



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Appeal of Eligibility Review 2009 Community Services Partnership Program

Date:	January 28, 2009
To:	Community Development and Recreation Committee
From:	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report presents the recommendations for two organizations that were reconsidered for eligibility under the 2009 Community Service Partnerships (CSP). Based on a review of the original submission and additional information, it is recommended that one applicant be considered eligible and proceed to assessment, and one applicant be confirmed as ineligible.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Jane Alliance Neighbourhood Centre be determined to be eligible for support under the 2009 CSP and proceed to the assessment phase;
2. Madbakh – Women’s Initiative Inc be confirmed as ineligible, and be advised that they are not eligible for support under the 2009 CSP; and
3. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact arising from this report.

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

DECISION HISTORY

On January 23, 2009 the CPIP Appeals Sub-Committee considered the report “Eligibility Review of Applicants to the 2009 Community Services Partnership Program” that presented the results of the eligibility assessment of 242 applicants. At that meeting, two applicants appealed the recommendations related to their eligibility. The Sub-Committee referred these two organizations back to staff for review, and requested staff to report to the February 6, 2009 Community Development and Recreation Committee with recommendations.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

In developing the recommendations for the two applicants referred for reconsideration, staff reviewed any additional material provided by the organizations, the information provided in the deputation and the original submission for funding.

COMMENTS

The Jane Alliance Neighbourhood Services attended the CPIP Appeals Sub-Committee and made a deputation. The organization provided additional information related to the eligibility assessment, including information that had been missing from their original submission: reserve policy and business plan, access and equity policy, financial information related to their 2008 fiscal year and additional information related to overall financial stability.

Based on the additional information, Jane Alliance Neighbourhood Services has been identified as eligible for consideration under the 2009 CSP, and is recommended to proceed to the next stage of assessment. The assessment phase will include additional discussions with the organization, and a review of how well the organization’s governance, human resources, financial management and program delivery meet the needs of the community and the priorities of the CSP.

Madbakh – Women’s Initiative Inc. attended the CPIP Appeals Sub-Committee and made a deputation. The organization provided missing information related to the eligibility assessment, including the organization by-laws, as well as other documentation related to the organization’s work. The additional information was reviewed, along with the original submission, and the original assessment of the organization as ineligible is confirmed. Although the organization has demonstrated the capacity to deliver project activities through grants for time-limited activities, it does not demonstrate the capacity

for ongoing financial stability through secure funding and sufficient level of resources for service delivery and accountability within the CSP guidelines.

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