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Guarantee Effective Protection of Vulnerable People and their Rights

1. the City of Montréal integrate its policy on systemic racism and discrimination, as well as its action plans on Indigenous peoples, seniors, and people with disabilities, in all policy-making, programs and services on homelessness;
2. all funding for homelessness programs and services require the full recognition and respect of the fundamental rights and freedoms of residents, homeowners, workers and merchants as set out in ss. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 10.1 and 12 of the *Québec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms*;
3. all funding for homelessness programs and services require an impact assessment where the rights of children as recognized by the U.N. *Convention on the Rights of the Child*, notably the right to a safe and healthy environment, are concerned;
4. in the planning and delivery of homelessness programs and services, service providers pay special attention to the impact on vulnerable groups in the local community, such as children, seniors, women and people with disabilities;

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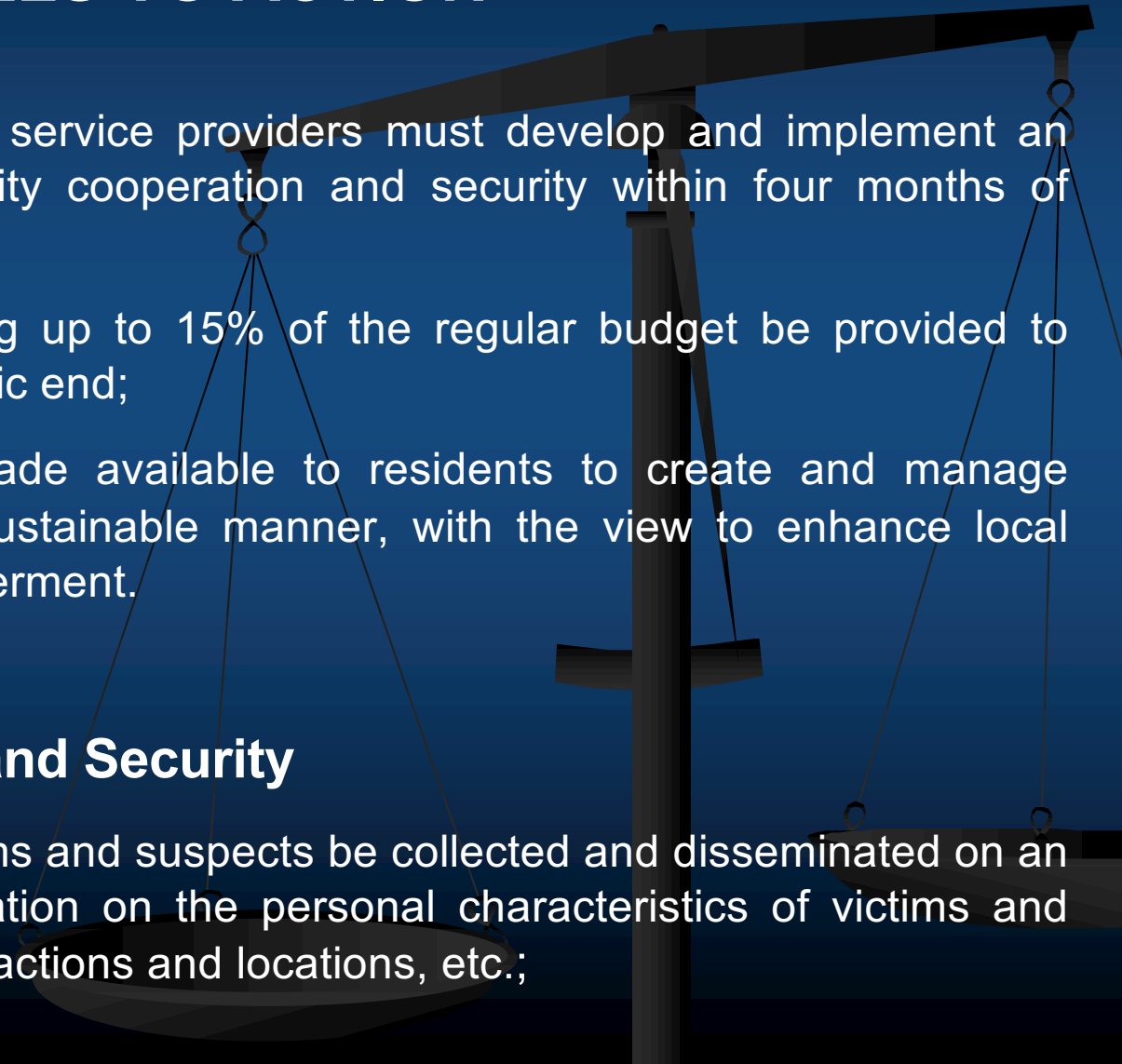
5. Adequate funding be granted to programs and services for the unhoused who are Indigenous or who have mental health and drug dependence needs, in order to avoid the disproportionately adverse barriers these groups face, which will in turn affect the local quality of life for all.

Require Cooperation and Security

6. Funding for homelessness programs and services include a requirement of the creation of a Committee on Cooperation and Security (CCS) with the mandate to ensure the inclusion of local residents, business associations and representatives from local schools, CPE, faith institutions and other public services such as the SPVM and the CLSC. Residents should constitute half of this CCS, and local socio-demographic diversity in terms of race, language, ethnicity, age, class and ability, should be respected;

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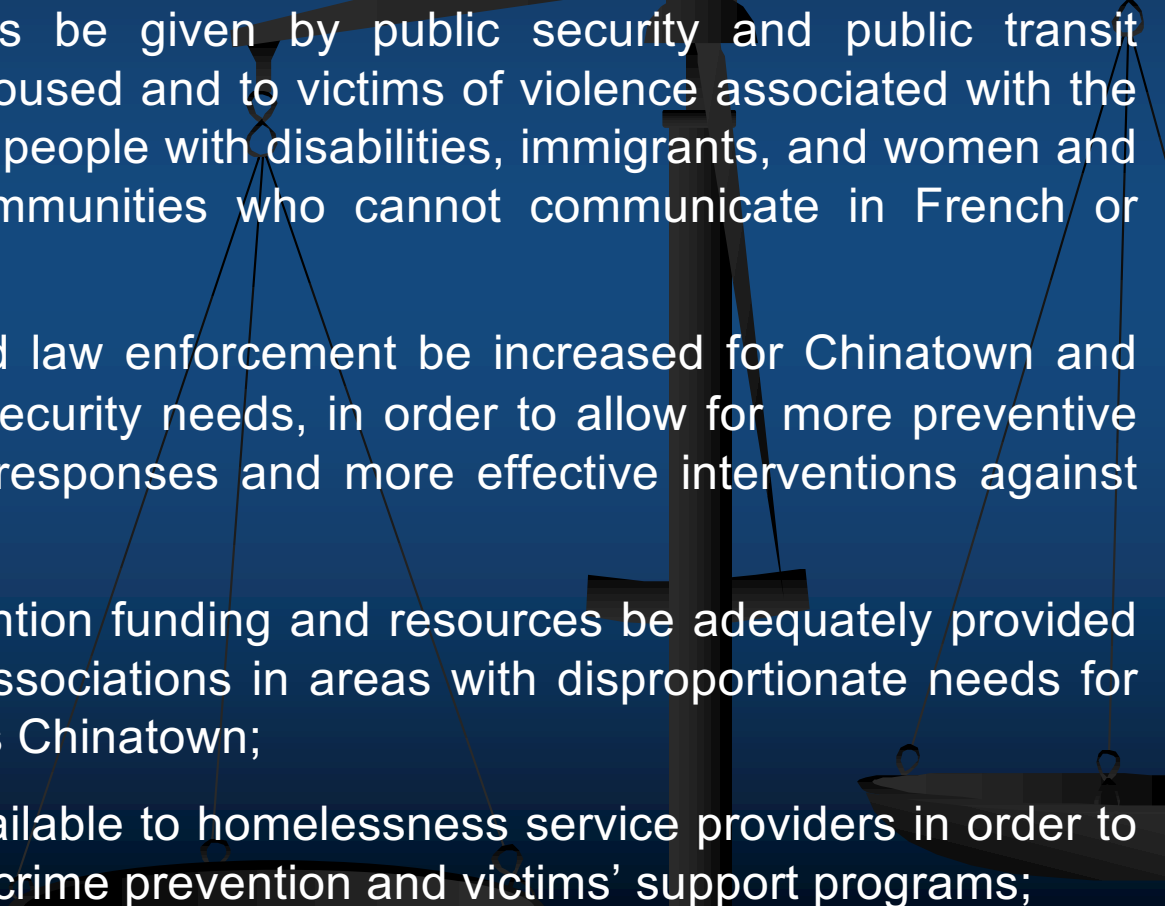
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7. As a funding requirement, all service providers must develop and implement an action plan on local community cooperation and security within four months of receiving funding;
 8. Additional funding representing up to 15% of the regular budget be provided to funding recipients to this specific end;
 9. Adequate City funding be made available to residents to create and manage residents' associations in a sustainable manner, with the view to enhance local democracy and citizen empowerment.

Promote better Protection and Security

10. Data on the unhoused as victims and suspects be collected and disseminated on an annual basis, with full information on the personal characteristics of victims and suspects, the categories of infractions and locations, etc.;

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11. Special security considerations be given by public security and public transit services to the Indigenous unhoused and to victims of violence associated with the unhoused who are Indigenous, people with disabilities, immigrants, and women and seniors from ethnocultural communities who cannot communicate in French or English;
 12. Funding for public security and law enforcement be increased for Chinatown and other areas with the greatest security needs, in order to allow for more preventive police presence, faster police responses and more effective interventions against drug trafficking;
 13. Community-based crime prevention funding and resources be adequately provided to residents' and merchants' associations in areas with disproportionate needs for protection and security, such as Chinatown;
 14. Additional funding be made available to homelessness service providers in order to enable them to set up adapted crime prevention and victims' support programs;
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15. Additional funding be made available to homelessness service providers in order to enable them to purchase civil liability insurance in case of civil lawsuits filed by residents and merchants against them.

Ensure Efficient and Effective Homelessness Resource Planning

16. All homelessness resource planning and allocation decisions in any area with a certain level of economic activity require and be based on a business impact assessment study to be conducted in close cooperation with local businesses before such decisions are made;
17. The City of Montréal set a business compensation fund for small businesses providing retail sales, product rentals, or consumer services that experience a loss of revenues or profits at a percentage and over a period to be determined, and that incur additional expenses associated with the presence of the unhoused or acts committed by the latter;

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18. The City of Montréal adopt a moratorium on new homelessness resources, including social housing, in Chinatown, especially where the business sector of Chinatown, such as Clark Street, is concerned.

