



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**2007 Community Partnership and Investment Program
Parks, Forestry and Recreation Allocation
Recommendations**

Date:	April 30, 2007
To:	Community Partnership and Investment Appeals Sub-Committee
From:	Brenda Librecz, General Manager Parks, Forestry and Recreation
Wards:	All Wards
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report presents the recommended allocations for all community agencies that have applied for funding under the 2007 Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP). The CPIP funds two programs: The Recreation Partnership and Investment Program (generally known as Majors) and the Minor Recreation Investment Program (generally known as Minors). Funding for Lawn bowling clubs is now included under the Minor Recreation Investment Program.

The 2007 Council Approved budget allocation for the CPIP is \$1,377,370. This includes \$1,007,495 for Majors and \$369,875 for Minors, including a technical adjustment of \$12,000 from the Community Services Partnership Program during the 2006 allocations cycle (see Comment section). The Majors received an increase of \$60,000 approved at 2007 Budget Committee. The Minors remained at the 2006 approved budget allocations

The 2007 recommended allocations for Majors, is \$996,987, and \$10,508 for appeals; the recommended allocations for Minors is \$364,255, and \$5,620 for appeals.

A total of 130 agencies applied for funding and were reviewed: 23 for Majors and all of the agencies were recommended for allocations; 107 for Minors, of which 12 agencies did not meet the CPIP program criteria (see Attachment 5 and Attachment 6, for the programs guidelines). The review was carried out in accordance with the City of Toronto's Grants Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation recommends that:

1. City Council approve the allocations for the 2007 Community Partnership Investment Program totalling \$1,361,242 as per Attachment 1 and Attachment 2;
2. \$16,128 be set aside for the grants appeals process, with \$10,508 for Majors and \$5,620 for Minors
3. this report be forwarded to the meeting of the Community Development and Recreation Committee, and;
4. the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact beyond what has been approved in the 2007 Approved Operating Budget.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed this report and agree with the financial impact information.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Our Common Grounds, the strategic plan of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, focuses on three areas of service priorities: environmental stewardship, child and youth development, and lifelong active living. These service priorities aid the City of Toronto to achieve its vision and values of “Prosperity, Opportunity, and Liveability,” as stated in the 2006 Major’s Platform.

The Community Partnership Investment Program (CPIP) provides grants to community organizations which reinforce the division’s service priorities. As a strategic tool, grants support organizations that do community development at the neighbourhood level. This approach to supporting neighbourhood services provides direct intervention to at-risk individuals and communities, complements the delivery of Parks, Forestry and Recreation programs, and responds to emerging social trends. Organizations that are funded by the CPIP help to foster civic pride in residents and encourage community engagement.

COMMENTS

The Community Partnership Investment Program (CPIP) reviewing team are staff of the Community Engagement unit. The unit is part of the Divisional Co-ordination and Community Engagement Branch (DCCE) in Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Applications Reviewed Under the Grants Programs

The team assessed 130 applications for the 2007 CPIP. A total of 23 Major applicants applied and were recommended for allocations (See Attachment 1): 6 agencies in the Scarborough District (also known as East); 17 agencies in the Toronto and East York District (also known as South).

A total of 107 Minor applicants applied, of which 19 were new, including 1 Lawn Bowling Club (See Attachment 2).

See Attachment 3 and Attachment 4, for the summary of all agencies reviewed.

Location of Recommended Agencies under the Grants Programs

The recommended grants recipients of both the Majors and Minors grants are fairly distributed across the city. The agencies recommended for allocations under the Majors are in three priority neighbourhoods in the Scarborough District: Malvern, Kingston-Galloway, and Scarborough Village. The other recommended agencies for allocations under the Majors are in South District. There is one priority neighbourhood, Crescent Town, in the South. Within the past few years PFR has been addressing the need to provide support for agencies across all districts of the City of Toronto. There were no new 2007 applicants for Majors.

The agencies recommended for funding under the Minors are located in priority neighbourhoods: West District: Jamestown and Weston-Mt. Dennis; North District: Flemingdon Park-Victoria Village, Jane-Finch; South District: Crescent Town.

Grants Application Process

The deadline for applications submission was 4 P.M., Thursday, January 25, 2007. Distribution of the application forms was issued by request, picked-up at the Customer Service desk at three civic centres and City Hall, or down-loaded from the City's website. Applicants returned their completed applications by mail or hand-delivered them to the locations noted above. There were no late applications. All applications were reviewed for completeness, and where necessary, organizations were contacted for further information.

Budget Details

Majors received a budget base increase of \$60,000 approved at 2007 Budget Committee, totalling \$1,007,495.

Minors remained at the 2006 approved budget allocations of \$369,875, with a technical adjustment of \$12,000 from Community Services Partnership Program (CSP) during the 2006 allocations cycle. The \$12,000 was transferred for Project Canoe, a 2006 Minor

grants recipient, whose funding under CSP was recreation in nature, and therefore a better fit with the Minor grants program.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Summary of Recommendations - Major Recreation Partnership Program
Attachment 2 - Summary of Recommendations - Minor Recreation Investment Program
Attachment 3 - Applicant Summary Sheets – Major Recreation Partnership Program
Attachment 4 - Applicant Summary Sheets – Minor Recreation Investment Program
Attachment 5 - 2007 Major Recreation Partnership Program Guidelines
Attachment 6 – 2007 Minor Recreation Investment Program Guidelines