next Steps

- Work with City areas to implement recommendations (Community Services, Urban Planning & Environment)
- Consult with external stakeholder groups
- Implement recommendations June 2024 Q1 2024
- Target implementation date Q1 2024

Questions?