

# **The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board**

Public Board Meeting  
November 24, 2021

Report of the Executive Director

## **Public Relations Reserve Fund Request for Funding**

### **1. Recommendation**

1. That the Board approve an expenditure of \$2,500 from the Board's Public Relations Fund in support of the Association of Black Law Enforcers.

### **2. Summary**

Sections 132 (2) and 133 (3) of the *Police Services Act* give Police Services Boards the authority to use the proceeds from the sale of unclaimed personal property and money found and seized by the police service for any purpose that it considers in the public interest.

Pursuant to its statutory authority, the Police Services Board established the Public Relations Reserve Fund to be used in accordance with the Board policy. The Board policy outlines how these funds are to be used.

Any unused monies in the fund will be carried forward in the Police Services Board Operating Budget to the next fiscal year.

The closing balance of the reserve fund on September 30, 2021 was \$201,622.

### **3. Background**

The Board receives requests from community groups and organizations in need of financial support. The Executive Director reviews each request to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria and funding guidelines as set out in the policy.

Monies from the funds are used to support and encourage policing and justice initiatives, promote positive community partnerships and enrich the quality of life in York Region.

## **4. Funding Proposal**

### **ASSOCIATION OF BLACK LAW ENFORCERS (A.B.L.E)**

The Association of Black Law Enforcers is a non-profit organization formed to address the needs and concerns of racialized groups in law enforcement and in their communities. A.B.L.E is committed to working in collaborative partnerships to eradicate racism, in all of its forms, to realize equity, prosperity, and safe workplaces for Black, Indigenous, and racialized employees within law enforcement and justice services/agencies.

The Board provided \$2,500 sponsorship in 2019 for the Scholarship Awards Ball. It is recommended that a \$2,500 donation be made in support of the A.B.L.E annual scholarship program. A.B.L.E scholarships assist Black and visible minority students in achieving their educational and career aspirations.

## **5. Financial**

The financial implications are included in the report.

## **6. Conclusion**

The Board has made significant investments from its Public Relations Fund. The funds help support community safety initiatives and help build partnerships with policing and community stakeholders.

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