



Report No.
CMO-24-25

File No.

Directed to: Mayor Joe Preston and Members of City Council

Meeting Date:
May 20, 2025

Department: City Manager's Office

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Attachment
DRAFT FUNDING AGMT

Subject: Health Recruitment Partnership – Dr. Wallace Ordiah

Recommendation:

THAT: Report CMO-24-25 relating to Health Recruitment Partnership – Dr. Wallace Ordiah, be received for information; and further,

THAT: Council direct that a By-law be prepared to enter into a Health Recruitment Partnership Agreement with Dr. Wallace Ordiah for the provision of \$33,000 in Health Recruitment Incentive funding

Background:

Through the efforts of the Health Recruitment Partnership, Dr. Wallace Ordiah has been recruited to the community and will operate his practice out of Primepoint Clinic (19 Elgin Street, St. Thomas). Dr. Ordiah intends to begin practicing in May 2025.

Dr. Ordiah has requested access to Health Recruitment Funds to assist him in procuring furniture, paying for the clinic's overhead costs, and implementing an EMR installation for the practice. This declared use of funds meets the requirements of the HRP funding package.

The Health Recruitment Partnership reviewed and approved the request at their meeting on May 5, 2025, and directed that the attached funding agreement be prepared.

If this funding is authorized for Dr. Ordiah, it will provide interest free, forgivable funds on the condition that Dr. Oyibo provides a minimum of 4 years of service to the St. Thomas – Elgin County area.

Strategic Priority:

Strategic Pillar: Excellence in All We Do - Priority #1: Public Safety and Community Well-being

Strategic Pillar: Excellence in All We Do - Priority #4: Equitable, Accessible, and Inclusive Communities

Financial Impact:

The Health Recruitment operating budget for 2025 proposes that \$137,000 be allocated for incentive grant funding. The amount allocated to Dr. Ordiah will be the seventh grant approved in 2025. To date, the Committee has approved \$124,500 in funding, with Dr. Ordiah bringing the total to \$157,300. The HRP account will be over budget for 2025 and will be part of the yearend reconciliation.

Report Approval:

Reviewed by:
Director of Corporate Services and City Treasurer.

All reports are reviewed and approved by the City Manager.