



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Community Investment Funding Programs – 2016 Allocation Recommendations (Access, Equity & Human Rights and Community Safety)

<b>Date:</b>	September 2, 2016
<b>To:</b>	Community Development and Recreation Committee
<b>From:</b>	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Reference Number:</b>	22237

#### SUMMARY

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This report recommends funding for the following two Community Investment Funding programs: Access, Equity & Human Rights (AEHR), and Community Safety Investment (CSI).

Of the 169 applications received for these two programs, 34 are recommended for funding of \$1,435,000 with an additional \$85,000 held for appeals.

Grants help the City of Toronto achieve its social, economic and cultural goals for its residents. The City's goals are better achieved by supporting the work of organizations that are closer to the communities they serve. Community Investment Funding programs provide time-limited funding to established or emerging not-for-profit groups in the City of Toronto to test new ideas or enhance existing models that lead to meaningful change in organizations and communities.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council approve allocations for the following Investment Funding programs, as recommended in Appendices A, B and C, from the 2016 Approved Operating Budget for Social Development, Finance and Administration:
  - a) \$805,000 to 19 organizations for the 2016 Access, Equity & Human Rights (AEHR) Investment Program;

- b) \$630,000 to 15 organizations for the 2016 Community Safety Investment (CSI) Program;
  - c) \$85,000 be held for appeals for Access, Equity & Human Rights and Community Safety Investment Programs.
2. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to reallocate unused Access, Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) and Community Safety Investment (CSI) funds during the funding period to partner organizations that can implement the approved project, or to reallocate to applicants that were rated as high priority but not funded due to budget constraints.
  3. City Council request the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to report on any re-allocation of 2016 Access, Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) and Community Safety Investment (CSI) funds as part of the 2017 grants allocation recommendations report.
  4. City Council approve an exemption to the Toronto Grants Policy s5.1.1 for the newly created Intervention Fund (rebranded to Crisis Response Fund) to allow for some grant funds to be used for activities held outside of Toronto. Approved by Council on July 12, 2016, the Crisis Response Fund will target locally-driven neighbourhood activities that immediately respond to critical incidences of violence through grants of up to \$3,000.

## **Financial Impact**

The recommendations in this report will have no impact beyond what has already been included in the 2016 Approved Operating Budget for Social Development, Finance and Administration.

This report recommends allocations for 34 organizations totalling \$1,435,000 with an appeal fund of \$85,000.

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)

The 2016 Operating Budget for Social Development, Finance and Administration includes funding for the Community Festivals and Community Recreation Investment programs. The budget amount includes an economic factor increase.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.EX12.2>

On July 12, 2016 City Council authorized the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to allocate \$50,000 for eligible costs from the 2016 Community Safety Investment

(CSI) Funding program to target locally-driven neighbourhood activities that immediately respond to critical incidences of violence as the City of Toronto contribution to the Intervention Fund and to begin funding allocations in July 2016. As a result the total budget available for 2016 CSI allocation is \$670,000.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.MM20.2>

In December 2013, City Council approved delegated authority to Division heads to approve recommendations from Appeals Panels to ensure that appeals funds are expended in a timely manner.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.EX36.12>

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Allocation recommendations for the following Investment Funding grant programs for approval are provided in this report: 2016 Access, Equity & Human Rights (AEHR), and 2016 Community Safety Investment (CSI).

### **Access, Equity & Human Rights Investment Funding Program**

The City's motto is "Diversity is our Strength". Toronto is a growing and changing community and its diversity has been celebrated as a key factor in ranking the city as a desirable place to live, visit and do business. While Toronto is well respected as a welcoming city for diverse groups, there is need for continuing attention to ensure equity-seeking groups are able to participate fully in the social, economic and civic life of the community. The AEHR program was initiated in 1981 with a focus on community support for addressing racism and discrimination issues. In 2004, City Council expanded the program mandate to address human rights issues related to the Aboriginal community, women and gender issues, disability issues, sexual orientation, literacy, and language equity.

### **Community Safety Investment Funding Program**

The Community Safety Investment (CSI) program provides time-limited funding for activities that build community capacity for violence prevention and increase safety for most vulnerable groups in Toronto. CSI criteria encourages applicants from organization that work actively to build on the strengths of neighbourhoods and communities. The two primary goals of this funding program are to:

- increase access to information, skills and supports that prevent violence and increase safety; and,
- increase the capacity to address systemic causes of violence.

## **COMMENTS**

### **2016 Allocation Recommendations**

The Access, Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) grant recommendations were based on the extent to which proposed projects a) increase community participation by members of equity-seeking groups by providing information, skills and/or supports that address underlying issues and work to eliminate barriers related to access, equity and human rights; and b) increase the capacity of communities to eliminate barriers faced by members of equity-seeking groups through advocacy and community engagement.

For the Community Safety Investment (CSI) grant program, grant recommendations were based on the extent to which proposed projects increase access for communities to information, skills and supports that prevent violence and increase safety, and to increase the capacity of communities to address systemic causes of violence.

Priority was given to applications that advances the following Council approved strategic directions: Toronto Strong Neighbourhood Strategy 2020, Toronto Youth Equity Strategy, Toronto Seniors Strategy, Undocumented Workers, Human Trafficking, and Newcomer Strategy. Project activities that served Neighbourhood Improvement Areas and equity seeking groups were also prioritized.

Assessment of returning applicants were completed on the outcomes of funded activities, and work plans and budget for next year's activities.

### Funding Allocation Recommendation Statistics for Two Streams of Funding

	<b>Access, Equity &amp; Human Rights</b>	<b>Community Safety</b>
Total amount requested from all applicants	\$ 3,470,506	\$ 3,112,212
Total funding available	\$ 850,000	\$ 670,000
Total requested from recommended applicants	\$ 843,689	\$ 676,994
Total amount recommended	\$ 805,000 (95% of the requested amount)	\$ 630,000 (93% of the requested amount)
\$ held for appeals	\$ 45,000	\$ 40,000
Average amount requested from recommended applicants	\$ 44,404	\$ 45,133
Average recommended grant	\$ 42,368	\$ 42,000
# applications received (% change from last year)	89 (11% decrease)	80 (10% decrease)
# applications recommended	19	15
# previously approved for multi-year funding	8	9
Approval rate (approved funding available vs. amount requested from applicants)	24%	22%
Additional comments	12 of the 70 declines or 17% were assessed as high priority but could not be recommended due to budget constraints	11 of the 65 declines or 17% were assessed as high priority but could not be recommended due to budget constraints
Additional \$ required to support high priority projects that could not be recommended	\$ 510,191	\$ 493,942

## ***Community Impact***

The following are some of the anticipated benefits of the 34 projects recommended for funding:

1. Of the 34 projects recommended, 24 will take place in Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (many serve multiple NIAs and neighbourhoods). Nine projects have a city-wide focus;
2. Through AEHR grants, nearly 6,055 vulnerable people from across Toronto, including parents and children from the Latin American community, precarious workers, undocumented residents, LGBTQ youth, women with disabilities, and youth engaged in underground hip-hop or rap music;
3. Through CSI grants, over 44,585 people from across Toronto will be engaged, including victims of sex trafficking in need of supports to reintegrate, youth involved in the criminal justice system, women at risk of 'honour violence' and domestic abuse within the South Asian community, and Asian and migrant sex workers;
4. The City's investment of \$1,435,000 will leverage over \$1,085,743 in in-kind support from project partners; and,
5. A total of 898 volunteers will support the work of a projected 25 staff to implement projects across Toronto.

List of recommended projects are provided in Appendix A. Detailed summaries of all recommended projects are provided in Appendix B and brief summaries of declined applications in Appendix C.

## **Delegated Authority for Re-Allocation of Investment Funding Grants**

During the course of a grant period, some organizations may encounter difficulties that can negatively impact the successful implementation of a funded project. Where there are challenges, City staff provide supports to ensure the success of the funded project. In some situations, groups may not be able to make use of their allocation. The City is currently unable to re-allocate unused funds in a timely manner so that the community continues to benefit.

This report requests delegated authority to allow the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to reallocate unused Access, Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) and Community Safety Investment (CSI) funds during the funding period to partner organizations that can implement the approved project, or to reallocate to applicants that were rated as high priority but not funded due to budget constraints. A requirement to report on any reallocations in a subsequent allocations report is also recommended. A similar delegated authority was approved by Council in 2015 for funds not used during the funding period.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.CD6.2>

## **Exemption to the Toronto Grants Policy s5.1.1 for the newly created Intervention Fund (rebranded to Crisis Response Fund)**

On July 12, 2016 City Council approved the allocation of \$50,000 from the Community Safety Investment (CSI) program to the newly created Intervention Fund (rebranded as Crisis Response Fund). The Crisis Response Fund will target locally-driven neighbourhood activities that immediately respond to critical incidences of violence.

Crisis Response Fund will grant up to \$3,000 for activities which may include travel to sites outside the city. The aim of taking people away from the site of violent incidences is to support their healing process. Currently, the Toronto Grants Policy restricts grants to support activities taking place within the City. Staff are recommending an exemption for the Crisis Response Fund program and to allow for some grant funds to be used for activities held outside of Toronto.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Appendix A: 2016 Allocation Recommendations List – Access, Equity & Human Rights (AEHR), Community Safety Investment (CSI)
- Appendix B: 2016 Summary Sheets of Recommended Applicants– Access, Equity & Human Rights (AEHR), Community Safety Investment (CSI)
- Appendix C: 2016 Summary of Declined Applicants – Access, Equity & Human Rights (AEHR), Community Safety Investment (CSI)

## **Appendix A**

### **2016 Allocation Recommendations**

**Access, Equity & Human Rights Investment Program**

**Community Safety Investment Program**

## Access, Equity & Human Rights Investment Program

### 2016 Allocation Recommendations

	2016 AEHR Applicant Group	Ward*	2015 Approved Allocation	2016 Amount Requested	2016 Amount Recommended
1	Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians (AEBC)	27		\$50,000.00	\$48,000.00
2	Butterfly (Asian and Migrant Sex Workers Support Network)	20		\$49,393.00	\$47,000.00
3	Catholic Crosscultural Services	38		\$50,000.00	\$47,000.00
4	Delta Family Resource Centre	7		\$38,915.00	\$36,000.00
5	Everdale - Black Creek Community Farm	8	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
6	FoodShare Toronto	18	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
7	Malvern Family Resource Centre	42		\$49,252.00	\$46,000.00
8	Mennonite New Life Centre of Toronto	32	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
9	Queen West - Central Toronto Community Health Centres	19		\$45,157.80	\$42,000.00
10	Self-Help Resource Centre	22	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
11	Silent Voice Canada Inc.	22	\$40,000.00	\$47,100.00	\$40,000.00
12	SKETCH Working Arts	19	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
13	South Asian Women's Rights Organization	35		\$46,128.00	\$44,000.00
14	Techsdale	5		\$48,600.00	\$48,000.00
15	Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office	26	\$35,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00
16	Toronto Drop-In Network	20		\$49,040.00	\$47,000.00
17	Urban Alliance on Race Relations	27	\$42,000.00	\$43,128.00	\$42,000.00
18	Workers' Action Centre	20		\$40,495.38	\$38,000.00
19	YouthLink	35		\$31,480.00	\$30,000.00
<b>Totals</b>				<b>\$843,689.18</b>	<b>\$805,000.00</b>
<b>Held for Appeals</b>					<b>\$45,000.00</b>
<b>Total AEHR Budget</b>					<b>\$850,000.00</b>

\* Wards represent the mailing address of the applicant group. Project service locations vary considerably.



## Community Safety Investment Program

### 2016 Allocation Recommendations

	<b>2016 CSI Applicant Group</b>	<b>Ward*</b>	<b>2015 Approved Allocation</b>	<b>2016 Amount Requested</b>	<b>2016 Amount Recommended</b>	
1	Alexandra Park Community Centre	20	\$40,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$40,000.00	
2	Boost Child & Youth Advocacy Centre	27		\$45,832.00	\$43,500.00	
3	Covenant House Toronto	27		\$50,000.00	\$48,000.00	
4	FCJ Refugee Centre	17	\$46,000.00	\$46,000.00	\$46,000.00	
5	John Howard Society of Toronto	27	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	
6	Legacy	20		\$34,700.00	\$34,000.00	
7	Nikki Knows	28		\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	
8	Ontario Justice Education Network / Reseau Ontarien D'Education Juridique	27		\$49,250.00	\$47,000.00	
9	Operation Springboard	27	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00	
10	Promoting Education and Community Health (PEACH)	7	\$45,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$45,000.00	
11	South Asian Women's Centre	18	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	
12	TAIBU Community Health Centre	42		\$50,000.00	\$48,500.00	
13	The Neighbourhood Group Community Services	28	\$44,000.00	\$50,212.00	\$44,000.00	
14	Toronto Rape Crisis Centre/Multicultural Women Against Rape	20	\$43,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$43,000.00	
15	Unison / York Community Services	15	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	
				<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$676,994.00</b>	<b>\$630,000.00</b>
				<b>Held for Appeals</b>		<b>\$40,000.00</b>
				<b>Total CSI Budget</b>		<b>\$720,000.00</b>
				<b>Transferred to Crisis Response Fund</b>		<b>\$50,000.00</b>
				<b>Total Available for Allocation</b>		<b>\$670,000.00</b>

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