

Appendix C
Identify 'N Impact Investment Program (INI)
Descriptions of 2009 Funded Projects

A.N.A.S.A Collective (The): Fashion Phoenix

This project aims to create a community-based fashion project and 2-day Scarborough-based fashion and arts festival. The project will operate as a pre-employment and business training program for women from the ages of 15-24 years old from Scarborough who have barriers to attending post-secondary school for fashion design. The goal of the project is promote young Black females in the fashion industry and create a positive image of Black females in the fashion industry, as well as to support women from priority neighbourhoods in Scarborough to gain confidence and entrepreneurial skill. Project activities include: outreach, project development, marketing the event, entrepreneurial skill development training, fashion show, and networking.

Amadeusz: The Look at my Life Project

This project works to provide programming and services to incarcerated youth residing in detention centres in Toronto. The project has three main purposes: to provide weekly workshops for incarcerated youth; to provide each participant with a youth worker who will visit them weekly on an ongoing basis to provide pre-release and post-release supports; and to solicit donations and in-kind gifts for inmates who lack access to hygiene supplies and personal items such as books. The goal of this project is for young men who have been incarcerated to be released with life and leadership skills and supported by a committed youth worker to overcome their issues and barriers in order to become a contributing member of society. Project activities include training; curriculum development; outreach; donation solicitation; participant screening; regular support meetings from youth workers; evaluation; video creation and publication.

b current Performing Arts Corp.: Youth lead rAiz'n Connexion Modules

The project works to connect with the youth in their neighbourhoods and expose them to the performing arts through trips and workshops led by rAiz'n ensemble members, a group who targets emerging artists of colour aged 14 and over. The project will take place in schools and in Toronto Community Housing Corporation buildings. As a result, 20 participants will increase their awareness of different art forms, influences and artistic heritage and be exposed to more viable career choices. Activities include field trips to theatre performances in downtown Toronto and out of town, workshops on performing arts disciplines and groups.

Beyond the Lyrics Youth Resources Centre Inc.: V.O.I.C.E. - (Volunteer Opportunities Initiate Community Engagement)

The project works to provide engagement opportunities for youth aged 13-29 and to increase the organizational capacity to provide programs to the members. The project

works to recruit 50 youth volunteers and connect them to various programs of the organization. As a result, the project will enhance engagement opportunities of the youth living in the community and subsequently improve the community as a whole. Activities include outreach, training, creation of resource material and volunteer database, focus groups and evaluation.

Canadian Arab Federation - Amalna: Building Our Umma

The project works to allow Amalna, a youth group of the Canadian Arab Federation to engage African-Arab youth in the target priority communities who have shown interest in past Amalna events. The objective of the project is to develop opportunities for these youth to utilize their energy and enthusiasm in rebuilding and empowering themselves and their communities in Canada. The project works to assist them in identifying their needs, planning events and activities, problem solving and making decisions. Activities include outreach, conferences, resource material development, workshops, soccer tournament, potluck, a film festival and photo/art exhibition.

Change for the Future Foundation: Boys 2 Men Mentorships

The project works to match youth participants with adult males who will assist them with their homework and recreational activities. Through this project, the youth will be empowered and they will raise their awareness to be a positive contributor to society as a black male. The project will also outreach to schools and recruit more youth, community members and leaders. Activities include a homework club, mentorship and recreational activities.

Creating Leaders in Chester Le (CLIC): Reinvesting In Our People (ROPE)

This project aims to bring an arts program to youth in the Chester Le community. The program will deliver a variety of programming; music production sessions; visual art and design; and drama and dance. The program would be delivered in 2 phases. The first will be a "train the trainer" model to teach youth how to facilitate the programming and the second phase would be have the trained youth hired as facilitators to complete programming. The goal of this project is to create a space that promotes growth and learning for youth in the community. Activities include training, workshops and program delivery.

Education Through Media: The Dolobox Television Initiative

The project will create an online web platform and/or channel with the guidance /support of an advisory board of media professionals to a team of youth aged 16-24. This project will train 15 youth from the 13 priority neighbourhoods and use the web-based channel to highlight the entrepreneurial, artistic and athletic skills/talents of youth. Throughout the 12 months, the youth will produce 30 episodes highlighting their achievements resulting in breaking down stereotypes, promoting positive role models, creating employment opportunities and introducing Torontonians to the positive and vibrant perspectives of the

neighbourhoods. Activities include workshops, focus groups, a web site, training and media production

Eglinton East/Kennedy Park Youth: BITSY - Building It To Suit Youth "Doing it one bit at a Time"

The project works to gain support to participate in and lead a community planning process. The project will outreach to youth in the community to develop their leadership skills and work to conduct a community planning exercise. As a result, more youth will be involved in the community in a positive way and have a voice in the decision making process about the redevelopment of the rifle range at the Don Montgomery Community Centre. Activities include outreach, recruitment, focus groups, training, community planning exercise, architectural design and community meetings.

Elements - EEIR (Elements - Emotional Intelligence and Resiliency): Elements - EEIR

The project works to provide a curriculum to develop emotional intelligence of females in the Jane-Finch area to become more aware of themselves and understand the importance of attitude renewal, self-confidence and self esteem; understand trauma and create a shared sense of strength with other females in the community. Activities include workshops, CPR/First aid training, physical activities, curriculum development and outreach.

Eritrean Youth Coalition (EYC): Lift As You Climb

This project works to deliver an innovative mentorship program to Eritrean youth living in priority neighbourhoods. The goal of the project is to allow youth to gain meaningful skills while working towards a common goal. Ten youth will be matched with mentors and will work together to develop content and logistics of the EYC youth leadership retreat for 50 youth. The youth will learn about budgeting, program planning, the granting process, fundraising, evaluation and community-based research. By working closely as a group and with a mentor, youth will use these skills in real-time to plan and design the retreat for their peers. Project activities include training, conference development and implementation.

Guidance of Canadian Somali Youth: We Want To Do It: Winter Sports for African-Canadian Youth

The project will organize winter sports for low-income African-Canadian youth. The organization will organize 25 recreational skiing and skating trips from October 2009 to March 2010 for 130 African Canadian children from Jane/Finch, Lawrence Heights and Weston-Mt. Dennis neighbourhoods. The trips will be supervised by parent volunteers and six at-risk youth. The project will help low-income African Canadian youth to enjoy winter sports and demonstrate at-risk youth can contribute to the community.

It's in Me Education and Training Programs: Youth Led by Faith

This project works to improve the quality of life of youth by making the community better through sharing information and training opportunities around sexual health. Through the project, youth will become more aware and understand the myths and misconceptions related to sexually transmitted diseases and infections. The goal of this project is that, as youth expand their training and learning opportunities and share it with the community, other youth will become more educated on HIV/AIDS, STI's and STD's, ultimately decreasing the transmission of disease. Project activities include drumming group and drumming training, HIV training, and Hip Hop dancing program. The organization did not report a 2008 operating budget.

Malvern Family Resource Centre: Malvern Youth Cabinet: Malvern Youth Crisis Response Team

This project aims to develop a youth crisis response team to address the needs in the Malvern community. Youth would be trained in the core roles and responsibilities of crisis response so that they are prepared to participate in a crisis response shadow team. The goal of this project is to develop a level of awareness and skills necessary to provide support to a community crisis response and become a recognized contributor to a community-based crisis response activity. Project activities involve workshops (over the course of 24 weeks), the development of a crisis response shadow team, and hosting a community showcase event.

MUJER - Latin American Women Organization: Mi Comunidad: Latina Youth in Leadership Roles

This project works to develop a Latina youth conference. This project would bring Latina women together and allow them to envision and execute an opportunity to bring other young women together to strategize around issues in their community while utilizing their skills and community strengths. The goal of this project is to provide a safe space for 100 Latina youth in Jane-Finch so that they may envision a future as leaders and role models in the community. Project activities include outreach, conference development, conference promotion, one-day conference, and evaluation.

National African Integration and Families Association (NAIFA): The Lotus Experience: Undermining the Effects of Adverse Conditions on @-Risk Youth

The project works to use Peer-to-Peer Mentorship and The Empowerment Agenda to work with at-risk youth living in low income housing in the priority areas of Jane and Tretheway and Jane and Lawrence. The project aims at enhancing the capacities of the target youth to resolve conflicts between themselves and TCHC management staff and security guards and build better relationship. As a result, the youth will become stakeholders in keeping the peace in their building units. Activities include training, meetings, formation of youth teams and community forums.

Oromo Coalition Against Youth Alienation (OCAYAT): Addoyyee Toronto

The project works to develop a group of Oromo girls and young women to gather in a safe environment to discuss issues that are important to them including self-identity, family, cultural issues, goals and career aspirations. The project will invite Oromo women from college, university and post secondary programs to mentor younger Oromo girls in secondary school. The younger Oromo female group will meet bi-weekly as a self-help group and will form a committee to work with the OCAYAT board. The female group will have many opportunities to explore strategies to address issues including school drop-out, unwanted teen pregnancies and premature parenthood. Activities include groups, mentoring, workshops, seminars and training.

Sister 2 Sister: The Miss Nkrumah Project

This project works to empower female Ghanaian youth and inspire them to not only learn more about great African leaders, but to take on leadership roles in their various communities. In order to do this, the project will provide mentoring opportunities, skill development and pre-employment supports for youth, and provide workshops on current issues facing the Afro-Canadian communities. The goal of this project is to hold a 14 week-long program that will improve the community through enhancing the leadership skills and abilities of participants. Project activities include outreach; program development; workshops; and evaluation.

Toronto Ethiopian Collaborative (TEC): Ethiopian Students Association Toronto (ESAI)

This project works to hold monthly workshop sessions which will be used as catalysts for the development of concrete, tangible ways to address youth issues. The second phase of the project will include networking/mentoring opportunities for participants to learn and support one and other, through pairing young mentors with 2-3 mentees who will connect on a bi-weekly basis. The project will culminate in a 3 day forum that will provide a formal place for youth and other community stakeholders to work towards charting out tangible solutions, as well as provide a showcase of the talents of Ethiopian youth and the rich culture of Ethiopia. The goal of this project is to identify relevant issues facing Ethiopian youth and to develop strategies to address them. Project activities include outreach; mentor selection; bi-weekly forum-planning meetings; monthly workshops; formation of committees; 3 day forum; and project evaluation.