

Appendix C
Community Safety Investment
Descriptions of 2010 Recommended Projects

Agincourt Community Services Association (ACSA): Preventing Domestic Violence in Chester Le

This project works to build on the foundation that has been laid by the Chester Le Community Coalition through the establishment of the Chester Le Community Corner to promote community safety in Chester Le. The goal of the project is to equip equity-seeking groups such as women with disabilities, immigrant women, low-income women of colour and disadvantaged youth with the knowledge, skills and confidence to prevent or address domestic violence. The project is located in the Chester Le community and its surrounding areas.

This funding is for year 3 of a 3 year project. In year one the project established its committee, conducted workshops and discussion groups, formed the Habibi's Girl Group, established the Women's Support Group, and public education activities. In year two, the project integrated a unit on domestic violence in English classes for new immigrants and residents, strengthened and expanded activities with Habibi's Girl's group, distributed materials on preventing violence, strengthened partnerships with partner organizations, intensified workshops on personal safety in the community, and provided community crisis response workshops. In year three, the project will conduct community forums on addressing domestic violence, form an advisory committee on forced marriage in the community, increase access to information and services advocating for the prevention of domestic abuse, strengthen and expand strategic partnerships, and conduct classes on the issues involved in violence against women in local schools and through community organizations.

Arts Etobicoke: urbanNOISE Interactive CD-ROM

The project works to address the causes/effects and prevention of youth crime in Jamestown/Rexdale. This project involves 50 at-risk youth who will work to create a series of scenarios to showcase circumstances that lead to youth crime. These scenarios will be designed with multiple plot points and endings to demonstrate how certain behaviours lead to crime. The pieces will be written, directed, acted and videotaped by the youth. The process will provide them with the necessary tools to change their actions to avoid future crime. The project goal is to train youth to understand the risk factors of crime, how they can be prevented, and how to share this information with other youth.

This funding is for the last year of a 3-year project. In year one, the project developed the curriculum, hired a trainer and secured facilities. In year two, the project recruited most of the youth and met with community stakeholders. The project has forged strong connections to the community and the youth in the Jamestown area. In year three, the project will continue to train youth and develop two versions of the interactive video presentations and do presentations across the city. The youth will present their interactive CD ROM video workshops to groups of youth.

An extensive evaluation document will be produced and outreach materials will be distributed throughout the city. Year 3 activities include curriculum development, outreach to the community, youth recruitment and training, network with local partners, workshops, script writing, video shooting and a festival.

Canadian Training Institute (CTI): Breaking the Cycle: Youth Gang Exit and Ambassador Leadership Program

The project works to address the evaluation study recommendations for the Breaking the Cycle (BTC) program model. The BTC program has been developed over time to address the needs of youth who are gang involved, or at risk of gang involvement. The program works with youth in Rexdale and Scarborough. The program model has been the subject of an evaluation study undertaken with a view to strengthening the model through identifying ways to standardize the program interventions and data collection. The program model targets male and female youth ages 15-26 years who are primarily gang involved, are criminally active or have criminal records, and are both male and female living in high crime neighbourhoods where they face barriers to reducing or eliminating their gang involvement.

The activities to be undertaken include a range of initiatives, including: training for staff in the use of standardized risk assessment screening tools for participants; the creation of a comprehensive operating manual and resource guide on the program model; development of information sharing opportunities with Police and Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional services to increase safety for participants; and establishing cross sector protocols to increase access to post-program data to show longer term program outcomes. These activities will be undertaken through a combination of internal staff and external support, and will be grounded in the ongoing operation of the program activities.

Centre for Independent Living in Toronto (C.I.L.T.): Safe Engaged Environments Disability (SEED)

This project works to build bridges and understanding between different disability sectors to identify common barriers to community safety, develop community capacity and prepare an action plan to bring about system-level change. The focus community will include individuals with physical, intellectual and mental health disabilities as well as their advocates and supporters. The project will provide a forum for mutual support, leadership, issues identification and skills development in project management. It will also provide a concrete opportunity to work across the disability sector resulting in increased collaboration and a stronger voice for marginalized people with disabilities.

This funding is for year 3 of a 3-year project. In year one, the project completed outreach and the development of a steering committee, delivered training sessions, and developed a community safety network. In year two, the project expanded the steering committee, it trained community-based researchers, established a working group, completed action research, increased outreach and networking activities and maintained ongoing activities, secured additional funding,

completed 18 focus groups, developed a research committee and began a research project. In year 3, the project will develop and execute the action plan recommendations (from research), develop and distribute the action plan and conduct presentations and town halls to present the outcomes of the project, and continue to manage the network and advisory committee.

Children's Peace Theatre: Common Ground

This project works to provide an arts-based project providing violence prevention and leadership training for at-risk youth in the Crescent Town and Flemingdon Park neighbourhoods, with a focus on creating meaningful dialogue amongst diverse cultures and reducing racism and incidents of youth violence in both communities. Under the guidance of trained professional artists, newcomer and refugee youth from the two priority neighbourhoods will interact with each other and their peers who have lived for longer periods in the community, in order to discover and define their common ground and struggles. Participants will use theatre and other art forms to examine the issues they face. Within the safe confines of a theatrical process the youth will explore their own stories of trauma, loss, hardship, violence, marginalization, and what it means to them to live in their environment. The goal of the project is for youth to better understand the issues impacting their lives, develop skills to confront and deal with violence, and act to initiate positive change. Project activities include: research; creative exploration and skills development; mentorship and leadership skill-building opportunities; and the incubation of youth led projects addressing the issues raised during the project.

Community Action Resource Centre (CARC): Community Safety Ambassadors for Weston Mt. Dennis Neighbourhood

This project works to mobilize local residents to engage youth, seniors, newcomers and immigrants from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds to become ambassadors for educating, promoting and fostering a safe and healthy local community. The project goal is to deliver training on crime prevention and civic rights and to establish community safety resource corners in the public spaces of partner agencies, including the new community service HUB facility at Jane and Trethewey. Activities include production of a video, training, workshops, community fairs, and establishing community safety resource centres.

Conflict Mediation Services of Downsview (CMS-D): Iranian Family Well-Being Project - Tarhe Behrouzi Khanevadeh

This project works to increase the Iranian community's capacity to address issues of family violence using a culturally sensitive, education-based prevention model. Using a pool of trained peer mentors and a tool kit of relevant research and project material, the project will establish an easily transferable model of sustainable resources for the Iranian community, health care service providers and social service agencies. The goals of the project are to create community capacity to better address issues of family violence and abuse, and build a clearer understanding of the issue in the Iranian community.

In year one the project made presentations to Iranian community service workers and to the public through media. Referrals to appropriate resources were made to Iranian community members experiencing tensions in their relationships. In year two, the project expanded the core advisory group, conducted presentations to identified groups, developed and operated a website, recruited and trained volunteers, developed partnership opportunities with health care service providers and service institutions in Toronto. In year three the project will: develop a project toolbox; create a succession and sustainability plan; continue to raise awareness of issues of violence and abuse in the Iranian community; conduct an evaluation of the project; and, share the information with service providers and the community.

Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA): South Asian Youth STEP UP to Violence

This project works to build a safe community space where youth peer leaders will lead neighbourhood and issue based violence prevention workshops, generate dialogue, enhance awareness and community investments in creating a safe, engaged and healthy community. The goal of the project is to develop youth leadership in the South Asian community around violence prevention. Project activities include youth engagement, curriculum development, service coalition development, responsive practices to service delivery, training, evaluation and creation of a service coalition guidebook.

In year one, the project recruited youth from various priority neighbourhoods, developed partnerships and started a blog of South Asian Youth on youth engagement. A community of practice for youth workers working with South Asian youth in Scarborough was set up as a result of the project. In year two, the project will continue to support the advisory committee, recruit and train another group of South Asian youth, develop a resources and information-based curriculum, engage 3 diverse South Asian communities which include Bengali, Gujarati and Tamil, provide training and workshops, and develop a process model for peer-based information referral system for South Asian communities.

Dixon Hall: Saturday Night Program

This project works to provide community-sanctioned safe meeting places and activity space for at-risk youth, and to provide activities and positive role models for youth that are involved in gang/drug-related criminal activities. The project will outreach to youth from ages 13-25 who are not involved in regular community activities. The project is the result of a collaboration of 6 agencies. Each agency will provide youth workers to staff the program and will take a role in operating weekend programming. This programming will provide an alternative option to existing gang clubhouses by providing a gathering place where youth have access to youth centred programs, activities, and new opportunities for community engagement.

This funding is for year 3 of a 3-year project. In year one, the project offered weekly activities for youth, peer leadership activities and support for youth workers. In year two, activities

included weekly youth programming, youth worker service coordination, collaborative service model development, youth leadership, youth retreats and peer mentorship. Year three activities build on the success of the first 2 years of the project to maintain the existing programming, provide ongoing collaboration between project partners, provide leadership development for youth, provide support and gang exit strategies for youth, and provide team-building activities for participants.

East Scarborough Storefront/Tides Canada Initiatives: Community Safety Strategy

This project works to develop a community-wide safety strategy building on the capacity of residents and front line workers to create safe places and respond effectively to issues that threaten neighbourhood safety. The project aims to address the themes of safety awareness and education for residents, skill building for staff and coordinated local solutions to local problems. The goals of this project are: to engage residents of Kingston/Galloway on issues of community safety and to keep safety issues at the forefront of all community initiatives; to engage service providers (staff, board members, volunteers) and service users on the Safety Protocol and how to handle critical incidents; to support youth workers to be better prepared to deal with issues stemming from community violence; and, to have members of the Kingston/Galloway community better equipped to respond to safety issues and to be recognized as a leader in community safety. Project activities include: engaging residents on preventing and responding to neighbourhood safety issues; developing and maintaining the Community Safety Protocol; and enhancing front-line worker's skills and support for one and other.

In year one, the project engaged youth through walking safety audits, which resulted in an increase in youth participation and leadership in subsequent safety activities. The audit team produced recommendations, which were presented to the local Counsellor and resulted in a variety of community safety upgrades. The first resident-led project is in development and a new partnership with Agincourt Community Services Association was developed with the goal of implementing a drop-in for local sex-trade workers. In year two, the project will continue to build the capacity of the community to prevent and respond to safety issues by organizing more walking safety audits, supporting the implementation of additional safety projects, as well as promotion of the safety initiatives. The project will also implement action plans developed in year one, and present the findings of the action plans. The project will continue to support front line workers skill development and collaboration to better address local safety issues, and will develop and distribute a lessons learned/best practices report.

Frontline Partners with Youth Network/Tides Canada Initiatives: Frontline Systems of Support (F-SOS)

This program works to provide supports to frontline youth workers who work in situations related to trauma, grief, mental health, addictions, and that extend beyond the mandate of their job, training, knowledge and skills levels. It will address the experiences resulting from isolation in front line work and support those who often do not know where to go to for relevant and appropriate support. One-on-one consultations combined with group consultations for teams of

frontline workers will link them to the broader FPYN community of support, training and other opportunities. The goal of this project is to provide the continuum of support to frontline workers who are working in communities most impacted by violence. Project activities include: outreach, resource development, one-on-one consultations, group consultations, and referrals.

Grassroots Youth Collaborative (GYC): Youth Capacity Enhancement Project

This project works to educate young leaders from priority neighbourhoods on the negative impacts of violence and systemic barriers, and promotes civic engagement and youth organizing. This project is divided into three phases. The first is outreach and awareness, including the invitation of groups of young people from different priority neighbourhoods to the site to build rapport and connect young people to GYC's network. The second phase is the engagement phase of a series of workshops and trainings on safety, non-violence and anti-oppression. The last phase of the project would be to provide support to youth who have participated in organizing local community initiatives that would promote non-violence enhance neighbourhood safety or address/advocate for systemic change. The goals of this project are to empower young people, especially those from low income and racialized communities and to support them to develop the best strategies to address violence and community safety in their neighbourhoods. Project activities include: outreach, workshops, forums, film screenings, tool kit development, and a youth safety resource manual.

Lesbian Gay Bi Youth Line: My Identity is NOT a Punch Line

This project will work on issues of violence prevention through active and extensive promotion of the Youthline's services and their online community. The goal of this project is to plan and develop web-based resources and volunteer training focused on the prevention of homophobic violence towards youth, and best practices in responding to and preventing homophobic violence. Project activities include: outreach; volunteer development; training; and resource development.

In year one, the project developed a website with the capacity to foster and host an online community for LGBTTIQQ2 young people. It also delivered workshops on anti-LGBT violence and bullying and the creation of safe spaces to high school students, teachers, post-secondary student groups and residence staff. Fifteen additional discussions have been published on the site's blog on topics related to homophobia, transphobia, violence and bullying. In year two, the project will continue to expand its traffic base through online and community outreach as well as train youth volunteers to deliver peer support anti-bullying workshops. The project will also seed blog discussions on violence prevention themes and the prevention of homophobic violence. Finally, a multi-phase, action awareness campaign will be launched and will be aimed at schools, community groups, and online users.

Mornelle Court Residents Action Coalition: Mornelle Court Walk Safe Program

This project works to provide workshops and support to parents within the Mornelle Court Community by escorting children safely. The goal is to facilitate communication between the school and parents and encourage community families to walk freely within their neighbourhoods. In partnership with the Crisis Response Team of the City of Toronto, the project works as a preventative measure to educate youth about ensuring that they are not engaged by negative influences before and after school. Project activities include meetings, information fairs, training and a safe walk program.

North York Womens Centre: Building Women's Capacity for Community Safety Planning in Westminster-Branson

This project works to build the capacity of women in Westminster-Branson to identify safety concerns and facilitate the development of community based responses to safety issues. This project will identify and train women residents to be community animators, support the animators to deliver community based activities addressing safety issues, raise community awareness of these issues and build appropriate community based responses. The goal of this project is to empower women to identify, address and lead a community responsive plan to address safety in the Bathurst-Finch neighbourhood. Project activities include: recruitment, animator training, workshop delivery, action plan development and community forums.

Rexdale Community Health Centre: CROSY (formerly The Ungana Project)

This project works to address the need for a coordinated response to youth violence and prevention in Rexdale. The Coalition of Rexdale Organisations for the Prevention of Youth Violence (CORO-PYV) is a recently formed body of service providers in Rexdale that came together to address the issue of youth violence in Jamestown. The project goal is to develop a coordinated, integrated, responsive and comprehensive model of service planning to address the ongoing issue of youth violence in Rexdale. Objectives of the project include: creating a map of services and programs for youth in Rexdale; service gap analysis; investigating and documenting models of coordinated service delivery that are geared towards the prevention of youth violence; developing practice guidelines, protocols and system requirements that can further enhance the work of the coalition; and implementing the model with agreement from the coalition members.

In year one, the project brought together existing and new coalition members and kick-started with the map of services and began service gap analysis. The project also established contacts and worked with a number of service providers to gather information on their services/programs. A forum was organized for service providers serving youth to discuss issues, network and share information on services and issues. In year two, the project focused on researching service planning/service delivery models that address youth violence by reviewing literature and examined existing service models. Partnerships were established with various stakeholders in the neighbourhood and a resource booklet that consists of general information regarding services within the Rexdale/Jamestown community was produced. In year three, the project will plan and

implement a pilot model that addresses youth violence. The project will select one model to pilot and develop recommendations for practice guidelines, protocols and system requirements. The project will also recruit youth ambassadors who will outreach and provide trainings and workshops to youth in the community. An evaluation will be conducted and information will be shared with various stakeholder by the end of the project.

Scarborough Access Centre (SAC): Scarborough Access Centre Working Group

This project works to promote safety and to empower women and children fleeing domestic violence by creating an effective and efficient centre of support and services in Scarborough. This "Storefront" model, resulting from the collaboration of service providers, would allow a woman who is fleeing domestic violence to access a range of services through a single phone call or visit. The goals of the project are: to provide on-site access to services and supports in one centralized location staffed by representatives from a variety of social service and government agencies including community services, sexual assault and domestic violence, health care, legal supports, shelter and housing supports, counsellors, advocates, and police; to provide access, by referral, to additional collaborating agencies including child welfare services and other social service agencies that are not present on-site. Activities include developing resources, tools, and materials such as promotional information, a memorandum of understanding, a strategic plan, terms of reference and evaluation tools. The service partnerships will be coordinated, strengthened and managed by SAC.

This funding is for year 3 of a 3-year project. In year one, the project developed its mission statement and terms of reference, completed outreach to member organizations, researched and developed the models for delivery of this type of large inter-sectoral, interagency partnership, organized and facilitated a planning session, and explored sustainability options. Year two activities included completion of a feasibility study, focus groups, development and dissemination of a report, survey development, and partnership development. In year three, the project will maintain and expand partnership building activities, complete logistical planning including space allocation, develop a service delivery plan, outreach, sustainability plan development, and formal centre launch.

Scarborough Women's Centre: Building Strong Futures: The Young Women's Outreach Project

This project works to help young women become aware of violence and abuse in dating relationships. The project provides educational workshops on violence, self-esteem, and healthy relationships both at the program location and 6 high schools in Scarborough, and a mentoring program and a peer outreach group. The goal of this project is to empower young women to build positive relationships and explore their opportunities for success at school and work which reduces the likelihood that they will enter or stay in abusive relationships. Project activities include outreach, resource development, leadership training, and workshops.

In year one, the project designed and delivered workshops, designed and distributed workbooks

and resource listings, completed outreach, built networks and partnerships, delivered a series of information sessions and developed the model for peer outreach. In year two, the project will do outreach, continue to build support networks for young women, deliver workshops, information sessions and discussion groups, and deliver a peer outreach program for young women.

Somali Youth Association of Toronto (SOYAT): Youth Solutions to Youth Issues

This project works to deliver an extensive series of workshops and activities aimed at reducing violence and the risk of incarceration amongst youth living in the Jamestown and Weston Mt Dennis areas of the city. The focus will be on male youth aged 16-24. The goal of the project is to deliver anger management and domestic assault prevention training in a youth led and culturally appropriate manner that focuses on Somali youth. Project activities include workshops, groups, training, referrals and counselling.

In year one the program successfully trained 40 Somali youth. In year two, the project will continue to recruit another 53 Somali youth in the community for training and counselling in order to reduce violence and the risk of incarceration amongst the youth living in the Jamestown and Weston Mt Dennis areas.

Street Health Community Nursing Foundation: Safer Stroll Project

This project is based on a community capacity-building approach that addresses violence perpetrated against women who work in the context of “street level” sex work. The project provides peer training and educational components that increase the south east end of downtown Toronto’s capacity to effectively address violence that targets sex workers. It will strengthen the ongoing capacity of sex workers to address issues related to sex-worker safety, conflict resolution, crisis prevention and intervention and communication skills. The goal of this project is to enhance access to specific violence prevention methods and resources and build relationships and networks among sex workers and the social service system. Project activities include: skill development sessions; peer distribution of the Bad Date Book; peer-led skill building workshops; and training sessions for staff from social service agencies.

In year one, the project did outreach, developed and delivered a training on peer mentorship skills, distributed the Bad Date Book, built partnerships, and hosted workshops. In year two, the project will deliver skill development training sessions, expand distribution of the Bad Date Book, and hold workshops and peer-led sessions,

Vietnamese Women's Association of Toronto: South East Asian Elder Support and Abuse Prevention

The project is a partnership with the Canadian Cambodian Association of Ontario to provide Elder Abuse Prevention Peer Leadership Training to 240 south East Asian community members. A Peer Leadership Training Manual will be produced as an end result. The goal of this project is

to increase awareness of elder abuse; decrease incidences of abuse through training to community members including caregivers on elders rights, caregiver responsibilities and community/government resources; and produce a Peer Leadership Training Manual for widespread use by other service providers. Project activities include training, an advisory committee, production of a manual, community outreach, brochures and flyers, information dissemination, an Elder Abuse Prevention Day and workshops.

Women's Health in Women's Hands: Our Communities, Our Safety: Racialized Women and Youth Against Violence

The project works to address violence in the lives of low income youth and adult women from Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America and South Asia. This project explores the way in which violence is a determinant of health and it proposes a series of programs to address this with women from 6 priority neighbourhoods. It aims to create a multi-sectoral and coordinated model of response to violence against racialized women. Framed in a feminist, anti-oppression, anti-racist framework, it has 3 components: a representative advisory committee to identify the structural causes of violence against racialized women and youth; 6 think tank meetings with community members to develop strategic programs within a model of coordinated services; and an offering of programs based on the learning's and strategies in the first 2 components.

This funding is for year 3 of a 3 year project. In year one, the project established a working group, established a project advisory committee, developed partnerships and completed a literature review. Year two activities included ongoing development of the model of service delivery, piloting the model in Crescent town, Flemingdon Park, Jamestown, Jane/Finch, Lawrence Heights, and Scarborough Village and completion and dissemination of the think tank report. In year three, activities will include: public education; advisory committee development; partnership agreements for future support; think tank team meeting to develop a strategic plan to link programming, policy and research and development and distribution of a report on identified service gaps and health implications.

Working Women Community Centre: Vital People - Vital Neighbourhoods

This project works to improve safety through the activation of public spaces in the St. Jamestown neighbourhood and its immediate surroundings through peer leadership development and civic engagement opportunities. This project will train participants to identify community safety needs through asset mapping, and will determine a series of 20 action projects to be implemented in the community. Additionally it will engage the public further through a public event/town hall and through a resident's action network that can continue to address safety issues into the future. The goal of this project is to build newcomer and immigrant women's capacity and to develop their sense of civic leadership while engaging the larger community around community safety issues. Project activities include: curriculum development, outreach, training, individual project development, and a public forum.