

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Community Service Partnerships – 2009 Appeals Allocation Recommendations

Date:	June 3, 2009
To:	Community Development and Recreation Committee
From:	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance & Administration
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report recommends allocation of the \$31,505.00 appeal fund for the 2009 Community Service Partnerships Program (CSP).

Based on review of the information presented through the appeals, and reconsideration of the 2009 applicants that were identified as high priority and unable to be recommended due to lack of funding, it is recommended that six programs in five organizations receive additional funds as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- 1. the 2009 Community Service Partnerships (CSP) appeals fund of \$31,505.00 be allocated to the organizations as recommended in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report:
- 2. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact beyond what has been approved in the 2009 Operating Budget.

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

DECISION HISTORY

On May 27, 2009, the Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-committee considered the report titled "Community Service Partnerships – 2009 Allocation Recommendations" that recommended allocations totalling \$11,645,525.00 to 230 organizations, \$68,000.00 was directed to locality based social development activities in Regent Parks, and \$31,505.00 was held for appeals. At that meeting a total of seven organizations registered for appeals or submitted a written appeal to the CPIP Appeals Sub-committee.

Recommendations on the allocation of the appeals fund are reported to the Community Development and Recreation Committee, for recommendations to City Council.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

A number of organisations appealed for programs that had previously been assessed as high priority within the CSP equity framework, but were unable to be recommended due to lack of funding. The overall approach used in assessing the appeals was consistent with the directions outlined in the May 15, 2009 "Community Service Partnerships Program – 2009 Allocations" which is also before Committee for consideration, and the City of Toronto Grants Policy.

COMMENTS

The \$31,505.00 available in the appeal fund has been recommended to five returning organizations using the equity framework, specifically community equity (improving consistency in funding to diverse communities) and organization equity (improving funding consistency and access to resources between funded organizations).

Of the seven organizations that registered for appeals or submitted a written appeal, four organizations spoke to the committee. The Appeals Sub-committee referred all those who had appeared or sent written material or registered to staff for reconsideration. Three returning applicants that were not recommended for requested increases appealed the original assessment, two new applicants that were not recommended asked for funding, and two new applicants that had been recommended for funding, requested an increase.

In developing recommendations for the allocation of the appeal fund, staff reviewed the original recommendations, considered the information presented in the deputations and the direction provided by the CPIP Appeals Sub-Committee and reconsidered the 2009 CSP applicants that were identified as high priority and unable to be recommended due to lack of funding.

During the review of the organizations referred by the Appeals Sub-committee, it was determined that no additional funding for them would be recommended. Of the groups that appealed, two new organizations had already been recommended for a grant at an appropriate level, three returning organizations had been recommended for a 2% funding level adjustment to their ongoing funding, one new organization was identified as high risk, and one new organization was identified as having multiple sources of funding and a significant level of resources to draw on for its program.

Appendices 1 and 2 identify six programs in five organizations that are recommended for additional funding from the appeals fund of \$31,505.00. The five organizations recommended were identified in the initial CSP allocation recommendation report as organizations that are high priority and were not able to be recommended due to lack of funding. The recommendations are made in keeping with the council identified priorities for 2009 CSP funding for community development and administration program funding: three community development programs are recommended for a total of \$13,727.00, and three administration programs are recommended for a total of \$17,778.00.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1: 2009 Community Service Partnerships – Appeals Recommendations Appendix 2: 2009 Community Service Partnerships – Appeals Summary Sheets