STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Identify ‘N Impact (INI) Investment Program – 2009 Appeal Recommendations

Date: November 24, 2009
To: City Council
From: Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration
Wards: All
Reference Number: 

SUMMARY

This report recommends allocations for the Identify ‘N Impact Investment (INI) program appeals fund. Four organizations that had not been recommended for funding attended the appeal meeting and submitted written information. The Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) Appeals Sub-Committee referred all appeals for further consideration and a report directly to Council for its meeting of November 30, December 1, 2009. The $10,000.00 available in the appeals fund is recommended for allocation to one organization.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council approve the 2009 Identify ‘N Impact Investment Program appeals fund allocation totalling $10,000.00 to Ogaden Somali Community Association of Ontario (OSCAO), as recommended in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact arising from this report. The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY
The Community Development and Recreation Committee considered the report “Identify ‘N Impact Investment Program 2009 Allocations” at its meeting of November 6, 2009 and made recommendations for 19 projects for funding totalling $158,300.00. An amount of $10,000.00 was held for appeals. The Community Partnership and Investment Program Appeals Sub-Committee met on November 23, 2009 to consider appeals, and referred all appeals for further consideration and a report directly to Council for its meeting of November 30, December 1, 2009.

COMMENTS

Four organizations appeared before the CPIP Appeals Sub-Committee and all appealed the fact that they had not been recommended for funding. Details of each project’s priority, target group and catchment area can be found in Appendix 2 of this report.

One organization is recommended for allocation of the appeals fund, as identified in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report. In developing the recommendations for allocation of the $10,000.00 appeal fund, youth panel members who attended the appeals reviewed the original recommendations and considered the additional information presented in the deputations. The recommended project, a new applicant, is determined to be youth-led and serving African Canadian youth in the Lawrence Heights and Weston-Mount Dennis neighbourhoods. As a result of the appeal recommendation, the total number of 2009 INI projects funded is now 20. These projects provide activities for youth in 9 priority neighbourhoods. Some projects also target participation by racialized youth/African Canadian youth in other parts of the city.

Applications by status with the INI funding program (revised):

| Number of new applicants: 42 | New applicants recommended: 19 |
| Number of returning applicants: 1 | Returning applicants recommended: 1 |

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1 – 2009 Identify ‘N Impact – Appeals Recommendations
Appendix 2 – 2009 Identify ‘N Impact – Appeals Summary Sheet