

2012 Grants

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SUMMARY

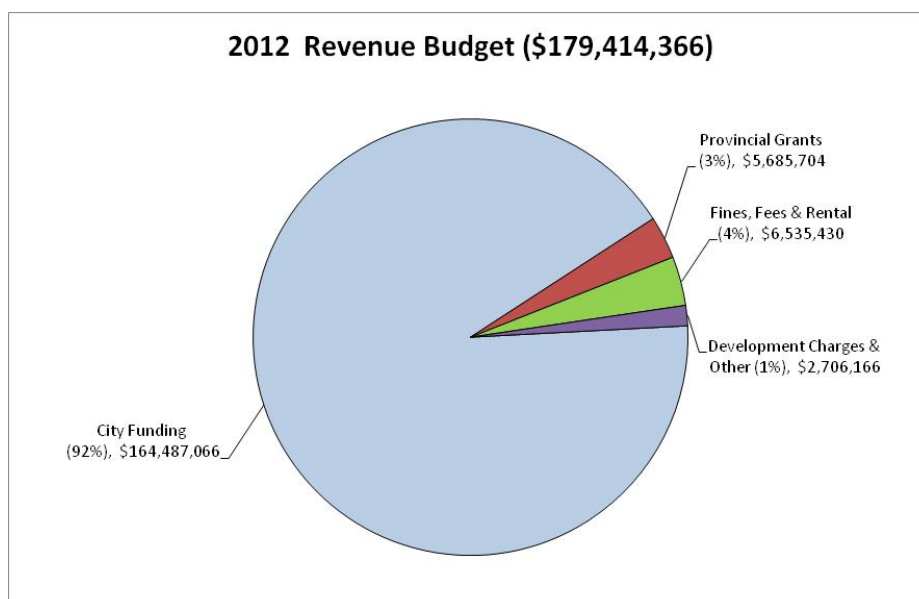
This purpose of this report is to inform the Toronto Public Library Board of grants received in 2012.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Grants and donations serve to supplement the approved budget funding received from the City of Toronto, allowing Toronto Public Library (TPL) to enhance library services.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The City is the primary source of funding for the TPL operating budget. In 2012, the City funded 92% of the operating budget and the remaining portion was funded through Provincial grants (3%), fines, fees and rentals (4%), and other revenues (1%) comprised mainly of contributions from development charge reserves for Library collections.



In addition to the Council-approved budgets, TPL receives additional funding from the Toronto Public Library Foundation and by applying for grants as opportunities arise. Funding received from the Foundation is reported to the Board separately and not included in this report.

COMMENTS

The Household Operating Grant (\$4,127,362) is provided under the Public Libraries Act as provincial funding for general operations. The province also recognizes the Toronto Reference Library and its role in providing province-wide services by providing a Virtual Reference Library Grant (\$1,446,565). These two provincial grants are covered by legislation, are provided every year and treated as part of the base budget funding; the grant amounts have not increased since amalgamation.

Other government grants are designated for specific initiatives and so cannot be treated as base funding, though some may be budgeted (along with the associated costs) on a year-by-year basis.

In 2012, TPL received grant revenues totalling \$5,929,090, which is \$243,386 higher than budget. More details on the total grant amounts, purpose of the grants and grant periods are shown on Attachment 1. Only grant amounts greater than \$50,000 are included in this report.

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1. 2012 Summary of Grant Funding Over \$50,000