

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #1: African Canadian Legal Clinic
111 Richmond St. W, Suite 503, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The African Canadian Legal Clinic (ACLC) was established in 1994 to address issues of discrimination and systematic racism. The goal of the organization is to provide legal services to the African Canadian community with a focus on racial discrimination and anti-black racism. The clinic also provides legal advice and acts as an advocacy agency and as a resource centre. This is done through legal education, social work and advocacy as well as referrals. The organization did not report a 2007 operating budget.

Project Information: Lawrence Heights Awareness Program (LHAP)

This project works to assist and employ youth by implementing a series of educational workshops in their community. This project will operate in 2 phases: the first will provide full-time employment to a group of underemployed African Canadian youth that are not in school; the second phase will educate these youth on their immediate and ancient histories and the Canadian legal system. The goal of the project is that through these 2 experiences, the participants will gain a better understanding of who they are and knowledge of the legal system they are currently governed by.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Toronto Centre-Rosedale (28).

Target Group:

Youth from African Canadian community

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: racialized youth/African Canadian youth. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Lawrence Heights.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
Not Provided	Not Provided	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

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Organization #2: Anasa Collective

74 Firvalley Court, c/o Warden Woods Community Centre,

Organization Overview:

This group is made up of female community leaders from African Diaspora and guided by the vision of youth activist Nadine Peazer. The group works to mobilize racialized at-risk females, specifically African-Canadian young women, in relation to their career and personal development from a holistic perspective. The group was formed in 2007. Activities include community outreach, pre-employment, life-skills and wellness training workshops. The group operates with in-kind support.

Project Information: Warrior Princess Project

The project works to offer a holistic approach to pre-employment activities for young women facing at-risk situations. With the support of its outreach partners, the group aims to work with various community organizations to launch the project in Dorset Park, Steeles-L'Amoureux, Crescent Town, Scarborough Village and Kingston-Galloway. Training topics include self care, stress management, diet and exercise, healthy relationships, employment training and financial literacy. Community members will be involved as mentors, guest facilitators, and/or resource supporters in sharing alternative methods of self-empowerment for the young women. The project plans to employ seven young women residing in the targeted areas to plan, design and implement all of the proposed activities. They will also provide ideas and outreach support to form a volunteer youth advisory committee.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Scarborough Southwest (35).

Target Group:

Young African Canadian women facing at-risk situations

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: develops youth leadership. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhoods: Crescent Town, Dorset Park, Kingston-Galloway, Scarborough Village, Steeles-L'Amoureux.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$56,545.00	\$46,545.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #3: Bereaved Families of Ontario - Toronto
28 Madison Avenue, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The organization provides a self-help program for mothers, fathers, and siblings of children who have died across the City of Toronto. Services include bereavement support groups, individual outreach and family contact, family night educational service, public education and awareness, and volunteer leadership training and supervision. The organization reported a 2007 operating budget of \$552,500.00.

Project Information: Soul 2 Soul

This project builds on a previous project's success at addressing the grief faced by youth who lose friends and family through violence. The project was developed by, and is delivered by youth and it employs a leadership model that has older youth providing mentorship to new, younger members. The goals of the project are to increase community awareness of the connection of grief, loss and violence, to provide peer/mutual support to grieving youth and to increase membership in the program to maintain the youth involvement and support. Project activities include: development of a public awareness plan; presentations in communities; peer support for bereaved youth; leadership training; and program evaluation and development.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Trinity-Spadina (20).

Target Group:

Bereaved youth

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: develops youth leadership. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhoods: Eglinton East-Kennedy Park, Flemingdon Park-Victoria Village, Jamestown, Jane-Finch, Kingston-Galloway, Lawrence Heights, Weston-Mt.Dennis.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$36,920.00	\$26,920.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #4: Birchmount Bluffs Neighbourhood Centre
93 Birchmount Road, Scarborough

Organization Overview:

The organization provides a range of programs and services for children, caregivers and seniors, as well as recreation programs, including a family resource centre, a boys and girls club, seniors social and recreation activities, and support for people with disabilities. The organization reported a 2007 operating budget of \$729,093.00.

Project Information: Focal Point

This project works to build youth leadership and mentorship skills through a photography project centred in Kennedy Park and Scarborough village with the final photo projects displayed at the CONTACT photography festival. This project has been created and designed by the agency's Youth Advisory Group. Goals of the project include developing youth skills (leadership, mentorship and photography), enhancing the participant's knowledge of their community, providing opportunities to youth to explore social issues, and the use of photography as a medium for self expression. Project activities include: project curriculum development; gallery selection; mentor recruitment and training; photography skills training; photo shoots; and public exhibition. This project will be offered in 2 phases with the second phase being led by participants/mentors from the first phase.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Scarborough Southwest (36).

Target Group:

Youth residing in Kennedy Park and Scarborough village

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: supports youth-led activities. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhoods: Eglinton East-Kennedy Park, Scarborough Village.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$15,337.00	\$5,337.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for a grant of \$10,000.00 to support the "Focal Point" project.

Comments:

In order to receive the 2008 INI funds, the organization must provide an agreement with a suitable trustee.

Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report; the number of workshops, outreach activities, and volunteer recruitment activities and a description of the content; the number of peer mentor matches, youth leaders trained, and participants; documentation and evaluation of evidence of increased skills for the participants and evidence of increased capacity for the focus community.

Funding Period:

The grant is to be used during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #5: Black Creek Community Health Centre
2202 Jane Street, Unit 5, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The organization provides health care services in a holistic manner and works with people within the Jane/Finch area to create safe and healthy communities. Services include clinical health care providers, community health promotion for all ages, mental health and programs for seniors. The organization reported a 2007 operating budget of \$2,487,493.00.

Project Information: Teen Moms On The Move

Based on the existing Teen Moms on the Move Program, the project works to provide a train-the-trainer opportunity to ten young mothers between 18-24 years old as project mentors. They will then facilitate workshops on a number of topics and mentor younger females. The young women will assume mentorship positions and the younger mentees (age 11-15) will be from the Jane and Finch area. This project works to address gender-based violence identified in the recent School Community Safety Panel Report. This project will create safe spaces that support the students to prevent incidents of gender based violence from occurring. The mentorship leads will assume key responsibilities involving the operation and logistic aspects of the project. Other mentors will brainstorm a process to create clear directions for the project and establish a framework for program delivery. Activities include: training; workshops; policy and procedure development; mentees outreach; and recruitment and mentorship.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward York West (7).

Target Group:

Young women aged 11-24

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: develops youth leadership. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Jane-Finch.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$10,500.00	\$500.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #6: Black Ribbon Organization
34 Overture Road, Scarborough

Organization Overview:

The organization's mandate is providing youth with opportunities to achieve goals, build leadership skills and work in team environments. The organization is new and is in the process of registration as a non-profit. The organization did not provide a 2007 operating budget.

Project Information: Helping youth achieve goals

This project works to organize a fashion show that will be created by youth and community driven. The youth will take part in creating T-shirt designs and get them printed on T-shirts. The project will engage 30 youth in brainstorming activities and provide opportunities to develop leadership skills and gain practical skills and experience that they will be able to apply in the future. The goal of this project is to show the community, the youth and their families that there are individuals that want to help the youth reach their goals and to build trusting relationships through collective decision making and team work. Project activities include: mentorship for youth; workshops; a field trip and a fashion show.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Scarborough East (43).

Target Group:

Youth

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: develops youth leadership. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Kingston-Galloway.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$15,912.99	\$0.00	\$15,912.99	\$10,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for a grant of \$10,000.00 to support the "Helping youth achieve goals" project.

Comments:

In order to receive the 2008 INI funds, the organization must provide an agreement with a suitable trustee and a revised, balanced budget.

Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report; the number of workshops, outreach activities, and groups and a description of the content; the number of youth leaders trained and participants; documentation and evaluation of evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, and participant evaluation.

Funding Period:

The grant is to be used during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #7: Break Free Family Centre
2001 Albion Rd., Unit 8, Etobicoke

Organization Overview:

Break Free Family Centre was established in 2003 as non-profit organization to provide the highest standard of care and counselling to the youth and the community at large in the areas of violence, addiction, substance abuse and crime. The goal of the organization is to teach and counsel individuals on how they can break the cycle of violence, addiction and self-destructive behaviour and become productive members of society. The organization works in partnership with the community, schools, health, and social service providers, churches, area police stations and the judicial system in reaching out to the sick, disenfranchised and the disadvantaged, to provide them with the tools required to make them whole again. The organization did not report a 2007 operating budget.

Project Information: Youth education program

This project works to run a 12 week program on rebuilding communication and providing additional support to at-risk youth. This will be accomplished through counselling and care skills for each youth individual. Youth will be contacted through the legal system, schools, and community programs. The goal is to reach 50 youth, who without financial support, treatment planning, and counselling would not be able to be part of the community. Project activities include: counselling sessions; confidence building sessions; and program evaluation.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Etobicoke North (2).

Target Group:

At-risk youth

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: supports youth-led activities. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhoods: Jamestown, Jane-Finch. The project will also involve youth city wide.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$24,700.00	\$2,500.00	\$22,200.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

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Organization #8: Building Blocks Youth Group
c/o Rexdale Community Health Centre, 8 Tabler Road, Etobicoke

Organization Overview:

This group formed in 2007 out of the need for services for the community's youth. This group is located in the Etobicoke/Rexdale area, specifically in the Queen's Plate neighbourhood. The group connects residents to community services that are currently available and advocates, plans and delivers services for the Queens Plate youth. The group aims to get the community talking and to develop ideas of what would improve the community, such as outreach to local partners and to build a park and/or safe place for kids to play. The group did not report a 2007 operating budget.

Project Information: Community-building events

This project works to bring youth from the Queen's Plate area together to start talking to each other, to develop a sense of community and to promote unity in the community. This project will address the lack of youth programming in the neighbourhood and will create a safe place for youth to gather. The goal of this project is to build a healthier and happier community by providing access to services, resources and support. Project activities include: community BBQ; car wash fundraiser; skill-building workshops; and a basketball drop-in.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Etobicoke North (2).
The trustee organization is located in Ward Etobicoke North (2).

Target Group:

African Canadian youth

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: develops youth leadership. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Jamestown.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$11,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for a grant of \$10,000.00 to support the "Community-building events" project.

Comments:

The organization appealed the recommendation at the CPIP Appeals Subcommittee on September 22, 2008. The original recommendation has been confirmed.

Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report; the number of workshops, sessions, and community meetings and a description of the content; the number of staff and volunteers trained and youth leaders trained; documentation and evaluation of evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, and community understanding of various youth issues.

Funding Period:

The grant is to be used during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

Project Trustee:

The organization applied with Rexdale Community Health Centre as the trustee.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #9: Centre for Spanish Speaking Peoples
2141 Jane Street, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The organization serves Spanish-speaking people and their families across the City of Toronto. Services include settlement, supportive counselling, public education, community information boards, women's programs, training workshops, legal clinic, seniors' program, youth program, cultural and recreational programs. The organization reported a 2007 operating budget of \$1,762,999.00.

Project Information: Le Centro resource area

The project works to establish a resource area in the community space of the Centre to provide educational resources for Latino youth in the community. This space will allow Latino youth to explore their cultural background in the absence of ethno-specific education in the school system. The resource area will function as a workspace for youth to access educational materials, complete homework assignments and apply for jobs and will allow youth to develop subject specific work groups that meet the interests and concerns of local youth. The goal of this project is to provide the resource area as a safe, inclusive, interactive space for youth and their families. Project activities include: space design and implementation and project launch.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward York Centre (9).

Target Group:

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: reflects youth culture/engagement choices. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Jane-Finch.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$11,316.00	\$1,316.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for a grant of \$8,000.00 to support the "Le Centro resource area" project.

Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report; the number of outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, community meetings, and groups and a description of the content; the number of youth leaders trained and participants; documentation and evaluation of evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, community understanding of various youth issues, and participant evaluation.

Funding Period:

The grant is to be used during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #10: Development of Ontarian Engineers and Resources Inc. (DOERs)

155 Harbord Avenue, Toronto

Organization Overview:

This organization aims to connect Internationally Trained Engineers (ITE's), without Canadian certification with the means of acquiring this certification through education and job training under a Professional Engineer. The main objective of DOERs is to raise awareness surrounding the inequalities that exist within Canada's immigration system and to help alleviate this problem by providing a support system for ITE's as well as linking them with employment opportunities. The group did not report a 2007 operating budget.

Project Information: Youth Employment and Leadership Program

This project works to link Internationally Trained Engineers (ITE's) with resources in Canada, and will employ youth to oversee the program. Through this project, a youth will be hired as the business development officer, providing them with leadership opportunities. This youth will work with a team of youth volunteers to run a host of events for ITE's including conferences, linking to prospective funders, and engaging the community. It will provide youth in Jane/Finch with an opportunity for leadership development and to make contributions to the Jane/Finch, Toronto and Ontario communities. The goal of this project is to engage people in the issues surrounding immigrant unemployment, and to provide youth with leadership roles in making that happen. Project activities include: organizing youth; holding several conferences; train volunteers on fundraising and working with employment counsellors to organize ITE's.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Trinity-Spadina (20).

Target Group:

Youth

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: develops youth leadership. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Jane-Finch. The project will also involve youth city wide.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$4,600.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #11: Doorsteps Neighbourhood Services

1700 Wilson Ave, Room 211, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The organization serves residents of the area surrounding the Jane Street/Wilson Avenue intersection bounded by Sheppard Avenue, Keele Street, Highway 401 and 400 and provides a variety of recreational activities, social services, and educational programs. Activities include community development, a parent/child drop-in program with a bilingual Spanish component, adult fitness, social recreational programming for children, youth and seniors, women's support group, special community events, and a newsletter. The organization reported a 2007 operating budget of \$579,849.00.

Project Information: Me representing me - Falstaff girls club

This project will work to familiarize girls with the concept of consciously choosing and developing their own pro-social behaviours and the long term benefits of creating such a personal plan. This project will help young women record their accomplishments and to look for opportunities to expand their positive experiences. It will show girls that they can take charge of planning their lives and about how not to let others determine their future. The goal of this project is to provide girls with access to a series of activities that will help them build a positive self identity, increase their self esteem and self efficacy and to have a positive outlook for their future career. Project activities include: personal/group work led by child/youth worker; workshops; strengthening of the girls club governance; career exploration activities; presentations from university student volunteers; summer recreational activities; and afterschool programming.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward York West (7).

Target Group:

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: develops youth leadership. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhoods: Jane-Finch, Weston-Mt.Dennis.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$18,031.00	\$8,031.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #12: Dorset Park Youth Committee

880 Ellesmere Road, N204-A, Scarborough

Organization Overview:

This group is made up of youth service providers representing the different organization players within Dorset Park. The group was established in March 2007 with the purpose for members to work together to build positive futures and relationships with youth in the Dorset Park community. The group is open to youth, representatives of youth-serving community organizations, government agencies, groups or youth service providers within the Dorset park community. Currently the group has 16 active members.

Project Information: Youth Supporting Youth- DP Crisis Response Team

This project works to create a youth-focused and youth-led crisis response team. Supporting predominantly African Canadian, West Indian and Tamil youth in Dorset Park, this project will address the lack of resources geared towards youth around crisis response. The goals of this project are to have youth crisis response workers support existing crisis response service providers and act as peer support for youth in Dorset park who have been affected by crisis, as well as to work with youth service providers to advocate on behalf of youth to address current crisis response protocols. Project activities include: outreach and project promotion; defining the issues through a survey of youth in the community leadership and advocacy workshops; and a community event to introduce the Youth Crisis Response Model to Youth Crisis Response Workers.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Scarborough-Agincourt (40).

The trustee organization is located in Ward Scarborough-Rouge River (41).

Target Group:

African Canadian, West Indian and Tamil youth in Dorset Park

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: focuses on racialized youth/African Canadian youth. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Dorset Park.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

Project Trustee:

The organization applied with Agincourt Community Services Association as the trustee.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #13: DreamNow

555 Bloor Street West, Toronto

Organization Overview:

This organization was established in 2005 to provide follow-up for conferences and programs that inspire people. Their services are delivered on a fee-for service basis and the revenue they generate sustains the core costs of the organization. The group operates with in-kind support.

Project Information: NeighbourhoodOne

This project takes a community development approach to engaging youth in the NeighbourhoodOne activities of the organization. NeighbourhoodOne assists community groups that are working for social change across Toronto to coordinate their activities. The goal of this project is to capture the enthusiasm of a group of youth and to provide them with the opportunity to use the existing resources of the organization. Ten to fifteen diverse youth will be recruited, and provided with technical and leadership skills enabling them to take ownership of the NeighbourhoodOne website and shape the program for the future. Project activities include: preparing materials for youth; recruiting youth; electing a chair; holding a leadership retreat; monthly meetings; and ongoing outreach.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Trinity-Spadina (20).

Target Group:

Youth

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: develops youth leadership. The project will also involve youth city wide.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$4,897.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for a grant of \$4,897.00 to support the "NeighbourhoodOne" project.

Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report; the number of outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, and groups and a description of the content; the number of youth leaders trained and participants; documentation and evaluation of evidence of increased skills for the participants, options for ongoing project delivery, and participant evaluation.

Funding Period:

The grant is to be used during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #14: Flemingdon Health Centre
10 Gateway Blvd, Toronto

Organization Overview:

Flemingdon Health Centre is a non-profit charitable community health centre established in 1972. FHC is funded by the Toronto Central LHINs (Local Health Integrated Networks) and governed by a volunteer board of directors consisting primarily of residents and/or clients. The Centre provides a wide range of primary health services with an emphasis on illness prevention, health promotion, health education and community development. FHC works in partnership with a variety of health organizations to ensure continuity of care. To address the broad determinants of health it also works with community partners such as schools, legal clinics, neighbourhood and social services, and grass roots community organizations. The organization reported a 2007 operating budget of \$4,133,606.00.

Project Information: Strong Steps

The project works to implement a mentoring program in partnership with Youth Assisting Youth that will allow newly immigrated girls in grades 11-12 living in Flemingdon Park to be mentored by final year students of universities/colleges/apprenticeships, or recent graduates. These university students will in turn be mentored by professional women in fields of their career choice. The goal of this project is to give high school girls an opportunity to learn from peer mentors, and to have someone who they can talk to about their upcoming transition to higher studies and the challenges involved. These mentors in turn would have an opportunity to be encouraged by professional women in the community to pursue challenging and meaningful careers. Project activities include: recruiting students (high school and post secondary); mentoring; linking post secondary students with professional women for mentoring opportunities; and linking highschool students with younger children for mentoring.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Don Valley West (26).

Target Group:

Girls living in Flemingdon Park

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: develops youth leadership. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Flemingdon Park-Victoria Village.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$21,750.00	\$11,750.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #15: For Youth Initiative in Toronto
1652 Keele Street, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The organization is a "by youth for youth" agency that uses pop culture to bring critical theory and social systemic change to the youth of the former City of York, North Etobicoke and West Toronto areas. Youth are involved at all levels of the organization and activities include community development and direct services. The organization reported a 2007 operating budget of \$405,825.00.

Project Information: Life Skills and Youth Empowerment Workshop Series

This project works to provide 16-week life skills workshops to 20 youth aged 15 - 24 from the community. This will motivate youth to learn about the importance of achieving and setting goals, learning how to cook, use computers and money management. The project also teaches youth how to make better life choices, be better decision makers, problem solvers and community members. This project has been designed for youth by youth who have received feedback through consultations and are now responsible for the project implementation and direction. From taking the initiative to start the project and to be a mentor for the youth in the community, youth will have many chances to learn new skills.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward York South-Weston (12).

Target Group:

Youth aged 15 - 24 from the community

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: develops youth leadership. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Weston-Mt.Dennis.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$23,148.00	\$13,188.00	\$9,960.00	\$9,960.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for a grant of \$9,960.00 to support the "Life Skills and Youth Empowerment Workshop Series" project.

Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report; the number of workshops, outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, community meetings, and groups and a description of the content; the number of youth leaders trained and participants; documentation and evaluation of evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, the model, dissemination of project results, the outreach strategy, and participant evaluation.

Funding Period:

The grant is to be used during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #16: Frontlines

1844 Weston Road, Toronto

Organization Overview:

This organization was established in 1987, to offer services to the people and groups of the Weston Community. The focus of this organization is on high risk youth and it offers a holistic approach to community service, welcoming people of all faiths and backgrounds and encouraging positive dialogue and communication in a safe space. The organization did not report a 2007 operating budget.

Project Information: Frontline Youth Council

This project works to create a council of young men and women who would like to explore what it means to be a Black youth. Lessons learned and experiences gained will be applied by designing a workshop and programming by youth for younger youth. This project will use the influence of older youth to support other youth and children. The goal of this project is to give youth a voice to explore what it means to be an Afro-Canadian youth and what they can do to right the wrongs they identify.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward York South-Weston (11).

Target Group:

Afro-Canadian youth

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: focuses on racialized youth/African Canadian youth. The project will also involve youth city wide.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$11,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for a grant of \$10,000.00 to support the "Frontline Youth Council" project.

Comments:

In order to receive the 2008 INI funds, the organization must provide an agreement with a suitable trustee.

Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report; the number of outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, and groups and a description of the content; the number of peer mentor matches, peers trained, and participants; the number and role of volunteers and partner organizations; documentation and evaluation of evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, the model, the outreach strategy, and participant evaluation.

Funding Period:

The grant is to be used during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #17: Glendower Demanding Change
2821 Birchmount Road, Suite 114, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The organization serves residents of Steeles- L'Amoureux, Dorset Park, and Malvern priority neighbourhoods. The organization formed in 2006 to bring the youth of Glendower together as community leaders to work closely with other community members to create an environment that addresses the causes of criminal activities. The organization did not report a 2007 operating budget.

Project Information: Exposure

This project works to develop a photography program for African Canadian youth from the 3 main communities that make up Steeles- L'amoureux. This project will hire youth from the community to staff and be the youth leads in the program where they will be trained on the essentials of photography. They will then return to their communities to teach these skills to their peers, and the project will end with an exhibit of all the work gathered from the program at East Metro Youth Services Studio Two. The goals of the project are to give youth a better understanding of where they and their peers are coming from, to provide them with a portfolio of work they can include with their resume, and to highlight the talent of these youth to the community at large, in order to make them aware of the talent and to be able to better support them. Project activities include: outreach and recruiting youth to staff the project as well as to be participants; training facilitators; and planning and executing 4 photo exhibits.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Scarborough-Agincourt (40).

Target Group:

African Canadian youth from the 3 main communities that make up Steeles- L'amoureux

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: develops youth leadership. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Steeles-L'Amoureux.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$9,934.00	\$0.00	\$9,934.00	\$9,934.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for a grant of \$9,934.00 to support the "Exposure" project.

Comments:

In order to receive the 2008 INI funds, the organization must provide an agreement with a suitable trustee.

Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report; the number of outreach activities, print resources developed, training sessions, outline of coordination activities; and exhibit materials and a description of the content; documentation and evaluation of evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, the model, the outreach strategy, and participant evaluation.

Funding Period:

The grant is to be used during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #18: Horn of Africa Parents Association

3939 - 3B Lawrence Avenue East, Unit 300, Scarborough

Organization Overview:

The organization was formed in 2000 with the mission of providing settlement services to people from the Horn of Africa. The services include ESL, job readiness training, parents capacity building. Each year the Horn of Africa serves about 2120 participants. Most clients are newcomers to Canada who are refugees fleeing the wars and famines in the Horn of Africa countries. The organization did not provide a 2007 operating budget.

Project Information: East African youth mentoring youth project

This project works to enhance resiliency, prosocial behaviours and positive attitudes of youth in Kingston Galloway, and Scarborough. This project will take a holistic approach providing social supports and affirmative relationships in the community. The goal of this project is to enhance prosocial behaviours and positive attitudes in Scarborough by reducing youth crime and victimization and by increasing knowledge of its root causes and through addressing related factors. Project activities include: development of a steering committee; mentor selection; and activity selection.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Scarborough East (43).

Target Group:

Youth

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: focuses on racialized youth/African Canadian youth. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Kingston-Galloway.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$25,799.00	\$10,799.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #19: Investing in Our Diversity Alumni Association
707 Dundas Street West, Toronto

Organization Overview:

This group represents youth from marginalized communities across Toronto who have received scholarships for their work offered through a partnership of Scadding Court Community Centre and Toronto Community Housing or through the Cooperative Housing Federation of Toronto. The group works to create opportunities for people, in particular youth to engage in positive and proactive dialogue to address racism. The group operates with in-kind support.

Project Information: UNIMENT

The project works to organize a city-wide celebration/event for youth to showcase, raise awareness, inform, educate and generate positive ideas, energy and a shared vision to address racism. UNIMET will use dance, music, art, food, displays and workshops to celebrate differences and address racism. The goal of this project is for all kinds of youth to come together and have fun celebrating differences, sharing and learning more about racism, coming up with ideas on how to put an end to it and to leave feeling that they are a part of a larger whole. This one day outdoor event in downtown Toronto will bring thousands of people together to learn, share ideas, be inspired and have fun. It will focus on getting youth to perform, provide educational workshops/sessions and distribute resources and information that they have created.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Trinity-Spadina (20).

The trustee organization is located in Ward Trinity-Spadina (20).

Target Group:

Youth

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: supports youth-led activities. The project will also involve youth city wide.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$72,589.00	\$65,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

Project Trustee:

The organization applied with Scadding Court Community Centre as the trustee.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #20: Nanoom Christian Support Services
28 Romfield Drive, Toronto

Organization Overview:

Nanoom Christian Support Services is a registered non-profit organization that supports youth who struggle with drug abuse. This organization provides youth with life skills to readjust to life in their community. Nanoom counsels youth for abuse of alcohol, drugs and gambling and re-unites them with their families. It hosts narcotic drug prevention campaigns that use life skills to increase self esteem to overcome the problems associated with addictions.

Project Information: "Rock" Nanoom Christian Support for Youth Drug Abuse and Protection

The project works to help and support drug alcohol and gambling addicted youth and adults to reinvest in their lives by recognizing their own core and spiritual values. The project will help people detoxify from their drug addictions, promote drug prevention and harm reduction, provide counselling and support to affected family members and friends and provide information and networking at Nanoom's drop-in centre. As a result, youth will be able to tap into their own personal resources due to increased self-esteem and through the recognition of being a part of a larger community. This will help establish a healthier community and will assist people in becoming more active members of the society. Activities include drug prevention seminars, hop hop concert, Nanoom concert and workshops.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward York West (8).

Target Group:

Youth between the ages of 14 to 19 years of age.

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: Other. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Jane-Finch.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$36,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #21: Ogaden Somali Community Association of Ontario
1575 Lawrence Avenue West, Suite 203, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The organization was established in 1992 to improve the welfare and social well-being of the Somali population. The youth sports section started in early 2002 to motivate, encourage, and give sporting opportunities to the youth that come from low income and disadvantaged families. Program and service areas include counselling and referrals for newcomer families; support groups for women; recreation and educational activities for youth; a food bank; heritage classes for children; ongoing community education on relevant issues identified by the members; placement and training for volunteers; orientation sessions for newcomers; advocacy and support for individuals and families. The organization reported a 2007 operating budget of \$15,274.47.

Project Information: Basketball and soccer tournaments

This project works to hold basketball and soccer youth tournaments for youth from low income families. Youth will be coached and trained by certified coaches to participate in tournaments. Additionally, a BBQ and awareness workshop for participants and their parents will be organized. The goal of this project is to establish viable soccer and basketball leagues that can accommodate multicultural youth from the city. Project activities include: youth recruitment and training; tournament; barbeque/awareness event; and awards ceremony.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward York South-Weston (12).

Target Group:

Somali Youth

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: focuses on racialized youth/African Canadian youth. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhoods: Jamestown, Jane-Finch, Lawrence Heights, Weston-Mt.Dennis. The project will also involve youth in other neighbourhood: Dixon area.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$24,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #22: One-On-One

3850 Finch Avenue East, Unit 410, Toronto

Organization Overview:

This group was established in 2006 with the primary goal of pairing peer mentors with youth in a manner that emphasizes guidance, engagement and introspection over rigid lesson plans and client/councillor or student/teacher relationships. There are currently 4 members/mentors in the group and membership is open for those that have compassion and a heart for helping youth as well as some education or experience with peer counselling or youth work. The group currently operates with in-kind support.

Project Information: Young Leaders

This project works with local schools to provide an alternative to suspension/expulsion for students that are at risk and struggling to fit a school's criteria of a 'successful' student. The project uses mentors to outreach to students in the community, assists students with their work and provides a forum to discuss personal issues and feelings, helping them identify problems and to develop successful life strategies. The goals of the project are to provide youth with opportunities to make positive life changes by providing them with the tools and support to do this through peer mentors and, to assist youth in finding their own "leader voice" assisting them to see so-called barriers of age, geography and skin colour as unique strengths that foster this "leader voice." Project activities include: outreach to community and schools; volunteer recruitment; training for members and volunteers; and program delivery.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Scarborough-Agincourt (39).

The trustee organization is located in Ward Scarborough-Rouge River (41).

Target Group:

Youth who are experiencing difficulty in the school system

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: focuses on racialized youth/African Canadian youth. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Steeles-L'Amoureux.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

Project Trustee:

The organization applied with Agincourt Community Services Association as the trustee.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #23: People Who Care
40 Redwater Drive, Toronto

Organization Overview:

This group was formed in April 2008 by a group of women to serve youth and their families living in marginalized communities. The group works to rebuild a sense of unity in the communities that face poverty and violence. The group is comprised of ten members who understand the struggles that many racialized youth and marginalized communities face. The group operates with in-kind support.

Project Information: Refresh Your Mind

This project works to provide a safe place where youth and parents can spend time together in a non-formal setting and access information and resources regarding school placements, employment opportunities, addiction counselling and criminal justice system. In partnership with various social service organizations and business, this program will take place in a drop-in centre. Activities include: information display; entertainment; community barbeque; back to school package; a support system for at-risk youth; workshops; pre-employment training; and addiction and mental health counselling.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Etobicoke North (2).

Target Group:

At-risk racialized youth.

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: focuses on racialized youth/African Canadian youth. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhoods: Jamestown, Jane-Finch, Lawrence Heights.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$6,525.00	\$400.00	\$6,125.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #24: Phoenix Community Works Foundation

344 Bloor Street West, 505, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The organization was founded in 1971 to support community development, creativity, education and the environment. The organization provides a wide variety of services in arts, education, health and environment both locally and abroad. The organization has engaged in over 400 projects to build capacity and support the growth of strong communities over the past 35 years. The organization reported a 2006 operating budget of \$38,745,233.00.

Project Information: Walls Of Hope

The project works to bring youth together from across the city to build "walls of hope" through collaborative youth-led art projects. It will build an inter-art installation on poverty and human rights by youth and will be exhibited at Metro Hall in July and City Hall in August, with plans to show it at the newly opened AGO and one other local gallery in the fall. The project is a collaborative and community-driven process. Youth are taking part in planning and making decisions about art making for the installation and will also give public talks at schools and community organizations. Once the installation is built, the project plans to expand the core group of youth planners and volunteers to further develop and expand the project. The goal of this project is to empower youth as community leaders by using art as a tool to explore and speak out about social issues that are important to them. Activities include: public exhibits; a website; youth talks at schools and community organizations; youth publication; and performance.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Trinity-Spadina (20).

Target Group:

Youth aged 13 to 24

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: supports youth-led activities. The project will also involve youth city wide.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$57,560.00	\$47,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #25: Rated Entertainment Artistic Promotions Group of Canada

1 Wiltshire Avenue, Suite 130, Toronto

Organization Overview:

This organization was established in 2002 to provide youth with the opportunity to use dance as an outlet, and for young people to enhance their abilities, develop new skills, compete and be showcased at events and talent shows. Dance activities include classes, practices, events, and competitions. This group incorporated as a non-profit in 2008. The organization did not report a 2007 operating budget.

Project Information: Youth Arts Festival

This project will put on a youth arts festival and to make the event an annual event in the city's north-west communities. This project builds on the success of a previous project. Through organizing and training for this event, there will be a variety of artist development opportunities including workshops and trainings on both technique (stage presence, appearance, projection and pitch) and the professional aspects of planning an event (networking, professionalism, organization, audience geared performances). The goal of this project is to show Black youth that their contribution to the arts is valued, while providing a range of leadership and skill building opportunities. Project activities include planning and development of Urban Arts Festival, marketing and promotions, auditions and artist development, and festival evaluation.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Davenport (17).

Target Group:

Black youth

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: supports youth-led activities. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhoods: Jane-Finch, Weston-Mt.Dennis.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$43,500.00	\$33,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for a grant of \$10,000.00 to support the "Youth Arts Festival" project.

Comments:

In order to receive the 2008 INI funds, the organization must provide an agreement with a suitable trustee.

Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report; the number of sessions, outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, print resources developed, and Festival evaluation and a description of the content; the number of participants; documentation and evaluation of evidence of increased skills for the participants and the outreach strategy.

Funding Period:

The grant is to be used during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #26: Recognize the Real Life and Skills Education
4401 Jane Street, Toronto

Organization Overview:

This organization was started in 2005 and serves male youth aged 13-24 in the Jane and Finch neighbourhood. The organization works to empower youth to transform their lives by recognizing the power within them to accomplish their own goals. Services include basketball, life skills workshops, mentoring, literacy circles and field trips outside of the community. The organization did not report a 2007 operating budget.

Project Information: Real Skills

The project works to address the issues of black male youth in the community that present barriers to them reaching their full potential. The project has identified the Jane and Finch neighbourhood as an area with many Black male youth facing significant risks and where youth have indicated an interest in participating in life skills and culturally specific healing sessions. The youth will take the lead in organizing trips, outings and events. Activities include: life skills workshops; field trips; healing sessions; mentoring; and forums.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward York West (8).

Target Group:

Male youth aged 13 - 24

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: focuses on racialized youth/African Canadian youth. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Jane-Finch.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,400.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for a grant of \$8,400.00 to support the "Real Skills" project.

Comments:

In order to receive the 2008 INI funds, the organization must provide an agreement with a suitable trustee.

Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report; the number of sessions, outreach activities, and volunteer recruitment activities and a description of the content; the number of youth leaders trained and participants; the number and role of volunteers and partner organizations; documentation and evaluation of evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, the model, the outreach strategy, and participant evaluation.

Funding Period:

The grant is to be used during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #27: Recognize Your Face - Marketplace Ministry
1208 Kos Blvd, Mississauga

Organization Overview:

This group was established in 2004. Their mission is to heal, educate and re-direct. The main focus is making people recognize their true identity which would be different and unique for each individual. This process of healing and recognizing one's identity varies with each individual and therefore by engaging them in tasks that these individuals would enjoy, this process would start taking shape. The group has been using community centres in Jane and Finch, Regent Park, Falstaff and Malvern. The group did not report a 2007 operating budget.

Project Information: A Message of Hope - Toronto

This project works to put on a free concert in each of 4 priority neighbourhoods. Through the concerts, the youth will deliver and express their message of hope for the City of Toronto through music, poetry, dance, and drama. The goal is to be able to give the youth a chance to show their talent to the community and to bring about change in the way the youth view themselves and how they view others. Project activities include: concert planning; hiring (youth, staff and performers); and preparing for youth leadership roles.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward .

Target Group:

Youth between the ages of 14 to 29

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: develops youth leadership. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhoods: Crescent Town, Lawrence Heights, Weston-Mt.Dennis. The project will also involve youth in other neighbourhood: Weston-Mt.Dennis.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #28: Rexdale Adolescent Warriors (RAW)

2765 Islington Avenue, Toronto

Organization Overview:

This group is youth-led and supports African Canadian and other racialized youth to develop skills to participate in neighbourhood based decision-making processes and to become active contributors to build strong and safe neighbourhoods as well as a well-governed city. The group is in the process of becoming established in the community and has not incorporated yet. The group operates with in-kind resources.

Project Information: Men 2 Men

The project works to address the issues arising from the lack of positive male role models for young men in Rexdale. This project works to foster intergenerational relationships where adult black males mentor young black males. By providing a positive role model to young black males in an informal setting, adults will share their experience and knowledge to guide the youth to grow and develop their leadership skills and as a result, a support system will be established. Activities include: orientation and training to mentors; outreach and recruitment; mentorship and workshops.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Etobicoke North (1).

The trustee organization is located in Ward Scarborough Centre (38).

Target Group:

Black male youth aged 14-24.

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: focuses on racialized youth/African Canadian youth. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Jamestown.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for a grant of \$10,000.00 to support the "Men 2 Men" project.

Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report; the number of outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, and training sessions and a description of the content; the number of peer mentor matches, staff and volunteers trained, peers trained, and participants; the number and role of volunteers and partner organizations; documentation and evaluation of evidence of increased skills for the participants, options for ongoing project delivery, the outreach strategy, and participant evaluation.

Funding Period:

The grant is to be used during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

Project Trustee:

The organization applied with Tropicana Community Services Organization as the trustee.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #29: San Romanoway Revitalization Association
10 San Romanoway, Ground Floor, North Wing, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The organisation works with residents and local businesses of the San Romanoway and surrounding community to revitalize the neighbourhood and create a sense of belonging by building a safer environment. Services include youth anti-violence/anti-substance abuse program, youth employment and training, breakfast and after-school program, mentoring for children and youth, summer day camp, March break camp, seniors group and advocacy. The organization reported a 2007 operating budget of \$535,444.00.

Project Information: United music fund publishing

This project works to provide a youth run initiative to help create sustainable long-term employment and skill development for youth residing in 4 priority neighbourhoods, using music publishing as a tool. The project has two phases. The first phase involves providing a musical publishing curriculum for 26 weeks to teach participants the workings of music publishing. The second half of the program places participants in a practicum where they administer music publishing services for their community artists peers. The goals of the project are to increase youth employment opportunities, the number of youth leaders in the community and positive peer mentorship opportunities and to decrease the staggering youth drop out rates. Project activities include: curriculum development; workshop delivery; ongoing meetings; staff professional development; practicum; music publishing; and program analysis.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward York West (8).

Target Group:

Youth in 4 priority neighbourhoods

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: focuses on racialized youth/African Canadian youth. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhoods: Flemingdon Park-Victoria Village, Jane-Finch, Steeles-L'Amoureux, Weston-Mt.Dennis.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$36,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for a grant of \$10,000.00 to support the "United music fund publishing" project.

Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report; the number of workshops, sessions, outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, and training sessions and a description of the content; the number of staff and volunteers trained, youth leaders trained, and participants; the number and role of volunteers and partner organizations; documentation and evaluation of evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, options for ongoing project delivery, the model, and participant evaluation.

Funding Period:

The grant is to be used during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #30: Scarborough Village Youth Service Provider Network
100 Galloway Road, Scarborough

Organization Overview:

This group was established in 2007 by a small group of youth service providers who were seeking new ways to work together in the Scarborough Village community. They aim to improve the relationships between youth and service providers to promote youth collaboration, to advocate for youth, to increase youth agencies in the community, to build capacity of youth and to share resources and to improve service access and delivery. The organization did not report a 2007 operating budget.

Project Information: The Greater Debate

This project works to engage and mobilize youth from the priority neighbourhoods by focusing on current events/issues that are relevant to them and providing them with training on how to debate these issues. Youth will receive training and workshops on identifying issues, developing communication/public speaking skills, leadership skills, listening skills, how to frame and articulate their arguments and how to dialogue and exchange with others in this way. The goal of this project is to empower youth through the process of training and workshops, as they learn how to advocate for themselves, identify barriers they face and develop solutions towards them. Project activities include: creation and outreach of promotional materials; 12 weeks of debate team training; community consultations; research and exploration of issues; development of action strategy and debate topics; and main debating event.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Scarborough East (43).

Target Group:

Youth in Scarbrough Village

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: reflects youth culture/engagement choices. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Scarborough Village.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #31: Second Base (Scarborough) Youth Shelter
702 Kennedy Rd., Scarborough

Organization Overview:

This shelter for homeless youth was established in 1993. It provides beds for up to 56 youth as well as a drop-in day program. Youth have access to a variety of services onsite including housing support, alternative schooling and GED preparation, and a new horticultural pre-apprenticeship program. The organization reported a 2007 operating budget of \$2,001,863.00.

Project Information: Eglinton-Kennedy Youth Homework Help Club

This project works to provide an after-school homework club in partnership with Tropicana Youth Services. The shelter would provide a safe place for youth in the community going to high school, or getting their GED certificate a place where they can do their homework, get tutoring, work with other youth who are studying the same things and to talk about things going on in their lives. Some youth will also get to act as peer tutors and study group leaders. The goal of this project is to give opportunities to youth to get off the street, give them a place where they are comfortable and provide them with access to homework and life skills supports. Project activities include: preparing a plan and the physical space; surveying youth on program directions; program delivery; and program evaluation.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Scarborough Southwest (35).

Target Group:

Youth that are attending high school or getting their GED

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: supports youth-led activities. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Eglinton East-Kennedy Park.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #32: Shouters Community Centre

116 Courtlands Drive, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The Shouters Community Centre is a not for profit organization serving the General Toronto Area with a specific focus on the Scarborough Village and Eglinton East/Kennedy Park communities which are priority neighbourhood areas. Services include: support for single mothers seeking crime prevention assistance, food and clothing drives, employment preparation, and seniors support. This organization did not provide a 2007 operating budget.

Project Information: Empowering Youth For Life

This project works to provide a location that will improve the skills of up to 50 youth so that they see themselves as vehicles of change. This project has 3 components: it will expose youth to the technology resources, including training in various computer software programs; it will provide a tutoring service; and, it will provide workshops led by the community on basic home economics projects, specifically, cooking. The goals of this project are to encourage youth to be educated and responsible citizens, reducing the crime rates committed by youth in Toronto and to provide them a location close to home where they feel free and feel loved and this will encourage them to be more confident and productive citizens. Project activities include: mentorship; workshops; seminars/focus groups; retreats/field trip; and tutoring.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Scarborough-Rouge River (42).

The trustee organization is located in Ward Scarborough-Rouge River (42).

Target Group:

Youth under 30, post secondary interns under 30, participants age 17-28

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: supports youth-led activities. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhoods: Eglinton East-Kennedy Park, Scarborough Village.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$36,887.00	\$26,887.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

Project Trustee:

The organization applied with (Shouters) National Evangelical Spiritual Baptist Faith International Centre of Canada as the trustee.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #33: Somali Sports & Cultural Association
3089 Dufferin Street, Suite 58036, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The Somali Sports & Cultural Association has run a recreational soccer summer league and tournament for 17 years. These activities draw approximately 350, mainly male participants aged 10-23. The games began as a way of increasing the participation of Somali male youth in the community and of decreasing their risk of taking part in anti-social activities involving gangs. This organization reported a 2007 operating budget of \$31,345.00

Project Information: Soccer and Somali girls

This project works to pilot a soccer training program for Somali girls. The project will provide 150 girls with soccer coaching and 12 others with training to be recreational soccer leaders. The goal of the project is to work with the community to promote acceptance of physical exercise for girls, and as a result, to provide another avenue for girls to integrate into Canadian society. Project activities include: outreach; team building; leadership training; soccer skill development; and community education/awareness.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Eglinton-Lawrence (15).

Target Group:

Somali girls

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: focuses on racialized youth/African Canadian youth. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhoods: Flemingdon Park-Victoria Village, Lawrence Heights, Weston-Mt.Dennis.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$13,486.00	\$3,677.00	\$9,809.00	\$9,809.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for a grant of \$9,809.00 to support the "Soccer and Somali girls" project.

Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report; the number of outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, and groups and a description of the content; the number of youth leaders trained and participants; the number and role of volunteers and partner organizations; documentation and evaluation of evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, the model, the outreach strategy, and participant evaluation.

Funding Period:

The grant is to be used during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #34: St. Alban's Boys' and Girls' Club
843 Palmerston Avenue, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The organization provides a variety of recreational and educational programs to residents in the area bounded by Spadina Road, Ossington Avenue, Harbord Street and Davenport Road. Services include childcare, child/parent drop-in, after school programs, youth programs, homeless overnight shelter, computer literacy, homework assistance, mentoring, summer and March break camps and adult programs. The organization also operates the Jane and Finch Boys and Girls Club serving the area bounded by Highway 400, Steeles Avenue, Sheppard Avenue and Keele Street. The organization reported a 2007 operating budget of \$1,761,021.00.

Project Information: Snap Shot Project

The project works to provide youth aged 13 to 18 in the Weston Mount Dennis community with a balanced program, educate them with the knowledge and tools that are necessary to stay safe and make positive lifestyle choices. Youth will go out into the community to take pictures to depict their community. A forum will be created for youth to discuss the photographs and suggest solutions. Youth will lead this project by sitting at the hiring committee, select the topics that they want to discuss and be responsible for planning and implementing the photo gallery showcase. The project will combine workshops on photography and raise the awareness on issues of violence, substance abuse, positive lifestyle choices and the importance of education.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Trinity-Spadina (20).

Target Group:

Youth aged 13 to 18 in the Weston Mount Dennis community.

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: develops youth leadership. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Weston-Mt.Dennis.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #35: The Pulse

1801 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto

Organization Overview:

This group was established in 2007 from a group of York University students, formerly called "Students for the Awareness of Africa." It is a collective group devoted to service projects that enhance the living conditions faced by the Somali Diaspora in Toronto. The group works to gather information and to educate themselves and others by analyzing matters that affect the Somali community within the Toronto area. The organization did not report a 2007 operating budget.

Project Information: Project Egale

This project works to examine the issue of Somali youth violence in Toronto through the development of a documentary film on the root causes of youth violence facing Somali youth, and through other events including seminars, anti-violence workshops, tutoring and mentoring. The goals of the project are 1) to create a documentary focusing on the root causes of violence and issues facing Somalis, 2) to build the self worth of Somali youth to realize their full potential and become community leaders and 3) to realize, disseminate, analyze and discuss the issues and to develop alternatives to violence. Project activities include: 4 community events; creation of online groups; launch of a website; leadership workshops; and documentary production.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Scarborough Centre (37).

Target Group:

Somali youth

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: develops youth leadership. The project will also involve youth city wide.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$10,400.00	\$400.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for a grant of \$10,000.00 to support the "Project Egale" project.

Comments:

In order to receive the 2008 INI funds, the organization must provide an agreement with a suitable trustee.

Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report; the number of workshops, outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, print resources developed, training sessions, and community meetings and a description of the content; the number of youth leaders trained and participants; the number and role of volunteers and partner organizations; documentation and evaluation of evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, options for ongoing project delivery, community understanding of various youth issues, the model, the outreach strategy, and participant evaluation.

Funding Period:

The grant is to be used during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #36: Tropicana Community Services Organization
670 Progress Avenue, Unit 14, Scarborough

Organization Overview:

The organization serves children, youth and families primarily from the Caribbean and Black communities in the east end of Toronto. Services include counseling, settlement services, community education workshops, youth development programs, sporting events, Scarborough Youth Resource Centre, academic tutoring, summer camps, employment services, and day care. This organization reported a 2007 operating budget of \$7,987,285.00.

Project Information: Jane-Finch Involve Youth

This project works to support the Involve Youth Jane-Finch group to create collaboration and cohesiveness amongst the youth population in Jane-Finch. This group was started in October 2007 and currently has a membership of 13 youth aged 13 - 24. The youth have identified integration into the larger community as a key component of their workplan. The project works to support them to help other established youth groups in the community develop and build ideas through consultation and delivery of special projects. The group has identified a number of key partners in the community that include Black Creek Community Health Centre, Jane-Finch Family Centre, Recognize the Real, Yorkwoods Library and TCHC and plans to involve them in the workplan. Activities include: community outreach; community events planning; field trips; and an arts expo and arts night.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Scarborough Centre (38).

Target Group:

Youth in the Jane-Finch neighbourhood

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: supports youth-led activities. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Jane-Finch.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$16,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for a grant of \$8,000.00 to support the "Jane-Finch Involve Youth" project.

Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report; the number of workshops, outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, training sessions, and community meetings and a description of the content; the number of youth leaders trained and participants; the number and role of volunteers and partner organizations; documentation and evaluation of evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, options for ongoing project delivery, the model, dissemination of project results, the outreach strategy, and participant evaluation.

Funding Period:

The grant is to be used during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #37: Young Advocate Youth Organization

216 Essex Avenue, Unit 317, Richmond Hill

Organization Overview:

This organization was established in 2007 to serve youth in marginalized communities across the GTA. Its mandate is to advocate for youth between the ages of 12-24 in high priority neighbourhoods, and to support the youth in the following areas: legal, substance mis-use, mental health and the criminal justice system. This organization collaborates across the city, and with a variety of partners, including: Public and Catholic school boards, the Toronto Bail Program, local jails, and several community services. The organization did not report an operating budget for 2007.

Project Information:

This project works to reduce the frustration amongst youth, especially afro-Canadian youth, by supporting them to access resources and empower them to advocate for themselves. This project will empower youth to become positive members in their local communities which will result in enhancing their self-esteem and self-concept. It will educate and advocate for youth and teach them how to make positive choices and that they can be a productive citizen and can contribute to their community in a healthy way. The goal of this project is to assist the communities to see that these youth can contribute positively to society, and that the community, in turn, will offer them supports. This will support youth in making healthy and positive choices and encourage them to make positive choices, deterring them from crime and becoming involved in the criminal justice system. Project activities include: contact local churches for support; recruit volunteers; collect referrals from organizations; provide workshops to youth; and fundraising.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward .

Target Group:

Youth in the 13 priority neighbourhoods

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: All INI priority areas. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhoods: Jane-Finch, Lawrence Heights, Westminster-Branson. The project will also involve youth city wide.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$25,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for a grant.

2008 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI)

Organization #38: Youth Led By Faith

10 Litchfield Court, Unit 107, Etobicoke

Organization Overview:

The group is a youth-led council associated with the It's in Me Education and Training Program, started in October 2005 as a result of participating in a Canadian Youth Exchange. The group made a trip to Vancouver to meet with Aboriginal youth, and in turn hosted the Aboriginal youth in Toronto. The group goals are to become trained as a council and in HIV awareness in order to develop programs for peers in the community. The group meets bi-monthly, and has a focus on HIV and the social issues associated with prevention and safety, and is implementing this through an education and fact finding trip to Kenya. The group reported a 2007 operating budget of \$7,000.00.

Project Information: Knowledge is Our Cure

This project works to support the members of Youth Led By Faith to become effective peer educators through training. The group received INI funding in 2007 and based on the result of those activities proposes to provide continuous training and development to the members of Youth Led By Faith in the area of sexual diseases, healthy cooking and training, capacity training, African drumming and dancing. The group will develop their own training materials and work with the youth in Jamestown. The project will outreach to hard to reach youth population and provide training on HIV/AIDS, STIs AND STDs.

Ward Location:

The organization is located in Ward Etobicoke North (1).

The trustee organization is located in Ward Etobicoke North (2).

Target Group:

Youth in Jamestown

INI Priorities:

The project addresses the INI priority: develops youth leadership. The project activities will involve youth in the following priority neighbourhood: Jamestown.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2008 INI AMOUNT REQUESTED	2008 INI RECOMMENDED
\$21,900.00	\$11,900.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for a grant of \$10,000.00 to support the "Knowledge is Our Cure" project.

Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report; the number of workshops, sessions, outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, and theatre presentations and a description of the content; the number of staff and volunteers trained, youth leaders trained, and participants; the number and role of volunteers and partner organizations; documentation and evaluation of evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, options for ongoing project delivery, community understanding of various youth issues, the model, the outreach strategy, and participant evaluation.

Funding Period:

The grant is to be used during the period from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.

Project Trustee:

The organization applied with Rexdale Community Health Centre as the trustee.