

# **CD24.6**

## **Appendix B**

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#### **2017 Summary of Projects Recommended for Funding**

##### **Identify N' Impact**

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**Projects Recommended for Funding**

**Application #1:**     **Avenida Latina Magazine**  
2141 Jane St., Toronto, M3M 1A2

**Group Overview:** The group builds community and helps Latinx/Spanish speaking youth develop design, photography, film making and writing skills. The group's mission is to share information and provide a venue for Latinx/Spanish speaking youth to express themselves through media pieces, while using a non-discriminatory framework to tackle issues related to gender violence, bullying, mental health stigma, youth violence, physical health, etc.

**Project Description:** The project aims to serve as a media outlet for Latinx/Spanish speaking youth to develop photography, design and video film making skills. With a focus on newcomer youth from historically marginalized communities and youth most vulnerable to dropping out of school, the project will run weekly workshops training youth on video editing and production, writing, public speaking, and developing media campaigns. Additional workshops will run in collaboration with community partners on issues including unemployment, sexual education, and policing, to further engage youth and to provide a stronger base for them to create media. Youth will produce articles, video clips, photos and designs. The projects goal is to spark critical thinking, develop writing and design skills and raise awareness among Latinx/Spanish speaking youth on issues such gender based violence, bullying, mental health, youth violence and physical health.

**Organization Ward:** Ward 9 - York Centre

**Neighbourhood Improvement Area:** Downsview-Roding-CFB

**Population Served:**

Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)  
Newcomers  
Youth living in Downsview-Roding  
Ethno-cultural and/or racialized  
Low income / socio-economically disadvantaged  
Literacy level

**Estimated Number of Project Participants:** 45

<b>Requested Grant Amount</b>	<b>Recommended Grant Amount</b>
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

**Funding Recommendation:** This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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**Application #2:**           **Camp Kinfolk**  
2000 Sheppard Ave West M3N 1A2

**Group Overview:** This group was formed by youth raised in Jane and Finch who noticed gaps in the community for mental health supports, particularly for Black youth. The group's purpose is to help vulnerable Black youth gain greater awareness of mental health issues, and provide Black youth with safe space, support and access to tools that targets specific mental health trauma caused by poverty and racism.

**Project Description:** This project aims to provide mental health support and information for Black Youth through a planned two day intensive "camp" retreat. Project activities include pre-camp discussions to help Black youth define what mental health means to them and to aid in the creation of safe spaces; staff training on mental health first aid, trauma and the intersection of mental health issues and racism; a two-day camp retreat with activities that will build awareness of mental health issues, resources and support and that will also connect Black youth to nature, arts and the outdoors; post-camp activities and discussion to support youth participants, assess project impact, and connect youth to resources as needed.

**Organization Ward:** 7 - York West

**Neighbourhood Improvement Area:** Glenfield-Jane Heights, Regent Park

**Population Served:**

Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)  
Racialized youth  
Youth living in Lawrence Heights, Glenfield-Jane Heights and Regent Park  
Literacy level  
Youth experiencing mental health issues

**Estimated Number of Project Participants:** 12

<b>Requested Grant Amount</b>	<b>Recommended Grant Amount</b>
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

**Funding Recommendation:** This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000.00. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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**Application #3: Female Youth Sexual Violence Program**  
2750 Jane St., Toronto, M3L 2N4

**Group Overview:** This group was formed by vulnerable female youth residing in the Oakridge and Taylor-Massey neighbourhoods. The group's purpose is to provide vulnerable young women who self-identify as having experienced gender based violence with information and community-based support.

**Project Description:** The project aims to provide support to female youth who self-identify as having survived instances of sexual violence, particularly female youth from marginalized racial and socio-economic communities. Project activities include providing MVP youth leaders with anti-oppression and equity training; creating a curriculum that will promote positive self-image, sexual wellbeing and self-expression and advocacy; connecting self-identified female youth participants to a network of peer support and adult mentors; offering female-only safe space for participants to meet once a week as a group and individually with project facilitators and a counsellor to two cohorts of youth over a 12-week period followed by a graduation ceremony; providing referrals, information sessions and launching a social media campaign for youth within the Scarborough area to raise awareness of youth equity issues and gender based violence. The projects goal is to build self-esteem and provide mentorship, support, referrals and counselling services to young women who self-identify as having experienced gender-based youth violence.

**Organization Ward:** Ward 7 - York West

**Neighbourhood Improvement Area:** Oakridge, Crescent Town

**Population Served:**

Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)  
Youth living in Oakridge, Taylor-Massey, Crescent Town  
Ethno-cultural and/or racialized  
Low income / socio-economically disadvantaged  
Women and girls

**Estimated Number of Project Participants:** 10

<b>Requested Grant Amount</b>	<b>Recommended Grant Amount</b>
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

**Funding Recommendation:** This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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**Application #4:**           **Lay-Up Youth Basketball**  
150 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto, ON, M4P 1E8

**Group Overview:** This group provides free, high quality basketball camps to vulnerable children and youth living in Neighbourhood Improvement Areas. The group's activities combine strong social curriculum with basketball skills to teach youth participants the positive values associated with playing sports and build confidence to develop positive relationships and leadership skills.

**Project Description:** This project aims to train Malvern area youth in basketball coaching and healthy lifestyle skills so that they can run free basketball afterschool and summer programs for vulnerable youth from the Malvern area. Project activities include establishing a network among ten community partnerships in Malvern to support community outreach and free enrollment for participants, creating a customized off-court healthy lifestyles curriculum that will build leadership, communication, academic and career readiness skills and delivering this information as part of after school and summer basketball programs, training Malvern youth to Ontario Basketball Association (OBA) coaching standards and hiring them to serve as basketball coaches, and running high-quality basketball programs using OBA High Five principles. Project impact includes strengthening the self-esteem, leadership and coaching skills of Malvern area youth and increasing connections among community groups to support youth in Malvern.

**Organization Ward:** Ward: 22 - St. Paul's

**Neighbourhood Improvement Area:** West Hill, Woburn

**Population Served:**

Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)  
Youth living in Malvern, West Hill, and Woburn  
Ethno-cultural and/or racialized  
Low income / socio-economically disadvantaged

**Estimated Number of Project Participants:** 50

<b>Requested Grant Amount</b>	<b>Recommended Grant Amount</b>
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

**Funding Recommendation:** This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000.00. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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**Application #5: Legacy Pieces**  
415-7 Biggin Court, Toronto, M4A 1M3

**Group Overview:** This group is a collective of youth artists that aim to sustain the culture and legacy of the African-Caribbean diaspora. The youth group formed to develop a clothing revamp project, aiming to help youth use their skills and trades creatively and gain a greater understanding of Afro-Caribbean designs.

**Project Description:** The project aims to teach vulnerable youth, primarily of Afro-Caribbean descent, about Afro-Caribbean clothing designs and provide them with skills, techniques and guidance to create new clothing pieces from used/old clothing. Project activities include design challenges, practical workshops, and mentoring with Afro-Caribbean artists and designers. These activities will help youth develop drawing, sewing and project management skills to create their own clothing pieces, effectively use social media to showcase their work, and present their designs by organizing a community fashion show.

**Organization Ward:** Ward 34 – Don Valley East

**Neighbourhood Improvement Area:** Blackcreek, Glenfield-Jane Heights, York University Heights, Kennedy Park, Ionview

**Population Served:**

Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)  
Youth living in the Blackcreek, Glenfield-Jane Heights, Rustic East: Kennedy Park, Ionview, Eglinton East  
Ethno-cultural and/or racialized

**Estimated Number of Project Participants:** 35

Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

**Funding Recommendation:** This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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**Application #6:**     **Ogaden Youth Forum (OYF)**  
203-1575 Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto, M6L 1C3

**Group Overview:** The group aims to create a safe environment for Ogaden Somali youth to participate in social programs that support their education, security and community integration in Toronto.

**Project Description:** The project aims to create a bimonthly mentorship series for Somali youth 16-20 years old to support their interest in post-secondary education and related life skills including time management, budgeting, financial literacy, etc. Project activities include: monthly dinners between mentors and Somali youth, guest speakers, group exercises to practice the skills discussed, and individual mentorship sessions. The project goal is to increase knowledge and awareness of post-secondary education via mentors and speakers from the Somali community with life experience, build networks, increase Somali youth participation in higher education and build healthy relationships among Somali youth within the community.

**Organization Ward:** Ward 12 - York South-Weston

**Neighbourhood Improvement Area:** Weston

**Population Served:**

Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)  
Youth living in Weston, Brookhaven-Amesbury  
Ethno-cultural and/or racialized – Somali  
Low income / socio-economically disadvantaged

**Number of Project Participants:** 50

<b>Requested Grant Amount</b>	<b>Recommended Grant Amount</b>
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

**Funding Recommendation:** This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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**Application #7:**           **Oxum Creative**  
2750 Jane St., North York, M3L 2N4

**Group Overview:** This group is a grassroots assembly of women of colour artists, innovators, and cultural producers who believe in the power of the arts to mobilize and inspire community change. The group's focus is on providing opportunities for intersectional artistic collaboration, development and growth to promote sustainable, resilient, inclusive, equitable and ethical communities. The group aims to develop and support programs and opportunities that act as a launch pad for women of colour creatives.

**Project Description:** The project aims to engage multi-barriered survivor Muslimah (a self-described term used in the community to refer to Muslim women) in building skills in media, theatre-based storytelling and mentorship. Project activities include running a year-long peer-led and art-based (holistic) wellness series that will include poetry, creative writing, painting, makeup artistry, mixed-media photography, self-care and mediation workshops and a retreat towards end of series. Project participants will document their lived experiences creatively through various art forms and develop an asset map and resource toolkit.

**Organization Ward:** 40 Scarborough-Agincourt

**Neighbourhood Improvement Area:** Oakridge, Crescent Town, Woburn, Scarborough Village

**Population Served:**

Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)  
Youth living in Oakridge, Crescent Town, Woburn, Scarborough Village, Tam O'Shanter-Sullivan  
Ethno-cultural and/or racialized  
Low income / socio-economically disadvantaged  
Women and girls

**Number of Project Participants:** 30

<b>Requested Grant Amount</b>	<b>Recommended Grant Amount</b>
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

**Funding Recommendation:** This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.



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**Application #8:**     **SoundCheck Youth Arts**  
58 Cabana Drive, Toronto, M9L 1K9

**Group Overview:** The group is a youth-led not-for-profit organization based within the Weston-Mount Dennis community that empowers racialized youth through music and mentorship programs. The group's activities include providing youth with free access to musical instruments, experienced peer teachers and a supportive space.

**Project Description:** The project aims to provide training and experience to racialized youth to develop their music skills within a band setting by facilitating eight monthly events. Project activities include monthly music events, running an interactive band clinic featuring prominent guest musicians, provide ten performance and/or recording opportunities, providing free access to rehearsal space and free weekly music lessons taught by peer-mentors, facilitated discussions on the systemic barriers within the community (e.g. racialization of crime, stereotyping and police profiling). The project will provide a safe space for youth musicians and aspiring youth musicians to network; support youth and peer-musician mentoring; develop musical skills and knowledge among racialized youth; build healthy positive relationships and reduce barriers for underserved youth.

**Organization Ward:** Ward 7 - York West

**Neighbourhood Improvement Area:** Humber Summit, Weston

**Population Served:**

Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)  
Youth living in Humber Summit/ Weston  
Ethno-cultural and/or racialized  
Low income / socio-economically disadvantaged

**Number of Project Participants:** 60

<b>Requested Grant Amount</b>	<b>Recommended Grant Amount</b>
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

**Funding Recommendation:** This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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**Application #9:**           **Street Voices**  
180 Shaw Street, Suite 201, Toronto, ON, M6J 2W5

**Group Overview:** This organization was formed to empower marginalized youth voices in Toronto through creative writing workshops and the printed publication of a magazine three times a year. The organization engages youth vulnerable to poverty, racism, stereotyping and discrimination, and gives them access to a safe platform to express themselves. Their goals include creating a positive space for vulnerable youth through community building, arts-based programming and self-development initiatives.

**Project Description:** This project aims to provide MVP youth with safe space to develop and share various art genres, including poetry, rap, singing, visual art and dance with their community. Project activities include youth artist development workshops, running weekly "Amplify" open mic sessions at a local community centre, supporting mentorship between vulnerable youth artists and professional artists, and publishing and digitizing a magazine showcasing youth art. The project will create a consistent platform for vulnerable and street-involved youth to express themselves through art and to build collaboration with peers and supportive allies.

**Organization Ward:** Ward 19 - Trinity-Spadina

**Neighbourhood Improvement Area:** South Parkdale

**Population Served:**

Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)  
Youth living in South Parkdale area  
Ethno-cultural and/or racialized  
Low income / socio-economically disadvantaged

**Number of Project Participants:** 150

<b>Requested Grant Amount</b>	<b>Recommended Grant Amount</b>
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

**Funding Recommendation:** This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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**Application #10: West Side Scholars**  
388-404 Driftwood Ave, Toronto ON, M3N 2P8

**Group Overview:** This group was formed by youth living in neighbourhood improvement areas who faced challenges and feelings of isolation while pursuing post-secondary education. The group aims to provide support and resources to youth from neighbourhood improvement areas attending post-secondary institutions to help ensure their success in pursuing higher education. The group's activities include providing workshops related to educational attainment, supporting mentoring relationships, and providing information on mental health and wellness and career development.

**Project Description:** This project aims to build the leadership and facilitation skills of MVP youth coordinators. Youth coordinators will be trained on Mental Health First Aid, collective impact, and asset-based development. Youth coordinators will develop workshop materials, so that they can run workshops in 4 Neighbourhood Improvement Areas for MVP youth participants. Workshops and resources will be developed to assist youth in accessing tuition supports/scholarships, navigating OSAP applications, learning how to "market" themselves when applying for jobs on and off campus, etc. The goal of the project is to develop the leadership skills of the youth coordinators and form a supportive network for MVP youth enrolled in post-secondary education.

**Organization Ward:** 8 - York West

**Neighbourhood Improvement Area:** Black Creek, Elms-Old Rexdale

**Population Served:**

Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)  
Youth living in Jane/Finch, Lawrence Heights, Rexdale, Scarlett/Lawrence areas  
Racialized  
Low income / socio-economically disadvantaged

**Estimated Number of Project Participants:** 180

Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

**Funding Recommendation:** This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.