

## 2015 Grants

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<b>To:</b>	Toronto Public Library Board
<b>From:</b>	City Librarian

### **SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Toronto Public Library Board of grants in excess of \$50,000 received in 2015, excluding funding received from the Toronto Public Library Foundation.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

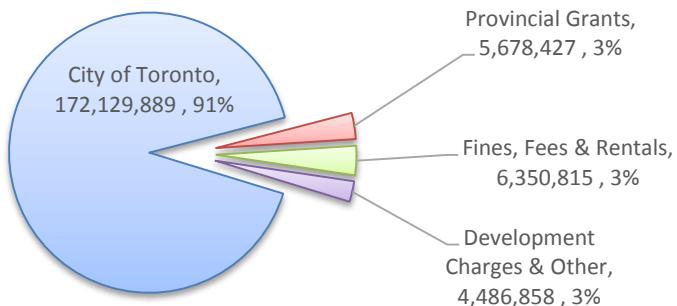
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Grants serve to supplement the approved budget funding received from the City of Toronto, allowing Toronto Public Library (TPL) to enhance library services.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The City is the primary source of funding for the TPL operating budget. The approved 2015 operating budget was 91% funded by the City and the remaining portion was funded through Provincial grants (3%), fines, fees and rentals (3%), and other revenues (3%) comprised mainly of contributions from development charge reserves for Library collections.

#### **2015 Revenue Budget (\$188,645,989)**



Source of Funding	2015 Revenue Budget (\$)	Percentage of Budget
City of Toronto	172,129,889	91%
Provincial Grants	5,678,427	3%
Fines, Fees & Rentals	6,350,815	3%
Development Charges & Other	4,486,858	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>188,645,989</b>	<b>100%</b>

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. Pursuant to article 22.3 of the Financial Control Policy this report only contains grants over \$50,000. Also, 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 and has been unchanged since 1999 despite inflation and a significant increase in households. 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), and this has been unchanged since 2000. These two provincial grants covered by legislation, are provided every year and treated as part of the base budget funding; the grant amounts have not increased for 16 years.

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, such as the provincial Literacy & Basic Skills Program grant (\$104,500), which supports the delivery of adult literacy programming.

In 2015, TPL received grant revenues (in excess of \$50,000) totalling \$6,076,986, which is \$398,559 higher than budget; this includes a \$300,000 grant from the Ontario Library Capacity Fund for collections. More details on the total grant amounts, purpose of the grants and grant periods are shown on Attachment 1.

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## **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment 1: 2015 Summary of Grant Funding Over \$50,000