Organization # 13: Children's Peace Theatre

305 Dawes Road East, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The organization brings together children, youth, adults and elders to work collaboratively with professional artists. Together they create performance material that is based on participants' reflections and experiences of conflict at the personal, familial, communal and global levels. Activities include theatre programs, conflict resolution workshops and professional theatre productions. The organization provides services in Crescent Town bounded by Main St., Victoria Park, Danforth Ave. and Brenton St. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of \$215,000.00. This organization is located in Ward 31 (Beaches-East York).

Project Name: Peace in Action

This project works to address the issue of youth violence in Crescent Town by encouraging youth to develop a broader perspective regarding tolerance of others by exposing them to people who have suffered the effects of violence in another country. Through an effort to understand the causes and manifestations of conflict, participants will be better able to create the conditions for peace and non-violence in their community. The project engages youth through collaborative exploration and creation workshops, through leadership training and mentorship opportunities, through public performance and through the development of a "Peace in Action Manifesto." The goal of this project is to engage youth in a transformative process to develop the understanding and tools to further the cause of peace in this community. Project activities include: workshops; performances in schools and in public venues; a day Speak Out Festival; International Peace Festival, and the development of the peace manifesto.

This project will involve 1650 hours of paid staff time, 20 volunteers, and 180 participants.

Target Group:

Youth in Crescent Town

CSI Priorities:

The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

TOTAL PROJECT	ANTICIPATED FUNDING	2009 CSI AMOUNT	2009 CSI
BUDGET	FROM OTHER SOURCES	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
\$86,500.00	\$26,800.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:

Organization #18: Dejinta Beesha Somali Multi-Service Centre

8 Taber Road, 1st Floor, Etobicoke

Organization Overview:

The organization provides a range of settlement and post-settlement services to the Somali community in Etobicoke and adjacent areas. Services include interpretation, translation, counselling, a woman's support group and work with parents and children in two schools. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of \$386,599.25. This organization is located in Ward 2 (Etobicoke North).

Project Name: Youth Anger Management Program

This project will involve a weekly support group meeting for newcomer youth for the dual purpose of education about strategies for controlling tempers and supportive reinforcement of the participant's constructive behaviour. Counsellor-advocates will discuss anger management during individual sessions by using role play, rehearsal and video recordings to illustrate appropriate communication as well as provide training on progressive muscle relaxation as a means of lowering emotional arousal and handling tension. The program will offer support to youth as well as their families. The goal of this project is to assist youth in transforming anger into effective communication and constructive assertiveness by guiding participants toward improved problem-solving skills, educating them about their rights, and teaching them to be their own advocates to the fullest extent possible. Project activities include: workshop development and delivery.

This project will involve 0 hours of paid staff time, 0 volunteers, and 0 participants.

Target Group:

At-risk newcomer youth

CSI Priorities:

The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

	ANTICIPATED FUNDING	2009 CSI AMOUNT	2009 CSI
	FROM OTHER SOURCES	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
\$35,947.00	\$0.00	\$35,947.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:

Organization # 26: Harriet Tubman Community Organization

2975 Don Mills Road West, Don Mills

Organization Overview:

The organization serves African-Canadian youth and families in Toronto, with programs for youth leadership, civic engagement, heritage, sports and recreation. The organization runs the annual Tubman games for youth across the city. This organization is located in Ward 33 (Don Valley East).

Project Name: Obama's Call

This project works to address youth violence in various priority neighbourhoods through a variety of supports and skill-development opportunities including conflict mediation, leadership, and multi-media communication skills. By working in communities and with youth that are at risk/in conflict with the law, this project will provide outreach, public education on issues related to violence and youth leaders and mentors who will be able to address issues of safety in the community. The goals of this project are: to build safer communities; to provide educational and preventative mechanisms for at-risk communities; to provide skills, leadership and mentorship opportunities for youth; and to create mass media materials for community distribution on violence prevention and community safety issues. Project activities include: development of a steering committee; outreach; training and workshops; conflict mediation training sessions; public presentations; mentorship-related activities; and the development of mass media products including video, web TV segments, photo journalism and a documentary film.

This project will involve 45 hours of paid staff time, 12 volunteers, and 12 participants.

Target Group:

Youth in various priority neighbourhoods

CSI Priorities:

The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

TOTAL PROJECT	ANTICIPATED FUNDING	2009 CSI AMOUNT	2009 CSI
BUDGET	FROM OTHER SOURCES	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
\$70,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:

This is a 3 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.

Heritage Skills Development Centre (HSDC) Organization # 27:

400 McCowan Rd., 1st Floor, Scarborough

Organization Overview:

The organization was established in 1993 and works to promote the health, social, cultural and economic self-sufficiency of immigrants and other marginalized groups with a focus on assisting clients in becoming active contributors to, and beneficiaries of the Canadian economy. Services include business development and integration training program, basic sewing and fashion design training, food and nutrition training, life and survival skills training and employment preparation training. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of \$366,169.00. This organization is located in Ward 38 (Scarborough Centre).

Building and Revitalizing an Anti-Violence Environment (BRAVE) **Project Name:**

This project works to mobilize and engage African-Canadian youth and parents to address community safety in the Eglinton East and Kennedy Park neighbourhoods. It will provide youth with the opportunity and capacity to effect positive changes in their schools, neighbourhoods and communities by engaging youth through knowledge, skill development, and opportunities for involvement in pro-social activities. The project aims to do this through skill development in: life skills, problem solving, conflict resolution communication, anger management, decision making, coping skills and experiential learning and education. The goal of the project is to increase awareness of crime prevention strategies in the community and to provide youth with access to supports that will engage them. Project activities include: outreach; workshops; capacity building activities; information sessions; and website and multi-media development.

This project will involve 0 hours of paid staff time, 15 volunteers, and 100 participants.

Target Group:

African-Canadian children and youth from Eglinton East and Kennedy Park.

CSI Priorities:

The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

TOTAL PROJECT	ANTICIPATED FUNDING	2009 CSI AMOUNT	2009 CSI
BUDGET	FROM OTHER SOURCES	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
\$29,875.00	\$0.00	\$29,875.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:

Organization # 29: Jane/Finch Community & Family Centre 4400 Jane Street, Unit 108, North York

Organization Overview:

The organization serves residents in the Jane-Finch area bounded by Steeles Avenue, Dufferin Street, Wilson Avenue and Humber River. Services include a child-parent drop-in centre, women's groups in the community, budget counselling, outreach and support, a community based social recreational program for people who have mental health related problems or are socially isolated, a community office which offers secretarial assistance to community groups and residents who are trying to organize services in their neighbourhood and continued support to community activities in Tobermory. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of \$3,186,819.00. This organization is located in Ward 8 (York West).

Project Name: Anti-V.I.R.U.S (Violence in Real Urban Settings)

This project is a youth led and youth driven approach to violence prevention. The project works to engage youth through a peer mentorship model and will focus on building the capacity and resiliency of atrisk youth. After a brain storming session, the youth of the organization identified that violence is like a virus and can spread through the community quickly. They concluded that a violence prevention project is needed in the Jane/Finch community. The focus community is at-risk youth aged 13-18 years old living in Jane/Finch who are either not in school or attending school irregularly. Project staff will recruit participants through after school programs, on weekends and through street outreach. The project will conduct four violence will address violence issues. Youth will have a safe space to discuss violence and grief. The project will also create 5 different type of print resources to provide information to youth who want to seek help. The goal of the project is to raise awareness and prevent violence by promoting alternatives to violence. Project activities include: outreach; workshops; resource development; mentorship; referrals; and a newsletter.

This project will involve 840 hours of paid staff time, 12 volunteers, and 2500 participants.

Target Group:

At-risk youth aged 13-18 years old living in the Jane/Finch community.

CSI Priorities:

The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

TOTAL PROJECT	ANTICIPATED FUNDING	2009 CSI AMOUNT	2009 CSI
BUDGET	FROM OTHER SOURCES	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
\$30,030.00	\$500.00	\$29,530.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:

This is a 1 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.

Organization # 31: Leave Out Violence (L.O.V.E)

3130 Bathurst Street, Suite 212, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The agency is dedicated to the reduction of youth violence by providing services for at-risk youth to break the cycle of violence. Agency activities include educational programs and skill development in areas such as literacy, public speaking, critical thinking, leadership and group facilitation. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of \$439,746.00. This organization is located in Ward 16 (Eglinton-Lawrence).

Project Name: Empowering Young Women to Prevent Violence

This project works to address the violence prevention needs of female youth from under-served communities by increasing their knowledge, skills and resources and providing meaningful leadership and outreach opportunities. The project will address a systemic problem by giving young women a voice against gender-based violence. The project is designed to maximize the contribution of young women in the development of a new LOVE 'train the trainers' module with a better understanding and awareness of gender-based violence. An advisory committee comprised of female youth leaders, violence prevention professionals and specialists in the field will develop a series of educational workshops for young women and men. Interested young women who have been challenged by violence in their lives, will be recruited from LOVE's ongoing programming (Media Arts Program, Broadcast Journalism and Leadership training programs). This project will involve 3 phases. Phase one will focus on education and skill development. Phase two will focus on production of media based communication products. Phase three will focus on sharing these products with young women and men in Toronto's priority neighbourhoods. Project activities include train the trainers, community outreach, information sharing, advisory committee development, curriculum development, distribution of information and materials, presentations and evaluation.

This project will involve 1350 hours of paid staff time, 20 volunteers, and 260 participants.

Target Group:

Female youth from under-served communities

CSI Priorities:

The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

TOTAL PROJECT	ANTICIPATED FUNDING	2009 CSI AMOUNT	2009 CSI
BUDGET	FROM OTHER SOURCES	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
\$55,423.00	\$25,733.00	\$29,690.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:

This is a 3 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.

Organization # 33: Literature for Life

7 Labatt Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 208, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The organization provides reading, writing and self-expression opportunities to marginalized, high-risk teenage mothers and their children in the Greater Toronto Area as a means to develop and use their voice to overcome personal adversity. Services include weekly book groups and music groups as well as outreach through peer education and a magazine by young mothers for young mothers. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of \$354,630.00. This organization is located in Ward 28 (Toronto Centre-Rosedale).

Project Name: This Book is Not a Weapon

This peer driven project grows out of the current existing programs of the organization: Women with Words, Yo Mama, SOLACE and Boys with Books. The organization proposes to use these programs to recruit and develop writers and editors over the course of three years to collect the diverse writings by at risk youth in Toronto into a single resource. The project received CSI funding in 2008 and based on the result of the previous project, this project proposes to continue to use these programs and expand the recruitment and development of writers and editors to collect the diverse writings by at-risk youth in the City of Toronto into a single resource.

The goal of the project is to compile the strongest writing of youth on violence and its effects on individuals, communities and the city as a whole. "This Book is Not a Weapon" will help illuminate the systemic issues of violence faced by youth allowing them to see and understand the politicization of their experience, a necessary step to activism and change. Project activities include training, community outreach, writing, editing, marketing, press release, survey and a book launch.

This project will involve 3120 hours of paid staff time, 40 volunteers, and 105 participants.

Target Group:

At risk youth, most of who are living in high priority neighbourhoods

CSI Priorities:

The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

TOTAL PROJECT	ANTICIPATED FUNDING	2009 CSI AMOUNT	2009 CSI
BUDGET	FROM OTHER SOURCES	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
\$59,130.00	\$34,130.00	\$25,000.00	\$18,800.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for \$18,800.00 to support the This Book is Not a Weapon project. The funding is for year 1 of 2 year project.

Comments:

At its meeting of May 29, 2009, the CPIP Appeals Sub-committee referred this organization for reconsideration of the allocation recommendation. The organization is recommended for additional amount of \$18,800.00 for the "This Book is Not a Weapon" 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 and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:

The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Organization # 34: Malvern Family Resource Centre

1371 Neilson Road, Suite 219, Scarborough

Organization Overview:

The organization serves residents in the area bounded by Markham Road, Morningside Avenue, Finch Avenue and Highway 401. Services include parent/child drop-ins, school readiness, parent relief, after-school tutoring and mentoring, youth development and recreation, Tamil girls program, tutoring, parenting workshops, self-esteem and stress management for parents, seniors programs, legal and income tax clinics, and community development. This organization reported a 2008 operating budget of \$1,677,230.00. This organization is located in Ward 42 (Scarborough-Rouge River).

Project Name: Night Moves

The project works to increase a woman's ability to move more safely, freely and confidently during the evening using public transit in and about Malvern and other areas of Scarborough. This project will train two groups. The first group will conduct community safety audits and CPTED audits in 8 Malvern neighbourhoods and the second will develop safe route maps for women travelling at night through Scarborough using the TTC or on foot. The organization's monthly Community Kitchen program will link both groups to exchange information, enhance learning and share experiences. A Route Safety Guide for women will be developed as a result. The project goal is to identify risks in the community and create safe routes for women to travel at night. Project activities include training, community outreach, community kitchens, community safety audits, creation of safe route maps and a night move guide and evaluation.

This project will involve 1950 hours of paid staff time, 45 volunteers, and 107 participants.

Target Group:

Women and Girls living in Malvern with late night travel on foot or using TTC.

CSI Priorities:

The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

TOTAL PROJECT	ANTICIPATED FUNDING	2009 CSI AMOUNT	2009 CSI
BUDGET	FROM OTHER SOURCES	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
\$58,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:

This is a 2 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.

Organization # 35: Midaynta Community Services

1992 Yonge Street, Suite 203, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The organization serves the Somali community across the City of Toronto. Services include counselling, settlement and integration, family reunification, employment and job training, housing, family violence intervention, public education and advocacy. This organization is located in Ward 22 (St. Paul's).

Project Name: Women and Girls Support Group

This project works to empower women and girls by establishing a support group built on trust, collaboration and sharing of power. Also, this project aims to promote the life conditions of marginalized communities specifically immigrant women and newcomers by educating them through workshops and information sessions provided within the support group. The goal of this project is to improve the quality of life for the community, primarily people who live in the GTA, through community consultation, public education, settlement, immigration and community services. Project activities include: outreach; running a support group; and workshop delivery.

This project will involve 35 hours of paid staff time, 4 volunteers, and 135 participants.

Target Group:

immigrant and newcomer women and girls

CSI Priorities:

The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

TOTAL PROJECT	ANTICIPATED FUNDING	2009 CSI AMOUNT	2009 CSI
BUDGET	FROM OTHER SOURCES	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:

Organization # 36: Native Child and Family Services of Toronto

30 College St., Toronto

Organization Overview:

The organization serves members of the Native communities across the City of Toronto. Services include case management for families at risk of losing their children to the Children's Aid Society, foster care for children in need of protection, services for women who have suffered trauma and men at risk for violence, a traveling parent/child centre, services for street-involved youth, and a nursery school. This organization reported a 2008 operating budget of \$19,955,854.00. This organization is located in Ward 20 (Trinity-Spadina).

Project Name: Peaceful Warrior

The project works to use weekly Circle discussions/teachings to help participants undergo a holistic approach to healing and personal growth. The project will consult Elders to assist with the delivery of traditional teachings essential to provide aboriginal youth with the skills needed to understand healthy/unhealthy relationships. Aboriginal male and female youth between the ages of 16 to 24 will participate in the program. In order to conceptualize traditional cultural approaches, the Medicine Wheel and the Seven Grandfather teachings will be utilized. Using an Aboriginal worldview, customs and practices, the project works to explore the relationship between the loss of cultural identity and its impact on self-esteem and self worth, alongside with the fostering of cultural identity in an urban context. The goals of the project include: to provide participants with the knowledge and awareness that all events and behaviours are interconnected with the past, present and future; to increase participants emotional and social competencies in the areas of social skills and social interactions; to provide participants with skills needed to conduct self awareness of emotions and an understanding of the emotions of others; to increase the self-awareness of participants of emotional triggers and to provide participants with the coping skills needed to resolve personal conflicts. Project activities include aboriginal ceremonies, presentations, curriculum development, open discussions, traditional teachings and stories.

This project will involve 1560 hours of paid staff time, 0 volunteers, and 40 participants.

Target Group:

Aboriginal youth between the ages of 16 to 24.

CSI Priorities:

The project addresses the CSI priority: Aboriginal community.

TOTAL PROJECT	ANTICIPATED FUNDING	2009 CSI AMOUNT	2009 CSI
BUDGET	FROM OTHER SOURCES	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
\$62,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:

This is a 3 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.

Organization # 38: North York Womens Centre

201 Caribou Road, North York

Organization Overview:

The organization serves women in the former city of North York, with services and programs that address social, educational, physical, mental health and economic needs. Activities include information and referral, legal clinic, support groups, life skills programs, education workshops, fitness programs and an internet discussion forum. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of \$235,000.00. This organization is located in Ward 16 (Eglinton-Lawrence).

Project Name: Builling Women's Capacity for Community Safety Planning

This project works to build the capacity of low-income and minority women to facilitate peer to peer workshops and forum discussions, as well as to raise community awareness of safety issues and community responses to safety. By empowering women to facilitate the identification of and analysis of current safety issues, this project will produce effective and responsive recommendations for a community response based action plan to enhance the safety of low-income and minority women and their families. The goal of this project is to provide women with a leadership role in identifying and responding to safety issues within their communities. Project activities include: outreach; community forums; training; and analysis and development of recommendations.

This project will involve 1560 hours of paid staff time, 125 volunteers, and 120 participants.

Target Group:

Low income and minority women

CSI Priorities:

The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

TOTAL PROJECT	ANTICIPATED FUNDING	2009 CSI AMOUNT	2009 CSI
BUDGET	FROM OTHER SOURCES	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
\$70,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:

This is a 2 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.

Organization # 50: Shakespeare in Action

109 Gore Vale Avenue, Toronto

Organization Overview:

The organization is a multi-racial theatre company that aspires to enhance the arts and education through exploring and performing Shakespeare's plays. It is dedicated to fostering literacy, enhancing creativity, and promoting speech arts by making Shakespeare accessible and relevant to young audiences, their families and their communities. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of \$245,436.00. This organization is located in Ward 19 (Trinity-Spadina).

Project Name: Shakespeare Fight Club

This project works to stem the cycle of violence involving at risk young people in Jane/Finch. It will help youth find a positive cultural place in their communities by empowering them to understand the effects of conflict and violence and learn to mitigate conflict and violent situations through communication, respect and creativity. The goal of this project is to give a voice to youth by blending classical stage techniques with art forms that commonly form the basis of a urban youth culture, empowering participants by giving them a sense of ownership over their creative work and by making Shakespeare and the outcomes of violence in his works, accessible and relevant to their everyday experience. Project activities include: outreach; training; creation and rehearsal of a stage production; personal counselling; and mentorship. Over six weeks of rigorous training in stage combat and Shakespeare scene work, urban art forms such as break-dancing will be combined with classical performance techniques to provide a new perspective on the violence that affects youth. Through taking part in the project, youth learn self confidence, discipline and social and relationship skills that they can employ in everyday situations.

This project will involve 750 hours of paid staff time, 5 volunteers, and 24 participants.

Target Group:

Youth living in Jane/Finch

CSI Priorities:

The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

TOTAL PROJECT	ANTICIPATED FUNDING	2009 CSI AMOUNT	2009 CSI
BUDGET	FROM OTHER SOURCES	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
\$35,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00

Recommendation:

The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:

This is a 1 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.