



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Appeals Report – 2009 Access Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) – Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP)

Date:	June 5, 2009
To:	Community Development and Recreation Committee
From:	Joseph P. Pennachetti, City Manager
Wards:	Citywide
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report makes recommendations on the appeals submitted to the Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee on the 2009 allocations report for the Access, Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) - Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP).

RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends that the 2009 Access Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) - Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) Appeals Fund of \$5.0 thousand be allocated as follows:

- (a) \$4.0 thousand to Canadian Tibetan Association; and
- (b) \$1.0 thousand to Midaynta Community Services.

Financial Impact

The 2009 Council approved budget for the Community Partnership and Investment Program includes an allocation of \$789.2 thousand for Access, Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) programs, of which \$573.6 thousand was previously allocated to organizations approved for two year funding. Funding in the amount of \$215.6 thousand is available for investment programs, including \$5.0 thousand for appeals.

Equity Impact Statement

The community investment provided through this Program supports the capacity of community organizations to be engaged in civic life, to act as advocates to respond to barriers that arise from systemic racism, and to conduct public education within their communities and with other communities about the value of diversity.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on May 29, 2009, the Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) Appeals Sub-Committee approved the report from the City Manager (May 13, 2009) regarding the 2009 allocations from the Access, Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) – Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP). The Sub-Committee referred the appeals to the City Manager for a further report on the allocation of the appeals fund.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee provides an opportunity for applicants to provide additional information about their applications. This process also enables members of the CPIP Appeals Sub-Committee to question the deputants about their requests.

COMMENTS

The funding available for appeals is \$5 thousand.

The following nine organizations appealed the allocation recommendations to the Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) Appeals Sub-Committee:

- Asian Communities Council of Canada (#5)
- Canadian Tibetan Association (#9)
- Chinese Professional Women of Canada (#12)
- Dejinta Beesha (#14)
- Heritage Skills Development Centre (#24)
- Malvern Family Resource Centre (#30)
- Midaynta Community Services (#32)
- Oromo Canadian Community Association of GTA (#38)
- Toronto Community and Culture Centre (#44)

Staff have reviewed the submissions of the groups referred for further consideration. Revised recommendations have taken into account information provided at the appeal, the original proposal, the track record of the organizations, the range of projects funded by the program and the funding program criteria, goals and objectives.

Two organizations are recommended for support from the appeals fund:

- (1) Canadian Tibetan Association; and
- (2) Midaynta Community Services.

1. **Canadian Tibetan Association (#9):** It is recommended that \$4.0 thousand be allocated to enable this organization to provide anti-racism workshops for newcomers to address hate-activity and to promote civic participation.
2. **Midaynta Community Services (#32):** It is recommended that \$1.0 thousand be allocated towards the co-ordination of the development of a coalition of agencies serving the Somali community.

The following organizations are not recommended for support from the appeals fund as no new information was provided to support a change in the allocation recommendations:

1. Asian Communities Council of Canada (#5)
2. Chinese Professional Women of Canada (#12)
3. Dejinta Beesha (#14)
4. Heritage Skills Development Centre (#24)
5. Malvern Family Resource Centre (#30)
6. Oromo Canadian Community Association of GTA (#38)
7. Toronto Community and Culture Centre (#44)

Staff will continue to work with those organizations not receiving funding to increase their knowledge of activities which are eligible for support under the program and to assist with organizational capacity development as required.

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