



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Access Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) 2010 Appeals Recommendations

Date:	June 30, 2010
To:	City Council
From:	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration
Wards:	12, 20, 21, 27, 28
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report recommends allocation of the 2010 Access Equity and Human Rights appeals fund of \$9,070.00.

Based on the information provided by organizations at the CPIP Appeals Sub-committee meeting and reconsideration of the original information provided during the application process, one additional organization is recommended for funding as described in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. The 2010 Access Equity and Human Rights program appeal fund of \$9,070.00 be allocated to one organization as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact beyond what has been approved in the 2010 Operating Budget.

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of June 24, 2010, the Community Development and Recreation Committee considered the report “Access Equity and Human Rights Partnership and Investment Program (AEHR) – 2010 Allocation Recommendations”. The Committee referred the report to the CPIP Appeals Sub-committee meeting of June 29, 2010, for the purpose of hearing appeals, and directed the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to report to City Council for its meeting of July 6, 2010 with recommendations on the allocation of the appeal fund.

At its meeting of June 29, 2010, the CPIP Appeals Sub-committee heard appeals from five organizations in the Access Equity and Human Rights Partnership and Investment Program, and referred these appeals to staff for reconsideration.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

A total of 73 organizations applied to the AEHR program for support, and 55 were recommended for funding. A total of 17 groups were not recommended, and an amount of \$9,070.00 was held for appeals.

COMMENTS

The \$9,070.00 in the appeals fund is recommended for one group for an anti-racism project that works to explore the experiences of bi-racial youth in order to support their peers and reduce social isolation.

A total of five groups that had applied to AEHR for funding attended the CPIP Appeals Sub-committee meeting and addressed the Committee. Four of the groups making an appeal had not been recommended for funding in the original allocation report, and one had been recommended for funding at a level less than the full request.

The CPIP Appeals Sub-committee referred the group of five organizations that appealed to staff for reconsideration. In preparing recommendations for allocation of the appeals fund, consideration was given to the information provided by the organizations at the appeals meeting, as well as the information in the original submissions for funding.

The appeals fund of \$9,070.00 was not sufficient to respond to all the appeal requests. The one project recommended for funding from the appeals fund was identified in the original report as demonstrating a good fit with the program criteria and goals, but not recommended at that time due to lack of funds.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1: 2010 Access Equity and Human Rights Appeals Recommendations
Appendix 2: 2010 Access Equity and Human Rights Appeals Summary Sheets

Appendix 1
2010 Access, Equity and Human Rights
Allocation Recommendations

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>2010 Amount Requested</u>	<u>2010 Recommended Allocation*</u>	<u>2010 Appeal Recommendation</u>
1. Canadian Somali Seniors Centre	\$17,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Eritrean Canadian Community Centre	\$21,654.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
3. St. Stephen's Community House	\$14,705.00	\$0.00	\$9,070.00
4. Toronto Tamil Seniors Association	\$6,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5. Youth in Motion Education Foundation	\$19,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	<u>\$80,609.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$9,070.00</u>

Note: * This is the amount recommended in the 2010 AEHR program original report.

**Appendix 2
2010 Access Equity and Human Rights
Appeals Summary Sheets**

Appeals: Organization 1 Canadian Somali Seniors Centre

Address: 36 Colville Road, Unit #100

Organization Overview:

Canadian Somali Senior Centre (CSSC) formed in response to the needs of Somali seniors particularly those who have low-moderate income and are disadvantaged. Services include events and programs for Somali seniors. This organization is located in Ward 12 York South-Weston. The organization reported a 2009 operating budget of \$ 52,000.00.

Project Description:

The project works to build community capacity for the Somali community in the Weston/Mount Dennis priority neighbourhood situated in Ward 11 and extending to Ward 2 & 4 (Dixon & Scarlett Road) .The goal of this project is to support governance capacity, volunteer development and training. Project activities include: mentoring with networking skills; promotion; program creation and advocacy.

Total Project Budget: \$44,300.00

Project Funding from Other Sources \$ 0.00

In-Kind Support: \$26,500.00

2009 Grant Received: \$ 0.00

2010 Grant Requested: \$17,800.00

2010 Grant Recommended: \$ 0.00

Project Funding by Source: In-kind support.

Recommendation:

At its meeting of June 29, 2010, the CPIP Appeals Sub-committee referred this organization for reconsideration of the allocation recommendation. The original recommendation has been confirmed.

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Appeals: Organization 2 Eritrean Canadian Community Centre

Address: 579 St. Clair Ave. West

Organization Overview:

The organization serves the Eritrean and broader African community with settlement support, cultural and community development activities. Programs are for people of all ages across the city of Toronto and services include tutoring, settlement support, violence prevention and support, suicide prevention and other community development activities using culturally appropriate counselling and community determined strategies. This organization is located in Ward 21 St. Paul's. The organization reported a 2009 operating budget of \$436,622.00.

Project Description:

This project works to continue work involving African groups in civic participation in their communities and society at large. The goal of this project is to build upon previous AEHR activities and engage African groups to find out what will help them be more involved in their communities through a peer-led train the trainer model. Project activities include: using the Civic 101 curriculum as a module to train peer leaders volunteers recruiting from different African communities such as Eritrean, Somali, Ghanaian, French-speaking Africans, Kenyans, Zimbabwe delivery of sessions in the community, 200 people is expected to participate.

Total Project Budget:	\$27,851.34
Project Funding from Other Sources	\$5,437.04
In-Kind Support:	\$ 760.00
2009 Grant Received:	\$10,000.00
2010 Grant Requested:	\$21,654.30
2010 Grant Recommended:	\$10,000.00

Project Funding by Source:

Recommendation:

At its meeting of June 29, 2010, the CPIP Appeals Sub-committee referred this organization for reconsideration of the allocation recommendation. The original recommendation has been confirmed.

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St. Stephen's Community House

Appeals Organization 3

Address: 260 Augusta Avenue

Organization Overview:

The organization primarily serves the residents living in the area bounded by Spadina Avenue, Roncesvalles Avenue, St. Clair Avenue and Lakeshore Boulevard. Services include child care, recreation programs, youth and seniors programs, newsletter, client intervention, refugee and immigrant services, youth employment center, day camp, ESL, community capacity building and conflict resolution. This organization is located in Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina. The organization reported a 2009 operating budget of \$ 11,076,380.00

Project Description:

Making Sense of One is a youth-directed multicultural, anti-racism project. As the third book in a series of innovative publications that were designed, researched, and written by youth for youth, "Making Sense of One" will be a collection of personal stories, self expressions, history, art, and interviews on the experiences and thoughts of bi-racial Canadian youth. This project will work with 10 youth who straddle two words in their racial identity, and will document how they understand themselves as Canadians, their views on racism and exclusion, and how the world does or doesn't understand them. This book will explore the inspiring, and often isolating, experiences that bi-racial youth face; they are in the unique position of helping other youth and the larger society to understand what it truly means to bridge different worlds. This book will shed light on the stereotypes, the assumptions, challenges and privileges around the issues of racism and racial divide in our society, while celebrating the incredible diversity of Canadian youth identity.

Total Project Budget: \$134,915.00

Project Funding from Other Sources \$105,333.00

In-Kind Support: \$14,877.00

2009 Grant Received: \$ 0.00

2010 Grant Requested: \$14,705.00

2010 Grant Recommended: \$9,070.00

Project Funding by Source: Confirmed Funding: CSP \$7,625.00.
Requested funding: Federal \$87,708.00, Ontario Arts Council \$10,000.00.

Recommendation:

At its meeting of June 29, 2010, the CPIP Appeals Sub-committee referred this organization for reconsideration of the allocation recommendation. It is recommended that \$9,070.00 be allocated to enable this organization to cover expenses of peer educators.

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Organization 4: Toronto Tamil Seniors Association

Address: Post Office Box 1114, Station F, 50 Charles Street

Organization Overview:

The organization serves Tamil seniors in the St. Jamestown and Regent Park area with information and referral to services, translation and interpretation, workshops, a women's support group, a food bank and recreational activities.. This organization is located in Ward 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale. The organization reported a 2009 operating budget of \$40,810.00.

Project Description:

This project works to provide support groups, counselling, information and referral and education workshops and reduce social isolation, develop social network, improve individual well-being and strengthen the ability of the community. The goal of this project is to support Tamil seniors to attain access to community programs and services. Projects activities include: counselling; referrals; workshops.

Total Project Budget: \$7,060.00

Project Funding from Other Sources \$ 0.00

In-Kind Support: \$ 410.00

2009 Grant Received: \$ 0.00

2010 Grant Requested: \$6,650.00

2010 Grant Recommended: \$ 0.00

Project Funding by Source:

Recommendation:

At its meeting of June 29, 2010, the CPIP Appeals Sub-committee referred this organization for reconsideration of the allocation recommendation. The original recommendation has been confirmed.

Appeals Organization 5: Youth in Motion Education Foundation

Address: 69 Bloor Street East, Suite 302

Organization Overview:

The organization designs and implements career programs and resources for youth, provides scholarships, bursaries and financial awards, and works with other organizations to improve their effectiveness in program implementation and design. The organization is located in Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale. The organization reported a 2009 operating budget of \$1,859,551.00.

Project Description:

The project works to improve the employability of and opportunities for career success of female youth in Toronto who struggle with barriers to employment. Project activities include: volunteer recruitment and coordination; developing and supporting partnerships; childcare for meetings and events; consultation - Employee Assistance Program (EAP)-type service for youth participants. The project goals are to reinforce access and equity values directly relating to target group by developing and implementing a strategic outreach plan; enhance training of youth mentors to maximize coaching and transfer of skills to improve youth success outcomes; be the best resource possible for all partners; provide solid best practices information and use for future benchmarking to break through employability barriers, build community infrastructure and break youth out of poverty cycle; enable youth with children and childcare issues to participate in program; support youth with personal issues (such as managing or emerging from abuse) to deal with their problems in the context of employability, particularly in building trust and self-esteem.

Total Project Budget: \$406,368.00

Project Funding from Other Sources \$240,468.00

In-Kind Support: \$146,100.00

2009 Grant Received: \$ 0.00

2010 Grant Requested: \$19,800.00

2010 Grant Recommended: \$ 0.00

Project Funding by Source: Requested funding: Federal
\$240,468.00.

Recommendation:

At its meeting of June 29, 2010, the CPIP Appeals Sub-committee referred this organization for reconsideration of the allocation recommendation. The original recommendation has been confirmed.