



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Community Safety Investment Program – 2012
Allocation Recommendations**

Date:	May 29, 2012
To:	CPIP Appeals Sub-Committee
From:	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report recommends allocations for funding under the 2012 Community Safety Investment Program. Of the 59 applications received 17 are recommended for funding of \$665,600.00. An amount of \$31,200.00 has been held for appeals.

The mission of the Community Safety Investment program is to create safe communities for people in Toronto. The Community Safety Investment program makes resources available to organizations that are in a unique position to reach vulnerable communities with information, prevention activities and situation-specific responses that help create safer places for everyone.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council approve the 2012 Community Safety Investment Program (Community Safety) allocations totalling \$665,600.00 to 17 organizations as recommended in Appendices A and B;
2. An amount of \$31,200.00 be held for appeals;

3. This report be forwarded to the Community Development and Recreation Committee for consideration at its meeting of June 26, 2012.

Financial Impact

The recommendations in this report will have no impact beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget.

The Social Development, Finance and Administration Division 2012 Approved Operating Budget includes funding of \$696,800.00 for the Community Safety Investment Program. This report recommends allocations for 17 organizations totalling \$665,600.00, with an appeal fund of \$31,200.00.

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

DECISION HISTORY

The City of Toronto provides support to the not-for-profit sector through funding programs under the general authority for making municipal grants provided in Section 83 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* (S.O. 2006, c.11).

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Community Safety Plan is guided by three principles: a balance between enforcement and prevention; investment in youth; and building on the strengths of neighbourhoods and communities. Community Safety Investment program (CSI) supports these principles by continuing to fund projects that focus on preventing violence and respond to the needs of youth. CSI criteria encourage applications from organizations that work actively to build on the strengths of neighbourhoods and communities.

By working through community-based organizations, the City is able to support a broader range of safety and violence prevention opportunities including for ethno-cultural communities and equity-seeking groups, than it would be able to offer on its own.

Not everyone is equally affected by violence. People's experiences and perceptions of safety vary depending on age, gender, income levels, race, access to information, available resources and a variety of other circumstances. Communities have different assets and different structural issues to address. In order to ensure that the CSI project funding will have a significant impact, grants are directed to vulnerable communities.

As outlined in the CSI guidelines, priority is given to projects addressing the safety and violence prevention needs of children and youth, women and girls, people with disabilities, seniors, the Aboriginal community, immigrants and refugees, LGBTTTQ community and neighbourhoods.

COMMENTS

Application Process

Guidelines and on-line registration for the 2012 Community Safety were available in February with a submission deadline of March 21, 2012. Three information sessions on the purpose and process for the funding program were provided during February and March and attended by 60 people. Applicants were also able to speak with Community Resources staff by telephone or schedule meetings to ask questions or get help with their applications.

For the second year, the CSI forms were provided through the Corporate Grants information System, the City's online funding database. Applicants were required to register for a username and password, which then provided internet based access to the required forms from any internet based computer. The online funding system is part of the City's plan to manage funding program requests and grant recipient reporting more efficiently.

A total of 115 groups registered for access to the Community Safety online application. Ten online training sessions were delivered to over eighty participants. Fifty-nine (59) completed and submitted the Community Safety application by the deadline date.

CSI and three other investment programs were managed on-line in 2012 and drew 325 organization registrations. In order to help assess the impact of the online process for applicants, registered organizations were asked to complete a survey on their experience and suggestions. Of the 63 organizations that have completed the survey to date, most indicated they were satisfied with the experience. Staff will use the detailed survey responses to continue improvements to the on-line process for the 2013 funding cycle.

Assessment of Applications

A total of 59 applications were submitted. In order to be recommended for funding, applicants must meet common eligibility criteria which are provided in the CSI program guidelines <http://www.toronto.ca/grants/csi/index.htm> . Core eligibility requirements include: non-profit status, demonstrated financial accountability, willingness to with a trustee organization if they are not incorporated, and located in the City of Toronto.

The assessment process includes a review of the organization's documents, progress reports, administrative and human resource capacity, audited financial statements and evidence that the project budget is viable and reasonable.

The assessment process may include site visits, telephone calls or meetings with applicants, with particular attention to new applicants and applications from emerging communities. Assessment of previously funded applicants considers their track record in providing progress and final reports on the implementation and outcomes of previously funded activities. Staff may also attend annual general meetings and other programs

offered by organizations as well as contact other funders for budget or project related information.

The assessment process determines the extent to which proposed events are feasible, leverage other resources (including in-kind sources and partnerships), involve volunteers and participants in the activities, and have the potential to achieve specific results in terms of increasing the capacity of organizations and communities to address safety and violence-prevention issues through outcome-focussed, time-limited activities.

2012 Allocations Recommendations

Of the 59 applications received, 17 are recommended for funding and 42 are not recommended for support. Seven of the recommendations are for organizations that received funding in 2011 for a multi-year project: these projects have been determined to be meeting their goals, and the second or third (final) year of funding is recommended. Nine recommendations are for new project that did not receive funding in 2011.

The average grant size in the program is \$39,150.00. Of the 17 projects recommended, 9 will be delivered in a priority neighbourhood, five will work in other neighbourhoods and three have a city-wide focus. The CSI investment of \$665,600.00 will leverage an additional \$178,000.00 in funding from other sources, as well as the participation of 570 volunteers. The recommended project activities are expected to involve more than 5,000 participants.

2012 Allocations by Focus Community	# of Recommended Allocations
Neighbourhoods	5
Seniors	3
Youth	3
Women	2
Aboriginal Community	1
LGBTQ Community	1
Crisis Response	2

The recommended allocations are included in Appendix A, and the detailed summaries of all applicants are provided in Appendix B.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Community Safety Investment Program – 2012 Allocation
Recommendations

Appendix B: Community Safety Investment Program – Detailed Project Summaries

**Appendix A
Community Safety Investment Program
2012 Allocation Recommendations**

	<u>Applicant Organization</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>2011 Approved Allocation</u>	<u>2012 Amount Requested</u>	<u>2012 Recommended Allocation</u>
1	Agincourt Community Services Association	41	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
2	Belka Enrichment Centre/Caribbean Global Missions	8	\$30,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
3	Canadian Centre for Women's Education and Development	35	n/a	\$31,175.00	\$0.00
4	Canadian Tamil Youth Development Centre	38	\$40,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
5	Canadian Training Institute/Institut Canadien De Formation Inc. (CTI)	30	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00
6	Carefirst Seniors and Community Services Association	39	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
7	Centre for Spanish-Speaking Peoples	9	\$15,000.00	\$19,688.00	\$0.00
8	Children's Peace Theatre/Hannon-Shields Centre for Leadership and Peace	31	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
9	Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter	20	\$0.00	\$37,098.00	\$0.00
10	Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre	17	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
11	Community Action Resource Centre	12	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00
12	Community Health Action Team (CHAT)	38	n/a	\$49,060.00	\$49,000.00
13	Community Outreach Canada	38	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
14	Council of Agencies Serving South Asians	35	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
15	Delta Family Resource Centre	9	n/a	\$29,453.00	\$0.00
16	Dixon Youth Project	1	n/a	\$45,420.00	\$0.00
17	Downsview Services for Seniors	10	n/a	\$22,346.00	\$0.00
18	Education Through Media	13	n/a	\$48,767.04	\$0.00
19	Elizabeth Fry Society Toronto Branch, The	28	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00

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20	Ethiopian Association in the Greater Toronto Area and Surrounding Regions	31	\$0.00	\$40,828.00	\$0.00
21	Etobicoke Services for Seniors	2	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
22	Eye on the Sparrow Tenant Association	24	n/a	\$34,347.00	\$34,300.00
23	Family Inter-Generation Link	40	n/a	\$24,700.00	\$0.00
24	Family Service Toronto	1	n/a	\$46,180.00	\$0.00
25	For You Telecare Family Service (FUTFS)	25	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
26	Frontline Partners with Youth Network (FPYN) - Tides Canada Initiatives Society	19	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
27	Ghanaian Canadian Multicultural Community Centre	3	n/a	\$43,803.00	\$0.00
28	Heritage Skills Development Center (HSDC)	44	n/a	\$24,987.00	\$0.00
29	John Howard Society of Toronto	27	n/a	\$28,976.00	\$0.00
30	JVS Toronto/Jewish Vocational Services of Metropolitan Toronto	15	n/a	\$48,429.02	\$0.00
31	Kiwi Seminars for Internet Safety Inc.	n/a	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
32	Leave Out Violence	15	\$0.00	\$38,014.00	\$0.00
33	Malvern Family Resource Centre	42	\$30,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
34	Native Child and Family Services of Toronto	27	\$30,000.00	\$45,644.00	\$0.00
35	Nia Centre for the Arts	33	n/a	\$60,263.20	\$0.00
36	North York Community House	15	\$15,800.00	\$49,965.00	\$49,000.00
37	Ontario Justice Education Network/Reseau Ontarien D'Education Juridique	27	n/a	\$29,950.00	\$0.00
38	Opportunity For Advancement	20	n/a	\$49,047.00	\$47,000.00
39	Peacebuilders Canada	28	\$35,600.00	\$50,000.00	\$35,600.00
40	Regent Park Community Health Centre	27	n/a	\$46,995.00	\$40,000.00

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41 Rexdale Community Legal Clinic	1	n/a	\$63,662.00	\$0.00
42 Rexdale Women's Centre	1	\$0.00	\$41,804.00	\$0.00
43 Scadding Court Community Centre	20	n/a	\$47,500.64	\$0.00
44 Scarborough Village Safety Committee	36	n/a	\$43,670.00	\$43,600.00
45 Somali Youth Association of Toronto	1	\$31,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
46 South Asian Women's Centre	18	n/a	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
47 St. Stephen's Community House	20	n/a	\$36,259.00	\$0.00
48 Story Planet	18	n/a	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
49 Support Enhance Access Services Centre (S.E.A.S. Centre)	28	\$0.00	\$20,363.00	\$0.00
50 Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office (TNO)	26	n/a	\$41,528.00	\$0.00
51 Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre	28	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
52 Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships in Community	29	n/a	\$28,000.00	\$0.00
53 Touchstone Youth Centre	29	n/a	\$49,060.00	\$0.00
54 Vietnamese Women's Association of Toronto	17	n/a	\$49,919.00	\$25,000.00
55 Warden Woods Community Centre	35	\$22,400.00	\$34,527.66	\$0.00
56 WoodGreen Community Services	30	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
57 Working Women Community Centre	18	n/a	\$37,181.00	\$37,100.00
58 York-Fairbank Centre for Seniors	15	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
59 Youth Assisting Youth	23	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Grand Total:			\$2,391,609.56	\$665,600.00
Appeals Fund:				\$31,200.00
2012 Approved Budget:				\$696,800.00