

Appeals of Funding Recommendations for the 2009 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund and the Provincial Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program

Date:	January 13, 2009
To:	Community Partnership and Investment Programs Appeals Sub-Committee
From:	General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report provides background information on the selection of projects through the 2009 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (CT-HIF) and the Provincial Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP) in order to assist the Community Partnership and Investment Programs Appeals Sub-Committee in its deliberations on appeals by funded organizations. It recommends that any appeals be referred to staff for further consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, recommends that:

1. the Appeals Sub-Committee refer all appeals made to the 2009 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (CT-HIF) and the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program (CHPP) to Shelter, Support and Housing Administration staff for further consideration; and
2. staff report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee with funding recommendations based on review of the appeals and the type of service provided.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Recommendations in this report will have no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the 2009 Interim Operating Budget for January 1 through April 30, 2009. Council approved \$37,000.00 from the 2009 CHPP for appeals of CT-HIF and/or CHPP 2009 allocations. This report recommends a process to review and allocate these funds. Appeals are one-time decisions and do not have financial implications beyond 2009.

The Acting Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

The Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division administers the City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (CT-HIF) under policies and procedures established by the City of Toronto Community Partnership and Investment Program. One of these policies requires that applicants in receipt of City funds be provided the opportunity to appeal funding recommendations. The Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division also administers CHPP funds as the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager for housing and homelessness services as designated by the provincial government.

Funding allocations for 2009 were approved by Council at its meeting of December 1, 2 and 3, 2008 (Community Development and Recreation Committee Item CD 20.15). To view the report, please click on the link:

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-17260.pdf>

CHPP funds for the first three months of 2009 have been approved by the Provincial government as part of their 2008/2009 provincial budget. The 2009 CHPP operating budget submission is \$19,026,400 gross and \$1,543,900 net, and includes \$37,000 gross and \$0 net for appeals of 2009 allocations.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division administers CT-HIF and CHPP funding to support housing and homelessness services in Toronto, in partnership with community agencies. Funding supports the following partnership program sectors: Street Outreach Services, Housing Help Services Outside of Shelters, Supports to Daily Living, Housing Help Services Within Shelters, and Drop-In Services, and investment programs.

At their meeting of December 1, 2 and 3, 2008 (CDRC Report No. 20.15), Council approved funding for eleven new or changed partnership projects (see appendix A), four homeless drop-in projects for additional staff to provide basic services, and thirteen homeless drop-in projects for extended hours from May 1 to December 31, 2009 (see Appendix B). Council also approved changes to projects previously classed as Special

Projects investment projects to reclassify five projects as partnership projects, and to provide an additional six months of transitional funding to five projects to give additional time for these agencies to secure alternate funding or wind down their operations (see Appendix C). The agencies providing these projects have been notified in writing of the opportunity to appeal the decision and of the meeting of the Appeals Sub-Committee on January 23, 2009.

COMMENTS

This report pertains to allocations approved for one-time investment projects and new or changed partnership projects approved by Council as outlined in the attached Appendices.

A risk assessment and review was completed for each application, and funding recommendations were made based on a number of criteria including the amount of funding approved by the City in past years. Assessment criteria included: organizational capacity and experience, past project performance, the project approach, the project alignment with Council priorities, the service needs in the area proposed, the service guideline or essential service implementation plan (as applicable), the cost-effectiveness of the project, and the overall quality and thoroughness of the submission.

The amount of \$37,000.00 which has been allocated for 2009 appeals is consistent with amounts set aside in previous years. Recommendations for funding of appeals will be submitted to the February 6, 2009 meeting of the Community Development and Recreation Committee meeting for approval.

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Appendix A: New or Changed 2009 Partnership Programs

Appendix B: Service Priorities through Drop-in Investment Programs

Appendix C: Special Projects Investment Programs

Appendix A
New or Changed 2009 Partnership Programs

#	Organization	Project	Service Sector	Funding Source	2009 Recommended Allocation	Comment
1	Nazareth House (Ward 19)	On-site Housing Supports	Housing Help Outside Shelters	CHPP	120,684	Better fit with housing help as it is not RGI housing
2	Hispanic Development Council (Ward 20)	Hispanic Homelessness Prevention	Housing Help Outside Shelters	CHPP	53,093	To improve integration with HH Outside Shelters sector
3	Toronto Christian Resource Centre (Ward 28)	Project Connect - Rooming House Tenant Support	Housing Help Outside Shelters	CHPP	70,933	To improve integration with HH Outside Shelters sector
4	United Way of Greater Toronto (all Wards)	Toronto Enterprise Fund	Social Purpose Enterprises	CT-HIF	250,000	Partnership with United Way and the Ministry of Community and Social Services
5	Anishnawbe Health Toronto (Ward 28)	Babishkhan	Street Outreach	CHPP	287,000	Re-integrated with S2H and partner agencies
6	Trinity Square Enterprises (Ward 27)	Food Ticket Initiative	Street Outreach	CHPP	10,738	To enhance access to food for people living outdoors without distributing food outdoors
7	Central Neighbourhood House (Ward 28)	Street Survivors	Street Outreach	CHPP	173,207	Follow up support for recently housed individuals
8	Findhelp Toronto (Ward 20)	Phone Service	Street Outreach	CHPP	247,816	Streamlining and improving quality of reporting
9	Native Men's Residence (Ward 21)	Street Outreach and Housing Support	Street Outreach	CHPP	388,065	Street Outreach, integrated with Enhanced S2H program
10	Toronto North Support Services (Ward 34)	Street Outreach and Follow-up Supports	Street Outreach	CHPP	463,623	Street Outreach, integrated with Enhanced S2H program
11	St. Stephen's Community House (Ward 20)	Voluntary Trusteeship Program	Street Outreach	CHPP	92,547	Trusteeship service
	TOTAL				2,157,706	

Appendix B
Service Priorities through Drop-in Investment Programs

2009 Additional Staffing to Provide Basic Services (May- Dec. 2009)

Organization Name	Program Name	Ward	Request	Recommended Allocation
Agincourt Community Services Association	Drop-in and Meal Program	41	20,577	13,718
Syme-Woolner Neighbourhood & Family Centre	Jane's Place Drop-In	12	23,922	23,922
Wychwood Open Door Drop In-Centre	Wychwood Open Door Drop-in Centre	21	21,355	21,355
York Community Services	Weston King Drop-in	12	41,902	41,902
TOTAL			107,756	100,897

Note: Requests and recommendation amounts have been pro-rated for the period May to December, 2009.

Extended Hours (Weekends, Statutory Holidays and Some Weekdays)

Organization Name	Ward	Total Request	Recommended			Total
			Priority 1: Winter Extended Hours (Dec.2008 - Apr. 2009)*	Priority 2: Spring/ Summer Extended Hours (May - Aug. 2009)	Priority 3: Fall/ Winter Extended Hours (Sep. - Dec. 2009)	
Agincourt Community Services Association	41	161,459	58,125	51,667	51,667	161,459
Christie/Ossington Neighbourhood Centre	19	104,552	37,639	33,457	33,457	104,552
Evangel Hall	20	80,811	29,092	25,859	25,859	80,811
Good Neighbours Club	27	122,854	20,930	18,200	18,200	57,330
Houselink Community Homes	19	3,125	0	0	0	0
Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre	14	81,773	22,110	19,653	19,653	61,416
Sistering: A Woman's Place	19	11,025	3,675	3,675	3,675	11,025
St. Stephen's Community House	20	12,999	0	0	0	0
Street Haven at the Crossroads	27	55,738	0	0	0	0
Syme-Woolner Neighbourhood & Family Centre	12	83,803	30,169	26,817	26,817	83,803
Toronto Friendship Centre Inc.	28	100,678	19,734	17,160	17,160	54,054
Touchstone Youth Centre	29	25,482	0	0	0	0
York Community Services (Weston-King)	12	23,281	8,381	7,450	7,450	23,281
TOTAL		867,580	229,855	203,938	203,938	637,731

*Note: No Appeal of Winter Extended Hours will be considered for 2009 as these were funded using 2008 CHPP funds.

Appendix C Special Projects Investment Programs

#	Organization	Project	Service Sector	Funding Source	2008 Recommended Allocation	Comment
1	St. Stephen's Community House (Ward 20)	Toronto Drop-in Network Training Initiative	Drop-in Services	CHPP	100,000	To provide core curriculum training to front-line workers
2	St. Stephen's Community House (Ward 20)	Toronto Drop-in Network Measuring Success	Drop-in Services	CHPP	50,000	To implement new outcome measures for drop-in
3	Daily Bread Food Bank (Ward 6)	Nutritious Food To Drop-ins	Drop-in Services	CHPP	200,000	To enhance nutrition of meals served at drop-ins
4	Lakeshore Area Multiservice Project (Ward 20)	Adult Drop-in	Drop-in Services	CHPP	37,000	Provide drop-in service in area with limited service for time not funded through the federal HPI program
5	East York East Toronto Family Resources (Ward 20)	RENT Training Initiative	Housing Help Outside Shelters	CHPP	100,000	To provide core curriculum training to front-line workers
	SUBTOTAL				487,000	
6	Ernestine's Women's Shelter (Ward 1)	Start-up Kits	Special Projects	CHPP	2,450	No longer a strong fit with Council priorities. Transitional funding (6 months).
7	Mixed Company (Ward 28)	Cobblestone Theatre	Special Projects	CHPP	5,369	No longer a strong fit with Council priorities. Transitional funding (6 months).
8	Women's Habitat of Etobicoke (Ward 6)	Shelter Support	Special Projects	CHPP	4,091	No longer a strong fit with Council priorities. Transitional funding (6 months).
9	Central Toronto Community Health Centres (Ward 19)	Food to Health Program	Special Projects	CT-HIF	4,193	No longer a strong fit with Council priorities. Transitional funding (6 months).
10	Street Health Community Nursing Foundation (Ward 28)	Transportation Support	Special Projects	CHPP	4,331	No longer a strong fit with Council priorities. Transitional funding (6 months).
	SUBTOTAL				20,433	
	TOTAL				507,433	