



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Service Development Investment Program (SDIP) 2010 Allocation Recommendations and Program Update

Date:	June 10, 2010
To:	Community Development and Recreation Committee
From:	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance & Administration
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report recommends that \$407,840.00 be allocated to 11 organizations for capacity development activities within priority neighbourhoods.

The Service Development Investment program (SDIP) provides multi-year project funding to support the organizational capacity of coalitions and not-for-profit organizations in order to develop a community's capacity to understand local issues and build effective responses and partnerships. SDIP is a unique funding program, offering opportunities for non-traditional groups and groups that may be high risk due to lack of a track record. The particular focus is on developing capacity within priority neighbourhoods for identifying issues and initiating local responses and for projects that support service stabilization for priority neighbourhoods.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council approve the 2010 Service Development Investment Program allocations totalling \$407,840.00 to 11 organizations as described in Appendices A and B of this report.

Financial Impact

This report recommends that the Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) 2010 Approved Operating Budget for the Service Development Investment Program (SDIP) of \$407,840.00 be allocated as per Appendices A and B.

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

DECISION HISTORY

Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) budgets are provided for specific program purposes and Service Development Investment Program recommendations are presented to City Council for approval on an annual basis. The funding is provided under the general authority for making municipal grants provided in Section 83 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 (S.O. 2006, c11).

In December, 2008 City Council approved the report “CPIP 2008 Community Services Funding Allocations and Program Update” including information on consultations related to future directions and administrative options for the program.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/reports/2008-11-14-cd20-cr.pdf>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Council has identified 13 priority neighbourhoods where investment is required to build local capacity for partnerships that can build and sustain service infrastructure. The Service Development Investment Program was established in 2005 to address this need through funding that supports the organizational capacity of coalitions and not-for-profit organizations. In 2009, the SDIP mandate was expanded to include support for service stabilization opportunities for organizations serving in priority neighbourhoods.

COMMENTS

The Service Development Investment Program (SDIP) provides funding opportunities to increase the capacity of not-for-profit organizations in high needs, under-served communities to effectively respond to community needs and to develop their community’s capacity to understand local issues and build effective responses and partnerships. Since 2005, the SDIP program has funded community capacity building and organizational development activities in 11 of the 13 priority neighbourhoods. In 2010, outreach efforts prioritized projects in neighbourhoods that have not been previously funded by SDIP, Jane/Finch and Westminster-Branson.

SERVICE DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAM -- 2010 ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

The allocation recommendations for 2010 are included in Appendix A, which lists all applicants and their requested project amounts. Project descriptions for each organization are provided in Appendix B, including priority neighbourhoods to be served by the projects. Because of the limited overall size of the budget and the number of returning multi-year applicants, no appeals fund has been set aside.

A targeted call, undertaken through Community Development staff working within priority neighbourhoods, identified two new applicants. The two new applications are from coalitions focused on building effective responses to local issues in Jane/Finch and Westminster-Branson. Recommendations are provided for one new allocation and the ten returning allocations in 2010. The new program recommended is for capacity building in Westminster-Branson, a priority neighbourhood which has not previously received SDIP support.

Two returning organizations are recommended for support to address the mandate for service stabilization projects and one project is focused on building the capacity of youth service providers across the priority neighbourhoods. Recommended projects for 2010 include two that work in multiple priority neighbourhoods and nine that focus on addressing needs in the following nine priority neighbourhoods: Crescent Town; Dorset Park; Flemingdon Park; Jamestown; Lawrence Heights; Scarborough Village; Steeles-L'Amoreaux; Westminster-Branson; and Weston-Mount Dennis.

Returning SDIP projects will continue to be supported according to their multi-year plans. Of the returning organizations, six are in their second year of funding and four organizations are applying for a third and final year of funding. Two allocations are for six months funding to complete their third year of funding due to the fiscal year end change for SDIP in 2009. The SDIP budget for 2010 was increased by 2% to address ongoing issues of rising costs for program delivery in the community services sector. This 2% funding level adjustment has been applied to returning, multi-year projects and is not dependent on an organization's requested amount.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: 2010 Service Development Investment Program Allocation
Recommendations

Appendix B: 2010 Service Development Investment Program Project Descriptions