

COMMUNITY ARTS STAKEHOLDERS REPORT

APPENDIX 6: STAKEHOLDERS' INPUT - HIGHLIGHTS

Overall, there is ardent hope that the City of Toronto will lead in strengthening Toronto's community arts sector.

Question 1	Community Recommended Strategies to address Service Gaps	
Enhanced & ongoing funding What are some ways to increase funding for sustainable community arts development? In other words, what are some ways to enhance and/or maximize the use of existing funding for community arts?	Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political will to support the arts • Work with developers to secure space for community arts in development projects • Ensure minimum pay for artists • Integrated cultural regeneration policy with parks, transportation and city planning
	Funding policy/practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiyear funding • Operating funds for community arts organizations • Increase funding to support community arts programs for all demographic segments including seniors • Broaden funding criteria • Streamline funding process
	Tax incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax rebates to support contribute towards community arts development and art purchases • Property tax relief for artists • Tax incentives to landlords who lease space to artists
	Creative partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More collaboration among funders • Enhanced corporate sponsorships and donations

Question 2	Community Recommended Strategies to address Service Gaps	
Space What are some ways that could open up affordable space for use by community arts and youth?	Embed community arts in planning policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamline permit process • Expand live work space for artists • City to facilitate use of space • Encourage and assist organizations to purchase space • Community involvement in development processes • Build cultural marketplace for youth
	Build infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct survey of available spaces in the City • Build co-op facility for community arts • Mentoring program for emerging artists • Conduct capacity building workshops • Build a community arts archive • Develop training manuals
	Creative use of space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use unconventional space such as fences, cyber space, subway space, billboards in public spaces • Outdoor art • Open street space • Mobile art
	Cultural hubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One cultural hub per neighbourhood • Build a community arts centre

Question 3	Community Recommended Strategies to address Service Gaps	
Community arts profile What are some ways that could build recognition of the important role community arts play in building, developing and nurturing neighbourhoods? For example, how do we showcase success; how do we build the profile of the entire community arts sector?	Citywide community arts event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an annual citywide community arts event to showcase best practice, share information and build networks • Community arts volunteer appreciation day • Arts competition among neighbourhoods
	Advocacy/Promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build citywide community arts web portal • Dedicated City staff to facilitate communications for the entire community arts sector • Mayor and politicians to champion community arts • Research and documentation of ideas and activities of the sector
	Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement grassroots marketing • Use intergenerational and cross-cultural approach • Expand public art in all neighbourhoods

Question 4	Community Recommended Strategies to address Service Gaps	
Resource-sharing What are some ways that could improve resource-sharing among community arts groups in Toronto? That is, how to build on resources (programs, services, knowledge, etc.) we already have?	Create networking opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual forum featuring best practice • Public nights for community arts • Form arts co-op • Include community arts organizations on the City's website
	Creative outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand public art calls for submission to include community arts organizations • Enhance arts education • Subsidize arts groups to take on emerging artists • Create art spaces • City to provide community arts coordinator in each community centre
	Enhanced communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build comprehensive directory of community arts space, artists, projects, volunteers, donors, funding, jobs, citywide community arts events listings, etc • Provide dedicated City staff to coordinate citywide community arts communications