

Community Safety Investment Program (CSI) 2007 Appeals Allocations

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To:	Community Development and Recreation Committee
From:	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration Division
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report recommends allocations of the \$18,820.00 appeal fund for the Community Safety Investment (CSI) Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration Division recommends that:

1. the Community Safety Investment (CSI) appeal fund of \$18,820.00 be allocated to the Bereaved Families of Ontario - Toronto, as recommended in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report; and
2. 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 has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

On May 15, 2007 the Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-committee considered the report titled “Community Safety Investment Program (CSI) – 2007 Allocations” providing recommendations with respect to 63 requests for project support under the Community Safety Investment Program (CSI). The report provided recommendations totalling \$651,000.00 to 26 applications. An additional amount of \$18,820.00 was held for appeals. Five organisations appealed the recommendations for their 2007 funding and provided verbal and/or written presentations to the Appeals Sub-Committee.

Recommendations on the allocation of the appeal fund are reported to the Community Development and Recreation Committee, which then makes recommendations to City Council

ISSUE BACKGROUND

In developing recommendations for allocation of the \$18,820.00 appeal fund, staff reviewed the original recommendations and considered the additional information presented in the deputations and the direction of the Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-committee.

COMMENTS

Of the five organisations appearing before the Appeals Sub-Committee, all appealed the fact that they had not been recommended for funding.

Organisations that were not recommended for funding had been turned down for a number of reasons including: late application, missing information essential to the assessment of eligibility; inability to demonstrate that the request was a targeted violence prevention initiative and not a general social support initiative; the developmental nature of the organisation’s infrastructure; receipt of CSI funding in previous years and insufficient funds available to address all requests that demonstrated a fit with the CSI criteria and goals.

Of the 5 requests considered for the allocation of the appeal fund, 2 received project funding in 2006, and 3 are new applicants to the 2007 CSI. Applicants are considered new if they have not received funding in the previous year.

During the appeals, some applicants provided information about changes in program plans, missing documents, changes to budgets and changes to the requested amounts. In determining recommendations for allocation of the appeal fund, staff considered the project proposals and the original recommendations as well as the revisions and comments made by organisations during the appeals.

Requests for consideration on appeal totalled \$193,819.00. The appeal fund was not sufficient to address the level of funding required to implement many of the projects requested, nor was it sufficient to respond to the number of requests for support.

One applicant has been recommended for the allocation of the appeal fund. This recommendation will support a project to provide targeted support for bereaved racialized youth and their families. The recommended project serves the Flemingdon Park-Victoria Village, Jamestown, Jane/Finch, Lawrence Heights, Scarborough Village and Weston-Mt. Dennis areas.

Recommendations related to allocation of the appeal fund of \$18,820.00 are detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report. These recommendations bring the total number of groups recommended for 2007 CSI funding to 27.

Recommended projects by priority area: (revised)

Children and youth:	11
Women and girls:	5
Seniors:	3
Aboriginal community:	1
Neighbourhoods:	4
Immigrants and refugees:	3

Recommended projects by timeline: (revised)

Year 1 of 1:	14 projects
Year 1 of 2:	1 projects
Year 1 of 3:	4 projects
Year 2 of 2:	3 projects
Year 2 of 3:	3 projects
Year 3 of 3:	2 projects

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1 – 2007 Community Safety Investment – Appeals Recommendations
Appendix 2 – 2007 Community Safety Investment – Appeals Summary Sheets