2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 1: Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services
340 College Street, Suite 500, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization serves immigrants and refugees from across the City of Toronto facing barriers accessing health and social services. Services include primary health care, community outreach and development, advocacy, community kitchen, support groups, workshops, legal information sessions, summary advice clinics, substance abuse and harm reduction activities. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $5,175,445.00. This organization is located in Ward 20 (Trinity-Spadina).

Project Name: Stepping Up to the Plate: Developing Best Practices to Address Issues of Violence & Community Safety for Trans, Lesbian and Bisexual Newcomer, Immigrant and Refugee Women

The project works to address experiences of violence and promote safety for newcomer trans, lesbian and bisexual immigrant and refugee women. This project addresses issues of vulnerability to racialized violence and gender violence in this community and the inability to access adequate and appropriate support from ethno-specific and mainstream organizations. The project works to raise the awareness of safety issues facing this community through expressive arts and to develop service models to address their needs. The goal of the project is that trans, lesbian and bisexual newcomer, immigrant and refugee women will be able to explore their experiences of violence, build resiliency, create a support system, and connect to services and supports, as well as to be able to have input in the development of services that are currently lacking.

This funding is for year 2 of a 2 year project. In year one the project developed materials for focus groups, completed a literature review, developed partnerships, completed research interviews, and completed outreach for focus groups. Year two activities include: workshops, training sessions for service providers, and production and distribution of the best practice tool, including the public presentation of the tool.

This project will involve 728 hours of paid staff time, 4 volunteers, and 12 participants.

Target Group:
Newcomer trans, lesbian and bisexual immigrant and refugee women

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender/transsexual.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $20,000.00 to support the Stepping Up to the Plate: Developing Best Practices to Address Issues of Violence & Community Safety for Trans, Lesbian and Bisexual Newcomer, Immigrant and Refugee Women project. The funding is for year 2 of 2 year project.

Comments:
This project is recommended for a reduced amount for the final year of funding. The project changed from the proposed activities in 2008 CSI. The 2009 CSI recommended funding is to address the experiences of violence and promote safety for the newcomer transgender/transsexual community.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, sessions, outreach activities, training sessions, participants, evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, samples of tools developed, the model, dissemination of project results, participant evaluation, and other supporting documents.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 2: African Canadian Social Development Council
215 Spadina Avenue, Suite 127, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization provides the continental African community with research, policy analysis and
development, training and advocacy and capacity building programs. Activities include service
coordination amongst African serving organizations, organizational development and research and policy
development. The organization works in partnership with the Alternative Planning Group. The
organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $60,600.00. This organization is located in Ward 20
(Trinity-Spadina).

Project Name: Community Connections: Building Community Capacity as a Strategy for
Preventing Domestic Violence in African Canadian Communities

The project works to establish a coordinated, comprehensive and effective model (including best
practices) in service delivery to victims of domestic violence in the African Canadian community. Working
with its membership, the project will undertake a community wide assessment of projects, programs and
service models for victims of domestic violence in the African Canadian community. The project will
identify gaps in the existing resources and services, and collectively strategize on how to address these.
The outcome will be documented in a resource book and a website which will serve as a knowledge base
for service providers and enhance service delivery to victims of domestic violence. The goals of the
project include: to build the capacity of the ACSDC members who directly deal with victims of domestic
violence and enhance awareness in the broader African Canadian community about culturally responsive
services for victims of domestic violence and promote community safety. Project activities include:
community forums; community consultation; production of a resource book; website development; and
community outreach and press release.

This project will involve 520 hours of paid staff time, 3 volunteers, and 60 participants.

Target Group:
Member agencies that provide services to African Canadian immigrants and refugees.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
This is a 1 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority
areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that
demonstrated their fit with CSI.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 3:  
Africanadian Mediation & Community Services  
1110 Finch Avenue West, 223, North York

Organization Overview:
The organization was established in 2001 to provide community-based conflict resolution and community services for the African Canadian community across Ontario. Activities include volunteer mediation, settlement and integration services, interpretation, information and referral and job-search workshops, youth programs and AIDS/drug awareness programs. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $90,370.00. This organization is located in Ward 8 (York West).

Project Name:  
African and Caribbean Women and Girls Empowerment Project

This project increases the capacity of African and Caribbean women and girls and empowers them to fight against any kind of abuse in the Jane and Finch neighbourhood. It creates awareness on the overt and covert issues of abuse and violence, develops skills, knowledge and confidence of participants, and develops a toolkit to assist them and provide referral services. The goals of this project are: to educate and train women and girls of African and Caribbean origin to become advocates against violence; to provide access to services for the victims of abuse; to initiate community actions and advocacy measures to raise the community’s voice against violence directed at girls and women; and to increase the capacity of African and Caribbean girls and women through creating community awareness of violence and safety issues. Project activities include: recruitment and training of volunteers; community outreach; workshop delivery for victims of violence; the development of a peer mentor program; and development and distribution of information flyers.

The funding is for year 1 of a 1 year project.

This project will involve 0 hours of paid staff time, 10 volunteers, and 300 participants.

Target Group:
African and Caribbean women and girls in Jane/Finch

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation: 
The organization is not recommended for funding.
Organization Overview:
The organization serves the area bounded by Highway 401, Steeles Avenue, Markham Road and Victoria Park Avenue. Services include emergency food, a food bank alternatives program, clothing depot, income tax and legal clinics, drop in program, transportation, shopping trips and friendly visiting to improve the quality of life for individuals and families in the Agincourt community. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $1,920,653.00. This organization is located in Ward 40 (Scarborough-Agincourt).

Project Name: Preventing Domestic Violence - The Chester Le Community Approach

The 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 project aims 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 will be located in the Chester Le community and its surrounding areas.

This funding is for year 2 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. Year two activities include: delivering workshops, training animators, conducting a community forum, and advocacy and partnership building.

This project will involve 728 hours of paid staff time, 5 volunteers, and 150 participants.

Target Group:
Immigrant women, low income women of colour, young Muslim women, young men in Chester Le Community

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $25,500.00 to support the Preventing Domestic Violence - The Chester Le Community Approach project. The funding is for year 2 of 3 year project.

Comments:
The recommended allocation for 2009 includes a 2% funding level adjustment to reflect the CSI Approved Budget which included an increase for COLA. This funding level adjustment has been applied to previously funded CSI multi-year projects.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, sessions, outreach activities, participants, partner organizations, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, dissemination of project results, participant evaluation, prevention strategies, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 5: Arising Women Place
4125 Lawrence Avenue East, Suite 101, Scarborough

Organization Overview:
The organization works to support abused women in Scarborough through peer support, information and referral, long term skills for economic independence, family stability and respectful relationships. Services are provided in the Morningside Mall. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $138,708.00. This organization is located in Ward 44 (Scarborough East).

Project Name: Peaceful Resolutions

This project aims to use a collaborative/community development approach to address the identified issue of violence prevention and safety in East Scarborough through the delivery of workshops and training opportunities. This project will look at the issue of interpersonal violence in family units and between residents of different backgrounds (ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability) as well as violence faced by women and girls who experience/have survived abuse. This project will provide workshops on techniques and training (including train-the-trainer opportunities) to teach participants to be assertive and yet solve their problems confidently and peacefully in the future in order to reduce the risks of further victimization. The goals of this project are: to enhance crime prevention in East Scarborough; to decrease chances of crime incidence in the underserved areas/high rises of East Scarborough; and to participate in the East Scarborough community development by restoring and perpetuating a culture of peaceful resolution. Project activities include: conflict resolution technique training and workshops; train-the-trainer workshops; and a final report and sharing of the experience.

This project will involve 3.12 hours of paid staff time, 8 volunteers, and 660 participants.

Target Group:
Residents of highrises in East Scarborough, specifically in Kingston/Galloway and Morella Court

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.
Organization # 6: Arts Etobicoke
4893 A Dundas St. W, Toronto

Organization Overview:
Arts Etobicoke is a membership based organization that works to enable arts organizations to work cooperatively to achieve a number of common objectives. It provides leadership and partnerships for sustainable cultural growth and development for diverse communities in West Toronto. The organization reported a 2007 operating budget of $740,419.00. This organization is located in Ward 5 (Etobicoke-Lakeshore).

Project Name: urbanNOSIE Interactive CD-ROM

The project works to address the cause/effect and prevention of youth crime in the Jamestown/Rexdale neighbourhood. This project involves 50 at-risk youth who will work to create a series of scenarios 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 in order to provide youth with the necessary tools to change their actions to avoid future crime. The project goal is to train youth to understand what the risk factors of crime are, how it can be prevented, and how to share this information with other youth.

This funding is for year 2 of a 3-year project. In year one, the project developed the curriculum, hired a trainer and secured facilities. In year two, the project will recruit 12 more youth and start to develop the scripts. The youth will shoot and edit the video and as a result, a full CD ROM will be produced and presented at the urbanNOISE Festival to 2,000 attendees. Activities include curriculum development, outreach to the community, youth recruitment and training, network with local partners, workshops, script writing, video shooting and a festival. Project partners include Expect Theatre.

This project will involve 1510 hours of paid staff time, 30 volunteers, and 30 participants.

Target Group:
At-risk youth in Jamestown/Rexdale neighbourhood

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $28,560.00 to support the urbanNOSIE Interactive CD-ROM project. The funding is for year 2 of 3 year project.

Comments:
The recommended allocation for 2009 includes a 2% funding level adjustment to reflect the CSI Approved Budget which included an increase for COLA. This funding level adjustment has been applied to previously funded CSI multi-year projects.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, sessions, training sessions, youth leaders trained, participants, evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, samples of tools developed, the model, the outreach strategy, participant evaluation, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
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Organization # 7:  Bereaved Families of Ontario - Toronto
                28 Madison Avenue, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization provides a self-help program for mothers, fathers, and siblings of children who have
died across the City of Toronto. Services include bereavement support groups, individual outreach and
family contact, family night educational service, public education and awareness, and volunteer
leadership training and supervision. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $485,413.00.
This organization is located in Ward 22 (St. Paul's).

Project Name:  Grief Matters - A Community Directed Healing-through-connection Project

This project works to strengthen the capacity of the Jane/Finch neighbourhood and its community
members, to provide grief education and support to bereaved children, youth and their families. Through
the peer/mutual support model, community members will learn to provide support to other grieving people
in their community. Community members will receive resources, tools and strategies for appropriate and
effective grief support through skill development and knowledge transfer workshops. The project will be
carried out in three stages: engaging the community; community strategizing; and community sustaining.
Activities will include the formation of a steering committee, orientation and training on issues of grief and
loss to participants, community engagement, workshops, a website, a youth manual and evaluation.

This funding is for year 2 of a 3-year project. In year one the project formed a steering committee,
lunched the project with a public event, delivered training, presentations and workshops, and developed
a youth manual. Year two activities include: support for guiding and maintaining the steering committee,
public education activities, resource development, and delivery of workshops and training.

This project will involve 27 hours of paid staff time, 14 volunteers, and 448 participants.

Target Group:
Bereaved people, specifically bereaved youth and their families, in Jane/Finch.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $28,560.00 to support the Grief Matters - A Community Directed
Healing-through-connection Project project. The funding is for year 2 of a 3 year project.

Comments:
The recommended allocation for 2009 includes a 2% funding level adjustment to reflect the CSI Approved
Budget which included an increase for COLA. This funding level adjustment has been applied to
previously funded CSI multi-year projects.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income
and expenditure report, the number of workshops, training sessions, community meetings, groups and
other activities, youth leaders trained, participants, Number and role of volunteers volunteers, evidence of
increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, the model,
participant evaluation, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
Organization Overview:
The organization serves children and youth in the area bounded by Kennedy Road, Highway 401, Port Union Road and Lake Ontario. Programs include three family resource programs, a licensed child care centre, after school programs, stay-in-school supports, special needs consultations and youth services. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $4,117,702.00. This organization is located in Ward 43 (Scarborough East).

Project Name: Women Justice: Yes We Can

The project seeks to reduce social isolation of individuals and to improve their capacity to gain access to community resources. This project consists of three modules - youth leadership development, youth justice education and a youth led mentorship program for after-school students. The youth leadership component runs for 15 weeks and is designed to provide training and development for 14 young women 16 to 19 years of age. The project offers workshops on leadership and pre-employment training, substance abuse education, dealing with loss, aggression replacement and conflict resolution training. The goal of the project is to provide a platform for the 14 young women to express their opinions and concerns regarding issues in their lives and community through the recording of a CD featuring their lyrical talents. The CD will be used as teaching tool in after school club. Project activities include training, workshops, mentorship and a CD production.

This project will involve 1560 hours of paid staff time, 14 volunteers, and 438 participants.

Target Group:
The targeted neighbourhoods are Kingston/Galloway Road, Orton Park, St. Dominic Savio, Cedarbrae, Corvette, Mornelle and Gabriel Dumont.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
This is a 1 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.
Organization # 9: Canadian Cambodian Association of Ontario  
1111 Finch Ave West, Suite 308, Downsview

Organization Overview:
The organization serves Cambodian residents across the City of Toronto. Services include interpretation, orientation, counselling, ESL, citizenship classes, home visits, school liaisons, cultural events, workshops, and information sessions. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $91,954.51. This organization is located in Ward 8 (York West).

Project Name: Cambodian Women Abuse Awareness Booklet

The project works to increase the awareness within the Cambodian community about how to support abused Cambodian women residing in the Jane-Finch Neighbourhood. This will be addressed through quarterly meetings to plan the creation of the Cambodian women abuse awareness booklet. This booklet will focus on enhancing community/cultural understanding, knowledge, and provide referral information to help abused women in Toronto. The project goal is to use education to support women in violent relationships to leave. This project will be planned, implemented and evaluated through a community partnership consisting of target population members and mainstream organizations. Project activities include: monthly meetings; community outreach; training; and production of a booklet.

This project will involve 1800 hours of paid staff time, 5 volunteers, and 50 participants.

Target Group: Abused Cambodian women residing in the Jane-Finch Neighbourhood

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation: 
The organization is not recommended for funding.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 10:  Carefirst Seniors and Community Services Association
3601 Victoria Park Avenue, Suite 501, Scarborough

Organization Overview:
The organization provides social, health care and supportive services to Chinese seniors across the City of Toronto and York region. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $7,281,367.00. This organization is located in Ward 24 (Willowdale).

Project Name:  Elder Abuse Prevention for Mandarin Speaking Immigrants

This three-year project works to educate the Mandarin speaking community about the issue of elder abuse to empower at-risk seniors or victims to protect themselves, access community resources and develop community awareness. In year one the organization designed, compiled and printed elder abuse educational materials and resources for dissemination into the community, Mandarin workshops, elder abuse scripts and performances in conjunction with elder abuse workshops, and presentations on community resources for newcomer seniors were delivered. In year two, the organization continued to educate the Mandarin speaking community by producing elder abuse educational packages, developing the Mandarin Elder Abuse Skit Club, outreaching to isolated seniors to provide workshops and presentations. The project designed and provided training to staff and volunteers to better serve Mandarin speaking seniors and consolidated existing partnerships with peer agencies to promote elder abuse prevention.

This funding is for the final year of a 3-year project. In year three, the project will organize an 'Elder Abuse Prevention Education Forum', deliver service based education sessions, coordinate and conduct a 'Speakers' Bureau' on elder abuse issues, continue to develop the Mandarin Elder Abuse Skit Club and to consolidate existing partnerships with peer agencies to promote elder abuse prevention.

This project will involve 975 hours of paid staff time, 30 volunteers, and 680 participants.

Target Group:
Mandarin speaking new comers seniors,

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Seniors.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $24,480.00 to support the Elder Abuse Prevention for Mandarin Speaking Immigrants project. The funding is for year 3 of 3 year project.

Comments:
The recommended allocation for 2009 includes a 2% funding level adjustment to reflect the CSI Approved Budget which included an increase for COLA. This funding level adjustment has been applied to previously funded CSI multi-year projects.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, sessions, outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, print resources developed, speak-outs, training sessions, staff and volunteers trained, participants, evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, development and testing of training model, the model, dissemination of project results, participant evaluation, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
Organization # 11: Central Toronto Youth Services
65 Wellesley St. East, Suite #300, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization is a community-based children's mental health centre that serves at risk-youth ages 13 to 25 in a variety of programs aimed at presenting or treating mental illness. Services offered by the organization include outreach services, counselling, research, resource development and youth engagement. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $5,078,085.00. This organization is located in Ward 27 (Toronto Centre-Rosedale).

Project Name: Community Safety for Outreach Professionals

This project will investigate and review the best-practices in providing outreach services to youth in urban settings, with a focus on community safety for young people and staff. The best practices will be formatted into resource kits and training materials will be used city-wide in the development, support and delivery of outreach services to Toronto's youth. By developing tools and strategies that address safety concerns in the community, services will be strengthened, ensuring that young people and staff support the development of stronger and safer communities. The project goals are: enhanced capacity within the at-risk-youth-serving sector; access to educational and training materials for organizations to address their ongoing needs. Project activities include: coordination of meetings for partner organizations; compilation and distribution of best practices materials; training for partner organizations and distribution of training materials for their future use.

This project will involve 2193 hours of paid staff time, 0 volunteers, and 0 participants.

Target Group: Youth outreach workers

CSI Priorities: The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 12:  Centre for Independent Living in Toronto (C.I.L.T.)
365 Bloor Street East, Suite 902, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization is consumer-led, providing access to training and resources for people with disabilities, to facilitate independent living. Programs include peer support, independent living skills training, information and referral, and public education. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $28,481,104.00 This organization is located in Ward 20 (Trinity-Spadina).

Project Name: Safe Engaged Communities

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 2 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. Year two activities include: research coordination, enhance the established network and maintain existing activities, conduct educational sessions, completion of the Community Safety Action Plan and Report, and advocacy activities.

This project will involve 0 hours of paid staff time, 5 volunteers, and 65 participants.

Target Group:
People with disabilities in Toronto

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: People with disabilities.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $30,720.00 to support the Safe Engaged Communities project. The funding is for year 2 of 3 year project.

Comments:
The recommended allocation for 2009 includes a 2% funding level adjustment to reflect the CSI Approved Budget which included an increase for COLA. This funding level adjustment has been applied to previously funded CSI multi-year projects.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of sessions, outreach activities, community meetings, peers trained, participants, evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, samples of tools developed, the model, dissemination of project results, the outreach strategy, prevention strategies, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization #13:  Children’s Peace Theatre  
305 Dawes Road East, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization brings together children, youth, adults and elders to work collaboratively with professional artists. Together they create performance material that is based on participants’ reflections and experiences of conflict at the personal, familial, communal and global levels. Activities include theatre programs, conflict resolution workshops and professional theatre productions. The organization provides services in Crescent Town bounded by Main St., Victoria Park, Danforth Ave. and Brenton St. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $215,000.00. This organization is located in Ward 31 (Beaches-East York).

Project Name:  Peace in Action

This project works to address the issue of youth violence in Crescent Town by encouraging youth to develop a broader perspective regarding tolerance of others by exposing them to people who have suffered the effects of violence in another country. Through an effort to understand the causes and manifestations of conflict, participants will be better able to create the conditions for peace and non-violence in their community. The project engages youth through collaborative exploration and creation workshops, through leadership training and mentorship opportunities, through public performance and through the development of a “Peace in Action Manifesto.” The goal of this project is to engage youth in a transformative process to develop the understanding and tools to further the cause of peace in this community. Project activities include: workshops; performances in schools and in public venues; a day Speak Out Festival; International Peace Festival, and the development of the peace manifesto.

This project will involve 1650 hours of paid staff time, 20 volunteers, and 180 participants.

Target Group:  Youth in Crescent Town

CSI Priorities:  The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:  The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:  A similar project was supported under 2008 CSI.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 14: Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter
215 Spadina Avenue, Suite 124, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization serves residents and organisations in the Chinese Canadian community across the City of Toronto. Activities include independent social planning, research, public policy analysis, organisational development, civil rights and anti-racism advocacy, volunteer development and leadership training, community economic development, and cultural and social activities. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $174,100.00. This organization is located in Ward 20 (Trinity-Spadina).

Project Name: Chinese Parents Against Child Abuse

The project works to educate the general public in the Chinese Canadian community that child abuse and neglect in Canada is a crime. The train-the-trainer program will educate newcomer Chinese parents about Canadian policies and responsibilities around child abuse prevention. The goal of the project is to build capacity among individual members of the Chinese community as well as to provide resources to partner agencies that are currently working on this issue or providing social services to the Chinese community in Toronto. Project activities include research, write, translate and publish information about child abuse for website and booklet, workshops, a training manual on child abuse prevention, outreach and recruitment of 20 participants per year (focus on Mandarin speaking newcomers from mainland China) and training sessions.

This project will involve 2000 hours of paid staff time, 80 volunteers, and 80 participants.

Target Group:
Mandarin-speaking parents.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Immigrants and refugees.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $30,000.00 to support the Chinese Parents Against Child Abuse project. The funding is for year 1 of 2 year project.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, outreach activities, print resources developed, training sessions, groups and other activities, staff and volunteers trained, participants, parents involved, evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, development and testing of training model, dissemination of project results, the outreach strategy, participant evaluation, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
Organization Overview:
The organization provides a source of support for people with an intellectual disability who are searching for meaningful and accessible ways to participate in their community. Activities include childhood education, employment supports, family services, recreational leisure and residential services. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $62,997,333.00. This organization is located in Ward 20 (Trinity-Spadina).

Project Name: Community Safety Project

This project will address issues of violence prevention for women with intellectual disabilities who are living independently and are involved with an adult protective service worker in the Toronto. This project consists of a six week workshop for participants on common safety issues, prevention strategies and provides individual risk assessment and safety plans. This will allow women to have personalized safety plans and will emphasize developing relationships with community supports in their neighbourhood. Other key organizations working with women with intellectual disabilities will receive the training tools, allowing the information to reach the target group around the city. The goal of this project is to minimize the risk of violence for women who have an intellectual disability and are living independently in the community and build community capacity to better support women with intellectual disabilities in the areas of violence prevention. Although women with intellectual disabilities are living independently and functioning well, they are vulnerable and resources available do not meet their needs. Project activities include: designing and delivering the workshop; individual risk assessments; developing safe networks for individuals; outreach with community organizations and the creation of training tools for distribution to other organizations to inform ongoing work in a variety of programs.

This project will involve 434 hours of paid staff time, 3 volunteers, and 28 participants.

Target Group:
Women with intellectual disabilities

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $10,000.00 to support the Community Safety Project project. The funding is for year 1 of 1 year project.

Conditions:
In order to receive the 2009 funding, the organization must provide additional information on how the project learning's will be sustained in the future within the organization's programs.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, outreach activities, print resources developed, staff and volunteers trained, youth leaders trained, participants, partner organizations, evidence of increased skills for the participants, options for ongoing delivery of project activities, development and testing of training model, samples of tools developed, participant evaluation, prevention strategies, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 16: Conflict Mediation Services of Downsview (CMS-D)
95 Eddystone Avenue, 2nd Floor, North York

Organization Overview:
The organization provides conflict mediation and resolution services for individuals and groups within the former Community Council District of North York. The organization trains volunteers in conflict mediation skills. The volunteers interview individuals in conflict and prepare a case development report. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $711,149.00. This organization is located in Ward 7 (York West).

Project Name: 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 toolkit of relevant research and project material, the project will establish an easily transferable model of sustainable resources for the Iranian community to address its own needs. Health care service providers and social service agencies will be better informed about the issue of violence within the Iranian community in order to provide counselling and develop a core of trained community volunteers to lead workshops. The goals of the project include: create community capacity to better manage issues of family violence and abuse and build a clearer understanding of the issue in the Iranian community. Project activities include presentations, discussion groups, training, workshops, print materials, a website and a confidential telephone line.

In year one the project made various 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 will expand the core project advisory group, conduct presentations to identified groups, develop and operate a website, recruit and train volunteers, develop partnership opportunities with health care service providers and large institutions in Toronto.

This project will involve 977 hours of paid staff time, 25 volunteers, and 500 participants.

Target Group:
Farsi Speaking families, immigrants and refugees

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Immigrants and refugees.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $30,600.00 to support the Iranian Family Well-Being Project - Tarhe Behrouzi Khanevadeh project. The funding is for year 2 of 3 year project.

Comments:
The recommended allocation for 2009 includes a 2% funding level adjustment to reflect the CSI Approved Budget which included an increase for COLA. This funding level adjustment has been applied to previously funded CSI multi-year projects.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, speak-outs, training sessions, community meetings, staff and volunteers trained, participants, Number and role of volunteers volunteers, partner organizations, evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, samples of tools developed, dissemination of project results, the outreach strategy, participant evaluation, and other supporting documents.
Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
Organization Overview:
The organization serves residents and organisations in the South Asian communities across the City of Toronto. Its membership includes over 50 organizations as well as individual community members. Services include advocacy, information and referral, research, community education and development, resource development, information, training workshops and a newsletter. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $209,794.00. This organization is located in Ward 27 (Toronto Centre-Rosedale).

Project Name: South Asians Youth STEP UP to Violence

This project is a peer-based youth-driven violence prevention project. The project works to build a safe community space where youth peer leaders will lead neighbourhood and issue based violence prevention workshops. As a result, the project will generate dialogue, enhance awareness and community investments in creating a safe, engaged and health community. The goals of the project include: to develop youth leadership in the South Asian community around violence prevention initiatives, and to engage the South Asian community around violence prevention. Led by a community/issue focused advisory committee, the project will recruit 10-12 diverse south Asian youth and engage them in a series of in-depth information and skills based training workshops resulting in building their capacity to create their own community workshops. Youth peer leaders will then engage their community and mainstream organizations through workshops/events. This will generate dialogue around needs of South Asian youth to mobilize and build resources to achieve a youth-led violence prevention model for the South Asian community. Project activities include youth engagement, curriculum development, service coalition development, responsive practices to service delivery, training, evaluation and creation of a service coalition guidebook.

This project will involve 1300 hours of paid staff time, 40 volunteers, and 222 participants.

Target Group:
South Asian youth.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $33,000.00 to support the South Asians Youth STEP UP to Violence project. The funding is for year 1 of 2 year project.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, training sessions, youth leaders trained, participants, partner organizations, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, options for ongoing delivery of project activities, dissemination of project results, participant evaluation, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
Organization Overview:
The organization provides a range of settlement and post-settlement services to the Somali community in Etobicoke and adjacent areas. Services include interpretation, translation, counselling, a woman’s support group and work with parents and children in two schools. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $386,599.25. This organization is located in Ward 2 (Etobicoke North).

Project Name: Youth Anger Management Program

This project will involve a weekly support group meeting for newcomer youth for the dual purpose of education about strategies for controlling tempers and supportive reinforcement of the participant’s constructive behaviour. Counsellor-advocates will discuss anger management during individual sessions by using role play, rehearsal and video recordings to illustrate appropriate communication as well as provide training on progressive muscle relaxation as a means of lowering emotional arousal and handling tension. The program will offer support to youth as well as their families. The goal of this project is to assist youth in transforming anger into effective communication and constructive assertiveness by guiding participants toward improved problem-solving skills, educating them about their rights, and teaching them to be their own advocates to the fullest extent possible. Project activities include: workshop development and delivery.

This project will involve 0 hours of paid staff time, 0 volunteers, and 0 participants.

Target Group:
At-risk newcomer youth

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 19: Delta Family Resource Centre
2721 Jane Street, Unit 14, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization serves families in the area bounded by Steeles Avenue to the north, Humber River to the west, 401 to the south and Keele Street to the east. Programs include family support (parent-child resource centers, parent-relief), support groups, emergency assistance, workshops, language classes, community development (support to community networks, advocacy, outreach) and a community office. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $1,520,124.00. This organization is located in Ward 9 (York Centre).

Project Name: Community Safety Project

The project works to promote safe neighbourhoods by building the capacity of families and residents through skills development workshops and a community forum highlighting positive relationships, life skills and the design of local strategies to prevent violence. The model, "Neighbours Helping Neighbours", facilitates safety, crime/violence prevention workshops throughout the community; develop local community safety, crime/prevention strategies; organize an annual community seminar/forum on violence prevention; and celebrate the contributions of residents, volunteers and businesses in the prevention of violence.

The funding is for year 3 of a 3 year project. In year one the project completed a need analysis, established a planning group, developed a violence prevention program, and established partnerships with stakeholders to deliver workshops in the community. In year two the project delivered workshops to parents from local schools, co-facilitated the SAFE program in partnership with Black Creek Community Health Centre, developed a planning group to address the issue of violence targeting girls, and developed recommendations on how to best integrate educational and preventative approaches to addressing violence within the current safe-schools policy and activities. In year three, activities will include: developing ongoing partnerships; workshops engaging resident and tenant groups; organizing the 1st Annual Safety Forum; and the development, presentation and distribution of the 1st edition of the Community Safety Manual.

This project will involve 728 hours of paid staff time, 15 volunteers, and 300 participants.

Target Group:
Jane/Sheppard and Duncanwood/Ardwick neighbourhoods

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $25,500.00 to support the Community Safety Project project. The funding is for year 3 of 3 year project.

Comments:
The recommended allocation for 2009 includes a 2% funding level adjustment to reflect the CSI Approved Budget which included an increase for COLA. This funding level adjustment has been applied to previously funded CSI multi-year projects.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, outreach activities, training sessions, community meetings, participants, Number and role of volunteers volunteers, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, the model, participant evaluation, prevention strategies, and other supporting documents.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 20: Dixon Hall
58 Sumach Street, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization serves residents primarily in the area bounded by Gerard Street, Don River, Jarvis Street and Lake Ontario. Services include shelter and temporary employment agency for the homeless, housing supports, music school, seniors’ programs, supportive housing, career training for women, literacy programs, community economic development, programs for children and youth, and outreach to the Mandarin-speaking community. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $7,912,719.00. This organization is located in Ward 28 (Toronto Centre-Rosedale).

Project Name: Saturday Night Program

This project works to provide community-sanctioned safe meeting places and activity space for up to 40 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 2 of a 3-year project. In year one, the project offered weekly activities for youth, peer leadership activities and support for youth workers. Year two activities build on the success of year one and include: weekly youth programming; youth worker service coordination; collaborative service model development; youth leadership; youth retreats; and peer mentorship.

This project will involve 728 hours of paid staff time, 15 volunteers, and 70 participants.

Target Group:
At-risk youth from Regent Park who are involved in gang and illegal drug activity

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $30,600.00 to support the Saturday Night Program project. The funding is for year 2 of 3 year project.

Comments:
The recommended allocation for 2009 includes a 2% funding level adjustment to reflect the CSI Approved Budget which included an increase for COLA. This funding level adjustment has been applied to previously funded CSI multi-year projects.

Project Final Report:
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Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 21: Doorsteps Neighbourhood Services
1700 Wilson Ave, Room 211, North York

Organization Overview:
The organization serves residents of the area surrounding the Jane Street/Wilson Avenue intersection bounded by Sheppard Avenue, Keele Street, Highway 401 and 400 and provides a variety of recreational activities, social services, and educational programs. Activities include community development, a parent/child drop-in program with a bilingual Spanish component, adult fitness, social recreational programming for children, youth and seniors, women's support group, special community events, and a newsletter. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $576,716.00. This organization is located in Ward 7 (York West).

Project Name: The Young Women's Circle

The project works to adopt the circle method from the First Nations people of Canada. Participants are encouraged to listen to others, step into their shoes, share their experience and work towards a common goal. In conjunction with the circle, the project will provide the setting and the tools to enable young women ages 14-19 to understand and address systemic barriers that impact young women in low income areas. The project will introduce the self-help model of organizing groups and will address topics such as sexual violence, gender-based racism, the politics of aesthetics, how to penetrate power structures, etc. Each participant will co-facilitate at least 2 sessions. The project will also examine factors in the community that make certain spaces unsafe and try to rectify the situation through writing letters and collaborating with city councillors, MPP's, property management, newspapers etc. Once the group is established project staff will continue to provide support as a resource and mentor. This model will be duplicated in the Chalk Farm community with young women ages 14 to 19.

The goals of the project include: increasing young women's knowledge regarding sexuality, sexual health, and healthy relationships, resulting in increasing their ability to protect themselves from physical/sexual/emotional/spiritual violence; and to form a Falstaff young women's advocacy group and expand their female social network in the Falstaff community. Project activities include community outreach, workshops, weekly meeting, training and groups.

This project will involve 1260 hours of paid staff time, 3 volunteers, and 20 participants.

Target Group:
Young women ages 14-19 in the Falstaff community.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
This is a 1 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 22: East Scarborough Storefront
4040 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto

Organization Overview:
This organization serves low income and marginalized individuals living in the Kingston-Galloway/Orton Park community. The organization provides social infrastructure that works with agencies from across the City to provide a full range of services to the community including settlement, youth supports, legal advice, recreation, and employment services. It also facilitates and co-ordinates community events and initiatives in the Kingston Galloway/Orton Park community. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $526,658.00. This organization is located in Ward 43 (Scarborough East).

Project Name: 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.

This project will involve 3250 hours of paid staff time, 60 volunteers, and 850 participants.

Target Group: Residents of Kingston/Galloway

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Neighbourhoods.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $35,000.00 to support the Community Safety Strategy project. The funding is for year 1 of 3 year project.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 23: Etobicoke Conflict Mediation Team
666 Burnhamthorpe Road, P. O. Box 91035, Etobicoke

Organization Overview:
The organization serves residents of the area in Etobicoke and provides conflict mediation and education. Activities include community outreach, victim support group and a personal information court program. The organization did not provide a 2008 operating budget. This organization is located in Ward 7 (York West).

Project Name: Empowering Youth and Parents in Conflict Resolution and Peace Making
The project works to bring Somali and Afro-Caribbean youth together in the Jamestown neighbourhood. Both male and female youth from these communities will be trained in peer mediation, anger and stress management. The project will engage the trained youth to organize a two-day peace conference, for their parents and the broader community to participate. A Joint Advisory committee will be established to assist the program coordinator in the planning, implementation and final formal evaluation. The project will develop a team of volunteers focusing on youth to bring these two communities together to have a dialogue and establish a train the trainer peer-mediation model. Project activities include train the trainer conflict resolution course, a two-day peace conference and to establish a joint advisory committee.

This project will involve 2000 hours of paid staff time, 10 volunteers, and 1000 participants.

Target Group:
Somali and Afro-Caribbean youth in the Jamestown neighbourhood.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The organization is required to have a trustee to be eligible under 2009 CSI.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 24: Frontier College
35 Jackes Avenue, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization provides a range of services that promote literacy to children, youth and adults. Services offered include GED, family literacy, reading circles, homework clubs and reading programs. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $5,335,000.00. This organization is located in Ward 22 (St. Paul's).

Project Name: Lens on Learning

This project works to examine issues of violence, safety, crime and community in Lawrence Heights through a media lens. This project will provide a course to women from the Lawrence Heights community to gain knowledge, skills, abilities and competency to communicate, create and better understand the power of media messages. The goal of this project is to teach them critical analytical skills so that they can explore the impact of violence in the media, while working on their own skill development in both literacy and multi-media production. Project activities include: outreach; community consultations; training; creation of media projects; leadership and mentorship training; and, curriculum and resource development.

This project will involve 520 hours of paid staff time, 10 volunteers, and 16 participants.

Target Group:
Women residing in Lawrence Heights

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
This is a 1 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 25: Harbourfront Community Centre
627 Queens Quay West, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization serves residents in the area bounded by Stadium Road, Yonge Street, Lake Ontario and Lakeshore Boulevard. The organization provides a broad range of cultural, social, educational and recreational programs. Services include a drop-in for people who are homeless, art therapy for women, a Family Resource Centre, community kitchen, community development, social recreation and fitness for all ages, graffiti transformation, after school programs, nutrition program, clothing program and café. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $1,718,374.00. This organization is located in Ward 20 (Trinity-Spadina).

Project Name: Sharing Peer Expertise in Youth Violence and Community Safety

In response to recent serious incidents of violence involving community youth, Harbourfront Community Centre (HCC) and its community partners will work collectively to reduce violence, increase safety of vulnerable groups including youth-at-risk and provide educational tools for frontline workers to respond to local safety/violence issues. The project works to develop a support network of youth workers (including project managers); a series of workshops delivered by subject matter experts (SME’s) including peers with crisis response experience; and an Emergency Response Guide for Youth Workers. The Guide will include: intervention strategies; agency protocols; crisis management; follow-up procedures; response-team roles; action plans; peer support/SME resources and youth/staff/community post-event support tools. Project partners include Dixon Hall, Front Line Partners with Youth Network, Hispanic Development Council, Lakeshore Area Multi-Service Project, Scadding Court Community Centre, St. Stephen’s Community House and Syme Woolner Neighbourhood and Family Centre. Project activities include workshops, training modules development, an Emergency Response Guide, presentations and information sharing.

This project will involve 672 hours of paid staff time, 16 volunteers, and 80 participants.

Target Group:
Youth workers and community agencies

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $25,000.00 to support the Sharing Peer Expertise in Youth Violence and Community Safety project. The funding is for year 1 of 1 year project.

Comments:
Revised to correct the organization's name and address.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, sessions, print resources developed, training sessions, staff and volunteers trained, peers trained, participants, partner organizations, evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, development and testing of training model, the model, the protocol, dissemination of project results, the outreach strategy, participant evaluation, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 26: Harriet Tubman Community Organization
2975 Don Mills Road West, Don Mills

Organization Overview:
The organization serves African-Canadian youth and families in Toronto, with programs for youth leadership, civic engagement, heritage, sports and recreation. The organization runs the annual Tubman games for youth across the city. This organization is located in Ward 33 (Don Valley East).

Project Name: Obama's Call

This project works to address youth violence in various priority neighbourhoods through a variety of supports and skill-development opportunities including conflict mediation, leadership, and multi-media communication skills. By working in communities and with youth that are at risk/in conflict with the law, this project will provide outreach, public education on issues related to violence and youth leaders and mentors who will be able to address issues of safety in the community. The goals of this project are: to build safer communities; to provide educational and preventative mechanisms for at-risk communities; to provide skills, leadership and mentorship opportunities for youth; and to create mass media materials for community distribution on violence prevention and community safety issues. Project activities include: development of a steering committee; outreach; training and workshops; conflict mediation training sessions; public presentations; mentorship-related activities; and the development of mass media products including video, web TV segments, photo journalism and a documentary film.

This project will involve 45 hours of paid staff time, 12 volunteers, and 12 participants.

Target Group:
Youth in various priority neighbourhoods

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
This is a 3 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 27: Heritage Skills Development Centre (HSDC)
400 McCowan Rd., 1st Floor, Scarborough

Organization Overview:
The organization was established in 1993 and works to promote the health, social, cultural and economic self-sufficiency of immigrants and other marginalized groups with a focus on assisting clients in becoming active contributors to, and beneficiaries of the Canadian economy. Services include business development and integration training program, basic sewing and fashion design training, food and nutrition training, life and survival skills training and employment preparation training. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $366,169.00. This organization is located in Ward 38 (Scarborough Centre).

Project Name: Building and Revitalizing an Anti-Violence Environment (BRAVE)

This project works to mobilize and engage African-Canadian youth and parents to address community safety in the Eglinton East and Kennedy Park neighbourhoods. It will provide youth with the opportunity and capacity to effect positive changes in their schools, neighbourhoods and communities by engaging youth through knowledge, skill development, and opportunities for involvement in pro-social activities. The project aims to do this through skill development in: life skills, problem solving, conflict resolution communication, anger management, decision making, coping skills and experiential learning and education. The goal of the project is to increase awareness of crime prevention strategies in the community and to provide youth with access to supports that will engage them. Project activities include: outreach; workshops; capacity building activities; information sessions; and website and multi-media development.

This project will involve 0 hours of paid staff time, 15 volunteers, and 100 participants.

Target Group:
African-Canadian children and youth from Eglinton East and Kennedy Park.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 28: Jamestown Women and Family Service
34 Orbington Crescent, Unit 2, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization serves immigrant women and families in the Jamestown/Rexdale community. The organization offers workshops, support groups, life skills education and settlement support services such as interpretation and translation, housing help, and referrals. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $29,000.00. This organization is located in Ward 1 (Etobicoke North).

Project Name: Jamestown Girl Empowerment

This project works to provide culturally sensitive counselling and group sessions that provide mentor/role models to adolescents and young adults in the Jamestown neighbourhood. It will target youth with weak school, life and job retention skills. It will provide them with access to counselling, outreach and social and cultural activities which support healthy lifestyle choices, social integration and generally improve the self esteem of socially isolated newcomer adolescents. The goal of this project is to address the need for the community’s youth (and particularly girls of very traditional newcomer families) to improve their self-esteem, school and career outlooks, through participation in a volunteer program of life skills, counselling, social, cultural and recreational opportunities and mentorship. Project activities include: organized sports and athletics focused in a single sex setting; field trips to Toronto cultural sites; and life skills workshops.

This project will involve 468 hours of paid staff time, 3 volunteers, and 0 participants.

Target Group:
Adolescents and young adult women from Jamestown

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The organization is required to have a trustee to be eligible under 2009 CSI.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 29: Jane/Finch Community & Family Centre
4400 Jane Street, Unit 108, North York

Organization Overview:
The organization serves residents in the Jane-Finch area bounded by Steeles Avenue, Dufferin Street, Wilson Avenue and Humber River. Services include a child-parent drop-in centre, women's groups in the community, budget counselling, outreach and support, a community based social recreational program for people who have mental health related problems or are socially isolated, a community office which offers secretarial assistance to community groups and residents who are trying to organize services in their neighbourhood and continued support to community activities in Tobermory. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $3,186,819.00. This organization is located in Ward 8 (York West).

Project Name: Anti-V.I.R.U.S (Violence in Real Urban Settings)
This project is a youth led and youth driven approach to violence prevention. The project works to engage youth through a peer mentorship model and will focus on building the capacity and resiliency of at-risk youth. After a brainstorming session, the youth of the organization identified that violence is like a virus and can spread through the community quickly. They concluded that a violence prevention project is needed in the Jane/Finch community. The focus community is at-risk youth aged 13-18 years old living in Jane/Finch who are either not in school or attending school irregularly. Project staff will recruit participants through after school programs, on weekends and through street outreach. The project will conduct four violence awareness workshops in the community. Guest speakers who have had first hand experience of violence will address violence issues. Youth will have a safe space to discuss violence and grief. The project will also create 5 different type of print resources to provide information to youth who want to seek help. The goal of the project is to raise awareness and prevent violence by promoting alternatives to violence. Project activities include: outreach; workshops; resource development; mentorship; referrals; and a newsletter.

This project will involve 840 hours of paid staff time, 12 volunteers, and 2500 participants.

Target Group:
At-risk youth aged 13-18 years old living in the Jane/Finch community.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
This is a 1 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.
Organization Overview:
The organization serves adults and youth in conflict with law in the City of Toronto. Services include resource counselling, housing, literacy, employment opportunities, institutional services, self-help groups, community education, conflict resolution, problem solving, life skills counselling, family violence intervention, communication skills, job readiness and anger management. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $2,152,844.00. This organization is located in Ward 27 (Toronto Centre-Rosedale).

Project Name: Breaking Barriers Building Bridges

This project works to provide ex-offenders with employment supports as a means of reducing the risk of re-offending. This project will center around the organization of a conference which focuses on building city-wide partnerships with employers to enhance community capacity and access to services for ex-offenders seeking employment. This project will bring together businesses, community leaders, government and non-profit agencies to create new pilot partnerships for training and apprenticeship for ex-offenders. The goal of this conference is to gather pre-employment service providers together to share information and strategies on creating innovative employment opportunities for ex-offenders that have recently been released in order to reduce the risk of recidivism and enhance community safety. Project activities include: outreach; conference organization; focus groups; resource package development; and conference summary.

This project will involve 680 hours of paid staff time, 12 volunteers, and 250 participants.

Target Group:
Ex-offenders

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: 

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.
Organization # 31: Leave Out Violence (L.O.V.E)  
3130 Bathurst Street, Suite 212, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The agency is dedicated to the reduction of youth violence by providing services for at-risk youth to break the cycle of violence. Agency activities include educational programs and skill development in areas such as literacy, public speaking, critical thinking, leadership and group facilitation. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $439,746.00. This organization is located in Ward 16 (Eglinton-Lawrence).

Project Name: Empowering Young Women to Prevent Violence

This project works to address the violence prevention needs of female youth from under-served communities by increasing their knowledge, skills and resources and providing meaningful leadership and outreach opportunities. The project will address a systemic problem by giving young women a voice against gender-based violence. The project is designed to maximize the contribution of young women in the development of a new LOVE 'train the trainers' module with a better understanding and awareness of gender-based violence. An advisory committee comprised of female youth leaders, violence prevention professionals and specialists in the field will develop a series of educational workshops for young women and men. Interested young women who have been challenged by violence in their lives, will be recruited from LOVE's ongoing programming (Media Arts Program, Broadcast Journalism and Leadership training programs). This project will involve 3 phases. Phase one will focus on education and skill development. Phase two will focus on production of media based communication products. Phase three will focus on sharing these products with young women and men in Toronto's priority neighbourhoods. Project activities include train the trainers, community outreach, information sharing, advisory committee development, curriculum development, distribution of information and materials, presentations and evaluation.

This project will involve 1350 hours of paid staff time, 20 volunteers, and 260 participants.

Target Group:
Female youth from under-served communities

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Comments:
This is a 3 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.
Organization # 32: Lesbian Gay Bi Youth Line  
P.O. Box 62 Station F, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization provides a confidential and anonymous telephone service for lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, two-spirited and questioning youth. Services include peer support, information and referral and outreach. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $296,328.00. This organization is located in Ward 27 (Toronto Centre-Rosedale).

Project Name: My Identity is NOT a Punchline

This project will work on issues of violence prevention through active and extensive promotion of the Youthline’s services and their online community. With a March 2009 re-launch of the Youthline website, a range of resources, opportunities and activities will engage the LGBTTIQQ2 youth (both volunteers and service users) in raising awareness about homophobia and violence, personal and community affirmation and empowerment and acquiring tools to support peer led action towards safer schools and communities. 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.

This project will involve hours of paid staff time, 60 volunteers, and 722580 participants.

Target Group: LGBTTIQQ2 youth

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender/transsexual.

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Recommendation:  
The organization is recommended for $25,000.00 to support the My Identity is NOT a Punchline project. The funding is for year 1 of 2 year project.

Project Final Report:  
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, print resources developed, youth leaders trained, participants, Number and role of volunteers volunteers, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, samples of tools developed, dissemination of project results, prevention strategies, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:  
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
Organization # 33: Literature for Life
7 Labatt Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 208, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization provides reading, writing and self-expression opportunities to marginalized, high-risk teenage mothers and their children in the Greater Toronto Area as a means to develop and use their voice to overcome personal adversity. Services include weekly book groups and music groups as well as outreach through peer education and a magazine by young mothers for young mothers. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $354,630.00. This organization is located in Ward 28 (Toronto Centre-Rosedale).

Project Name: This Book is Not a Weapon

This peer driven project grows out of the current existing programs of the organization: Women with Words, Yo Mama, SOLACE and Boys with Books. The organization proposes to use these programs to recruit and develop writers and editors over the course of three years to collect the diverse writings by at risk youth in Toronto into a single resource. The project received CSI funding in 2008 and based on the result of the previous project, this project proposes to continue to use these programs and expand the recruitment and development of writers and editors to collect the diverse writings by at-risk youth in the City of Toronto into a single resource.

The goal of the project is to compile the strongest writing of youth on violence and its effects on individuals, communities and the city as a whole. "This Book is Not a Weapon" will help illuminate the systemic issues of violence faced by youth allowing them to see and understand the politicization of their experience, a necessary step to activism and change. Project activities include training, community outreach, writing, editing, marketing, press release, survey and a book launch.

This project will involve 3120 hours of paid staff time, 40 volunteers, and 105 participants.

Target Group:
At risk youth, most of who are living in high priority neighbourhoods

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
This is a 2 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.
Organization # 34: Malvern Family Resource Centre
1371 Neilson Road, Suite 219, Scarborough

Organization Overview:
The organization serves residents in the area bounded by Markham Road, Morningside Avenue, Finch Avenue and Highway 401. Services include parent/child drop-ins, school readiness, parent relief, after-school tutoring and mentoring, youth development and recreation, Tamil girls program, tutoring, parenting workshops, self-esteem and stress management for parents, seniors programs, legal and income tax clinics, and community development. This organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $1,677,230.00. This organization is located in Ward 42 (Scarborough-Rouge River).

Project Name: Night Moves

The project works to increase a woman's ability to move more safely, freely and confidently during the evening using public transit in and about Malvern and other areas of Scarborough. This project will train two groups. The first group will conduct community safety audits and CPTED audits in 8 Malvern neighbourhoods and the second will develop safe route maps for women travelling at night through Scarborough using the TTC or on foot. The organization's monthly Community Kitchen program will link both groups to exchange information, enhance learning and share experiences. A Route Safety Guide for women will be developed as a result. The project goal is to identify risks in the community and create safe routes for women to travel at night. Project activities include training, community outreach, community kitchens, community safety audits, creation of safe route maps and a night move guide and evaluation.

This project will involve 1950 hours of paid staff time, 45 volunteers, and 107 participants.

Target Group:
Women and Girls living in Malvern with late night travel on foot or using TTC.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Comments:
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2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 35: Midaynta Community Services
1992 Yonge Street, Suite 203, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization serves the Somali community across the City of Toronto. Services include counselling, settlement and integration, family reunification, employment and job training, housing, family violence intervention, public education and advocacy. This organization is located in Ward 22 (St. Paul's).

Project Name: Women and Girls Support Group

This project works to empower women and girls by establishing a support group built on trust, collaboration and sharing of power. Also, this project aims to promote the life conditions of marginalized communities specifically immigrant women and newcomers by educating them through workshops and information sessions provided within the support group. The goal of this project is to improve the quality of life for the community, primarily people who live in the GTA, through community consultation, public education, settlement, immigration and community services. Project activities include: outreach; running a support group; and workshop delivery.

This project will involve 35 hours of paid staff time, 4 volunteers, and 135 participants.

Target Group: immigrant and newcomer women and girls

CSI Priorities:
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The organization is not recommended for funding.
Organization Overview:
The organization serves members of the Native communities across the City of Toronto. Services include case management for families at risk of losing their children to the Children's Aid Society, foster care for children in need of protection, services for women who have suffered trauma and men at risk for violence, a traveling parent/child centre, services for street-involved youth, and a nursery school. This organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $19,955,854.00. This organization is located in Ward 20 (Trinity-Spadina).

Project Name: Peaceful Warrior

The project works to use weekly Circle discussions/teachings to help participants undergo a holistic approach to healing and personal growth. The project will consult Elders to assist with the delivery of traditional teachings essential to provide aboriginal youth with the skills needed to understand healthy/unhealthy relationships. Aboriginal male and female youth between the ages of 16 to 24 will participate in the program. In order to conceptualize traditional cultural approaches, the Medicine Wheel and the Seven Grandfather teachings will be utilized. Using an Aboriginal worldview, customs and practices, the project works to explore the relationship between the loss of cultural identity and its impact on self-esteem and self worth, alongside with the fostering of cultural identity in an urban context. The goals of the project include: to provide participants with the knowledge and awareness that all events and behaviours are interconnected with the past, present and future; to increase participants emotional and social competencies in the areas of social skills and social interactions; to provide participants with skills needed to conduct self awareness of emotions and an understanding of the emotions of others; to increase the self-awareness of participants of emotional triggers and to provide participants with the coping skills needed to resolve personal conflicts. Project activities include aboriginal ceremonies, presentations, curriculum development, open discussions, traditional teachings and stories.

This project will involve 1560 hours of paid staff time, 0 volunteers, and 40 participants.

Target Group:
Aboriginal youth between the ages of 16 to 24.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Aboriginal community.

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Comments:
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Organization Overview:
The organization serves people of all ages in the Mandarin speaking Chinese community in the Greater Toronto Area with a focus in Scarborough. Services include settlement services, seminars on community issues, language and cultural classes for children and adults, festivals, communication networks for members (including a web-site), information and referral, seniors services, after-school programs, advocacy and community services. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $70,000.00. This organization is located in Ward 24 (Willowdale).

Project Name: Seniors Abuse Project

The project works to outreach to isolated Chinese seniors to provide information and support to promote an understanding and awareness of abuse against seniors in the Mandarin speaking community and to build community capacity for violence prevention. The project will recruit volunteers to identify the need of this project. Workshops will be organized and presentations will be conducted to address the issues of elder abuse to the audience. Activities include distribution of printed materials, presentations, workshops and discussion.

This project will involve 320 hours of paid staff time, 8 volunteers, and 300 participants.

Target Group: Mandarin Speaking Seniors

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Seniors.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.
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Organization # 38: North York Womens Centre
201 Caribou Road, North York

Organization Overview:
The organization serves women in the former city of North York, with services and programs that address social, educational, physical, mental health and economic needs. Activities include information and referral, legal clinic, support groups, life skills programs, education workshops, fitness programs and an internet discussion forum. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $235,000.00. This organization is located in Ward 16 (Eglinton-Lawrence).

Project Name: Building Women's Capacity for Community Safety Planning

This project works to build the capacity of low-income and minority women to facilitate peer to peer workshops and forum discussions, as well as to raise community awareness of safety issues and community responses to safety. By empowering women to facilitate the identification of and analysis of current safety issues, this project will produce effective and responsive recommendations for a community response based action plan to enhance the safety of low-income and minority women and their families. The goal of this project is to provide women with a leadership role in identifying and responding to safety issues within their communities. Project activities include: outreach; community forums; training; and analysis and development of recommendations.

This project will involve 1560 hours of paid staff time, 125 volunteers, and 120 participants.

Target Group:
Low income and minority women

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
This is a 2 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 39: Northwood Neighbourhood Services
2625 Weston Rd, Bldg. D, 2nd FL, Unit 27, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization serves residents within the area bounded by Islington Avenue, Keeled Street, Finch Avenue and Wilson Avenue. Services include child/parent programs for families of pre-school children, settlement services, seniors support programs and community development programs. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $1,178,986.00. This organization is located in Ward 11 (York South-Weston).

Project Name: From Abuse to Self Sufficiency

The project works to educate and empower abused women by delivering meaningful, relevant workshops, one-on-one counselling and referrals to community service providers when appropriate. The project will use a cook and talk model to engage women to find a common ground and build confidence and trust. Through the process, the project will train a group of women to become mentors to new participants. A resource guide will be developed and available to female victims of abuse and other agencies. This model will also be shared with other community agencies to assist them with their information and referral system. Project activities include cook and talk sessions, workshops, information sessions, referrals, focus groups, survey and a resource guide.

This project will involve 1092 hours of paid staff time, 15 volunteers, and 150 participants.

Target Group:
Isolated and abused women.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
A similar project was supported under 2008 CSI.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 40: Peacebuilders International (Canada)
120 Adelaide Street East, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization works with at-risk youth, their families and communities across the City of Toronto. Services include educational programs on peacebuilding, crisis response, mediation, conflict resolution, training and research. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $393,654.00. This organization is located in ward 28 (Toronto Centre-Rosedale).

Project Name: Peace Circles Project

The project works to use a Circles approach to divert 60 youth who are in conflict with the law. The project seeks to help these youth take responsibility for their actions, make amends and move forward in a positive way. The project educates youth to engage in respectful dialogue, listen attentively, build consensus and make action plans for their future. The project will also focus on building the capacity of communities, especially the 13 priority neighbourhoods to deliver these services in local spaces with their local trained volunteer Circle facilitators. Project activities include volunteer recruitment, training, anger management, conflict resolution, psych-ed assessments and evaluation.

This project will involve 1920 hours of paid staff time, 120 volunteers, and 118 participants.

Target Group:
Youth who are in conflict with law

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
This is a 3 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.
Organization Overview:
The organization promotes the social and economic health of the Black Creek Community in the area bounded by Keeled Street, Highway 400, Steeles Avenue and Sheppard Avenue West. Services include community economic development, entrepreneurship program, community health, legal education forums, youth skills and employment and leadership training. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $378,887.00. This organization is located in Ward 7 (York West).

Project Name:  I Am More
The project works to address the negative, self-limiting and often violent behaviour that stems from youth primary identification with their 'turf'. The project will provide opportunities for street-involved youth to experience positive engagement, strong pro-social role models, a safe neutral meeting space, opportunities for real decision making, and development of an authentic voice through media development. As the program develops, they will gain and express understanding of the broader systemic issues that affect their own lives and the violence in their community. They will see beyond the walls of their own turf and beyond the stereotypes that limit their possibilities. Over three years they will develop and 'publish' their own ways of communicating their experience and their individuality, and contribute significantly to dialogues about the roots of youth violence.
This project will involve 1570 hours of paid staff time, 3 volunteers, and 70 participants.

Target Group:
Youth

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
This is a 3 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.
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Organization # 42: Reh‘Ma Community Services
875 Don Mills Road, Unit 7, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization supports Muslim seniors, their families, women, youth and newcomers through community development and the provision of holistic services. Services include: information and referral, cultural support for seniors, anti-abuse programming, and multi-lingual newcomer services. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $52,145.00. This organization is located in Ward 7 (York West).

Project Name: Shifting The Burdens From Women to Abuser

This project will reach out to Muslim and South Asian women and men from Thorncliffe Park, Flemmingdon Park and Victoria Village and train them as peer educators who focus on raising awareness of women’s experience of coping with domestic abuse. The peer educators will be trained to deliver workshops in the target communities as well as launching a week long domestic abuse campaign highlighting the experience of woman abuse. The goal of this project is to engage Muslim and South Asian communities in informed dialogues and actions to raise awareness on the issue of domestic abuse, with focus on prevention. Activities include: the recruitment and training of peer educators; community workshops; promotional and educational posters; and articles on domestic abuse.

This project will involve 1500 hours of paid staff time, 30 volunteers, and 525 participants.

Target Group:
Muslim and South Asian women and men from Thorncliffe Park, Flemington Park and Victoria Village

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $30,000.00 to support the Shifting The Burdens From Women to Abuser project. The funding is for year 1 of 1 year project.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, volunteer recruitment activities, print resources developed, peer mentor matches, participants, Number and role of volunteers volunteers, partner organizations, evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, samples of tools developed, dissemination of project results, participant evaluation, prevention strategies, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
Organization Overview:
The organization serves residents primarily in the Rexdale area of the City of Toronto. The organization supports and enables its diverse communities to achieve greater wellness and self-sufficiency. Services include primary health care, counselling, educational programs, senior’s program, youth program, community development and community action. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $6,650,760.00. This organization is located in Ward 2 (Etobicoke North).

Project Name: 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 seeks support for a project coordinator 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. Activities include research, planning, training, model development, service planning, toolkit development and evaluation.

Due to personnel changes at the agency, the project started late. 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 in the community to discuss issues, network and share information on programs. In year two, the project will focus on research, document various service models, audit services, and consult youth and service providers. The project will select one model to pilot and develop recommendations for practice guidelines, protocols and system requirements. As a result, an action plan will be developed to improve programs and partnerships in the Rexdale community.

This project will involve 920 hours of paid staff time, 5 volunteers, and 35 participants.

Target Group:
Organizations that serve youth in Jamestown.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Neighbourhoods.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $25,500.00 to support the The Ungana Project project. The funding is for year 2 of 3 year project.

Comments:
The recommended allocation for 2009 includes a 2% funding level adjustment to reflect the CSI Approved Budget which included an increase for COLA. This funding level adjustment has been applied to previously funded CSI multi-year projects.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, sessions, community meetings, staff and volunteers trained, participants, partner organizations, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, the
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model, participant evaluation, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
Organization Overview:
The organization serves the Chinese, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian and Filipino communities across the City of Toronto. Services include supportive counselling, interpretation, information, form filling, educational workshops, and pre-employment services for newcomers, ESL, individual and family counselling, family life education, women and parents groups, seniors drop-in and workshops, youth leadership training, community development and volunteer training, and access to computers, internet and e-mail. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $789,328.00. This organization is located in Ward 28 (Toronto Centre-Rosedale).

Project Name: Women Violence Prevention Education by Drama (Filipino community)

The project works to raise awareness among the Filipino population about violence against women and its prevention. The community development model will involve all stakeholders through outreach, consultation, focus group meetings, and community events. The project also uses drama as a means of teaching which is popular in social, educational, and commercial fields. It is used to expand learner's awareness, to enable them to look at reality through fantasy and look below the surface of actions for meanings. The production of the drama will help promote women violence prevention and build community capacity. Project activities include focus group meetings, research, volunteer recruitment, drama production and performances.

This project will involve 728 hours of paid staff time, 20 volunteers, and 55 participants.

Target Group: Filipino women.

CSI Priorities: The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation: The organization is not recommended for funding.
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Organization # 45: San Romanoway Revitalization Association
10 San Romanoway, Ground Floor, North Wing, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization works with residents and local businesses of the San Romanoway and surrounding community to revitalize the neighbourhood and create a sense of belonging by building a safer environment. Services include youth anti-violence/anti-substance abuse program, youth employment and training, breakfast and after-school program, mentoring for children and youth, summer day camp, March break camp, and advocacy. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $925,050.00. This organization is located in Ward 8 (York West).

Project Name: Healthy Relationships, Healthy Choices

The project works to provide support to pregnant and parenting teenagers who are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing relationship violence. The program will be offered twice a week. The self-support group will promote safety and provide information that will increase the knowledge of risk factors, and also focus on life skills issues such as stress, healthy relationships, family violence and self-esteem. All components of this project will operate from a violence prevention model. Activities include violence prevention activities for teen mothers with a focus on life-skills development and positive alternative life choices. An advisory committee made up of up to five teen moms will meet bi-monthly to help set the direction of the project and to develop their leadership skills. The project will assist the young mothers to return to school or to acquire job skills and job training to ensure they have choices in their lives.

In year one, the project established an advisory committee, drafted its terms of reference and trained its participants. It added an evening positive parenting/anger management and educational component to the project. Twelve of the participants returned to school to complete their grade 12, and four of those had completed all required credits and had applied to college for September 2008. In year two, the project continued to work with pregnant and parenting teenagers who were at risk and were experiencing violence in their relationships; provide the supports needed to enhance participants' lives and those of their children, including twice weekly groups focused on life skills, poverty, educational goals marginalization and unemployment, individual counselling and educational workshops. As a result, a self support group of mothers and a fathers group was established.

In year three the project will work with the self-support group twice weekly. The self-support group will promote safety and provide information that increases the knowledge of risk factors which may influence pre and post natal health for babies and mothers as it relates to violence. The self support group will also focus on life skills issues such as stress, healthy relationships, family violence and self-esteem issues. The fathers group will focus on parenting skills and developing a positive relationship with the child's mother. The outreach component of this project will consist of a part time worker who will contact and support isolated pregnant and parenting teenagers who are at risk of violence and provide them with referrals and support.

This project will involve 1820 hours of paid staff time, 3 volunteers, and 117 participants.

Target Group:
Pregnant and parenting teenagers who are experiencing or a risk of experiencing relationship violence.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $29,580.00 to support the Healthy Relationships, Healthy Choices project. The funding is for year 3 of 3 year project.

Comments:
The recommended allocation for 2009 includes a 2% funding level adjustment to reflect the CSI Approved
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Budget which included an increase for COLA. This funding level adjustment has been applied to previously funded CSI multi-year projects.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, outreach activities, training sessions, groups and other activities, participants, parents involved, evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, the outreach strategy, participant evaluation, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
Organization # 46: Scarborough Access Centre (SAC)
Scarborough Access Centre, c/o Scarborough Women's Centre, 2100 Ellesmere Road, Suite 245, Scarborough

Organization Overview:
The organization serves women and their children in the Scarborough area. It is the result of a partnership with a variety of community and social services and will provide access to numerous supports in a single location. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $30,000.00. The organization is located in Ward 38 (Scarborough Centre).

Project Name: A Family Violence Project

This project works to promote safety and to empower women and children fleeing domestic violence by creating an effective and efficient coordinated 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 drop-in. 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 unable to commit a staff person to the 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 2 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 include ongoing community outreach and partnership building, the development of a service delivery plan, centre launch and starting operations and, ongoing sustainability planning.

This project will involve 21 hours of paid staff time, 4 volunteers, and 15 participants.

Target Group:
Women and children fleeing domestic violence in the former city of Scarborough.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $30,600.00 to support the A Family Violence Project project. The funding is for year 2 of 3 year project.

Comments:
The recommended allocation for 2009 includes a 2% funding level adjustment to reflect the CSI Approved Budget which included an increase for COLA. This funding level adjustment has been applied to previously funded CSI multi-year projects.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of sessions, outreach activities, print resources developed, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, options for ongoing delivery of project activities, the model, the outreach strategy, participant evaluation, prevention strategies, and other supporting documents.
Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
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Organization # 47: Scarborough Housing Help Centre
2500 Lawrence Avenue E, Unit 205, Scarborough

Organization Overview:
The organization serves people facing homelessness issues in the Scarborough area. Services include Housing Help program, Streets to Home program, a drop-in, landlords database, rent bank, workshops and community education. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $539,972.00. The organization is located in Ward 37 (Scarborough Centre).

Project Name: From Denial to Dignity
The project works to provide education and empowerment to victims of domestic violence through information and counselling in order to help them access income security and housing services. Focus groups among South Asian women survivors of domestic violence reveal that the main reason for many women choosing to remain in an abusive situation is because of their lack of access to income security and housing services. Women registered in the program will go through 10 intensive group sessions that are designed specifically to meet their needs and to increase their knowledge in healing and as a result, lead to independent lives. Sessions would be held once a week. The goal of this project is to rebuild their future through improved access to financial resources, housing and empowerment activities. Project activities include flyers, information dissemination, volunteer recruitment and training, a 10-week course, information on shelter systems and support groups. Project partners include South Asian Women's Centre.

This project will involve 1820 hours of paid staff time, 20 volunteers, and 900 participants.

Target Group:
South Asian women at risk of domestic violence in high priority neighbourhoods in Scarborough.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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The organization is not recommended for funding.
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Organization # 48:  Scarborough Women's Centre
2100 Ellesmere Road, Suite 245, Scarborough

Organization Overview:
The organization serves women in Scarborough. The organization provides information and referral, educational courses and workshops, volunteer support for women leaving abusive situations, employment preparation, outreach to pre/postnatal abused women, and outreach to abused women who care for children with disabilities. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $353,043.00. This organization is located in Ward 38 (Scarborough Centre).

Project Name:  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 will consist of providing educational workshops covering topics on violence, self-esteem, and healthy relationships both at the program location at 6 high schools in Scarborough as well as 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.

This project will involve 1170 hours of paid staff time, 20 volunteers, and 260 participants.

Target Group:
Young women in Scarborough

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $30,000.00 to support the Building Strong Futures: The Young Women's Outreach Project project. The funding is for year 1 of 2 year project.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, outreach activities, print resources developed, participants, partner organizations, evidence of increased skills for the participants, development and testing of training model, samples of tools developed, the model, participant evaluation, prevention strategies, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
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Organization # 49: Serve Canada Youth Service Organization
543 Queen Street East, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization provides opportunities for youth to develop leadership and teamwork skills through community involvement, education and training. It offers a nine month, full-time experiential learning program for diverse youth 17-24 to work in teams to provide volunteer service to community organizations, and a summer pilot program following the same model. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $630,241.00. This organization is located in Ward 28 (Toronto Centre-Rosedale).

Project Name: Take Care, Take Action

This project works to recruit sixteen diverse youth participants from various areas of the city and its priority neighbourhoods. This project will engage youth participants in an experiential learning and community development model, project-specific training, skills building, public education and violence prevention activities. Project participants will develop and utilize creative public service announcements (i.e. for Toronto Transit Commission routes and stations), printed material (i.e. in the Metro newspaper, TTC material, for nightclubs), media tools and presentations (broadcasts, YouTube video, social networking sites) to reach over 514, 640 youth and community members. The goals of the project include: to promote positive problem/dispute resolution and community safety; increase public awareness about the dangers of escalated anger/aggression; and connect distressed individuals to resources to prevent unsafe incidents, confrontations, and community violence in public spaces. Project activities include develop partnership with TTC, develop PSA for TTC media screens, develop outreach materials on TTC vehicles, identify spaces, approach various clubs and forge partnerships, press conference, training and community outreach.

This project will involve 1200 hours of paid staff time, 6 volunteers, and 123 participants.

Target Group: Children and youth between ages 13-24

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.
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Organization # 50: Shakespeare in Action
109 Gore Vale Avenue, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization is a multi-racial theatre company that aspires to enhance the arts and education through exploring and performing Shakespeare's plays. It is dedicated to fostering literacy, enhancing creativity, and promoting speech arts by making Shakespeare accessible and relevant to young audiences, their families and their communities. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $245,436.00. This organization is located in Ward 19 (Trinity-Spadina).

Project Name: Shakespeare Fight Club

This project works to stem the cycle of violence involving at risk young people in Jane/Finch. It will help youth find a positive cultural place in their communities by empowering them to understand the effects of conflict and violence and learn to mitigate conflict and violent situations through communication, respect and creativity. The goal of this project is to give a voice to youth by blending classical stage techniques with art forms that commonly form the basis of a urban youth culture, empowering participants by giving them a sense of ownership over their creative work and by making Shakespeare and the outcomes of violence in his works, accessible and relevant to their everyday experience. Project activities include: outreach; training; creation and rehearsal of a stage production; personal counselling; and mentorship. Over six weeks of rigorous training in stage combat and Shakespeare scene work, urban art forms such as break-dancing will be combined with classical performance techniques to provide a new perspective on the violence that affects youth. Through taking part in the project, youth learn self confidence, discipline and social and relationship skills that they can employ in everyday situations.

This project will involve 750 hours of paid staff time, 5 volunteers, and 24 participants.

Target Group:
Youth living in Jane/Finch

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
This is a 1 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.
Organization # 51: Somali Immigrant Aid Organization (Toronto)
1778 Weston Road, Suite 105, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization serves Somali immigrants in the former York. Services include ESL with child-care, an anti-racism program for youth, settlement and adaptation and integration services, social support, workshops, health and cultural issues, and volunteer co-ordination. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $648,171.00. This organization is located in Ward 11 (York South-Weston).

Project Name: Stop it Before it Starts

This project works to equip immigrant and refugee youth with the knowledge and confidence to prevent and address the issues of violence in the former City of York through community development as well as greater integration into the mainstream community for at risk, socially isolated and vulnerable participants. This project will address the barriers the youth face and provide them with opportunities to become engaged in the public life of their neighbourhood and city. The goal of this project is to divert high risk youth away from violence and crime in order to lead more productive and positive lives. Project activities include: outreach; workshops; mentorship opportunities and youth leadership development.

This project will involve 2340 hours of paid staff time, 10 volunteers, and 850 participants.

Target Group:
Immigrant and refugee youth

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 52: Somali Youth Association of Toronto (SOYAT)
2304 Islington Avenue, Suite 101, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization serves the Somali community, primarily youth and their families in the City of Toronto, with the majority of the youth served being from the Central and Western part of the city. The organization provides heritage classes, settlement and education counselling, youth employment and career counselling, homework clubs, summer camp, annual summer convention and recreation activities. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $240,071.00. This organization is located in Ward 2 (Etobicoke North).

Project Name: 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 project will hire a full-time coordinator who will organize extensive weekly presentations and relevant guest speakers as well as provide individual counselling if requested. In 2008, the organization was successful in delivering a similar program in partnership with the John Howard Society of Toronto. During that partnership SOYAT provided Anger Management training, Domestic Assault and life on the inside workshops on a rotating basis. The result proved to be very successful and was very well received by the recipients. The goal of the project is to deliver the same type of training in a youth led and culturally appropriate manner that focuses on Somali youth who access SOYAT’s and the “Your Roads to Success” programs. Project activities include workshops, groups, training, referrals and counselling.

This project will involve 1820 hours of paid staff time, 20 volunteers, and 40 participants.

Target Group:
Somali youth.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $30,600.00 to support the Youth Solutions to Youth Issues project. The funding is for year 1 of 2 year project.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, training sessions, groups and other activities, youth leaders trained, participants, Number and role of volunteers volunteers, partner organizations, evidence of increased skills for the participants, the outreach strategy, participant evaluation, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 53: St. Stephen's Community House
260 Augusta Ave, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization primarily serves the residents living in the area bounded by Spadina Avenue, Roncesvalles Avenue, St. Clair Avenue and Lakeshore Boulevard. Services include child care, recreation programs, youth and seniors programs, newsletter, client intervention, refugee and immigrant services, youth employment center, day camp, ESL, community capacity building and conflict resolution. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $10,853,614.00. This organization is located in Ward 20 (Trinity-Spadina).

Project Name: Uprooting Hate and Violence from the Ground Up Project

Building on the existing partnership with local resident groups, Toronto District School Board, and community organizations of the agency, this project works to expand on recent anti-violence initiatives to include an intensive training component that engages youth, community leaders and frontline staff. With the assistance of two Peer Mentors, the project will train over 40 youth aged 15-21 who are involved in the criminal justice system and marginalized by race and poverty. This project will emphasize anti-oppression and examining violence as it intersects with systemic racism, sexism, territorialism, and poverty. The training will focus on developing the capacity of youth to resist violence by examining systemic and root causes of community violence. The project will also explore realistic and tangible alternatives to violence and share violence prevention messaging with other local youth programs and groups, including 20 summer camp counsellors working with children in surrounding agencies. Participants will design anti-violence posters for community centers, recreation centers, summer camp programs, and schools with a unified anti-violence message. Project activities include research, develop curriculum, community outreach, workshops, training, design a poster and public campaign.

This project will involve 832 hours of paid staff time, 5 volunteers, and 60 participants.

Target Group:
40 youth aged 15-21 who are involved in the criminal justice system and marginalized by race and poverty.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.
Organization Overview:
The organization provides a community-based approach to addressing the physical, emotional and mental needs of those who are homeless, poor and socially marginalized. Services include street outreach, nursing clinics, ID replacement/storage, HIV/AIDS prevention and harm reduction, mental health supports, Hepatitis C supports and research activities. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $1,947,939.00. This organization is located in Ward 28 (Toronto Centre-Rosedale).

Project Name: 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 will provide peer training and educational components that will 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.

This project will involve 468 hours of paid staff time, 0 volunteers, and 10 participants.

Target Group:
Sex workers in the south east end of downtown Toronto

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $30,000.00 to support the Safer Stroll Project project. The funding is for year 1 of 3 year project.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, outreach activities, print resources developed, training sessions, participants, evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, samples of tools developed, the outreach strategy, prevention strategies, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 55: Touchstone Youth Centre
1076 Pape Ave., Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization primarily serves city wide homeless youth in crisis by providing a safe supportive shelter. Services include employment program, housing program, outreach program, food and garment bank, counselling and referrals. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $1,186,530.00. This organization is located in Ward 29 (Toronto-Danforth).

Project Name: Peer Violence Prevention Program

The project works to train a youth peer group to work with youth and address issues of violence amongst their peers. Training will be provided to the youth peer group on identifying anger styles, conflict styles and behaviour patterns. The youth will be trained on how to identify, address, and prevent issues of violence from developing or escalating. Various aspects of violence will be covered during training that include issues of violence, defining violence, violence within the shelter system, violence as it relates to the community, violence to self and violence to others. The project seeks to develop a peer mediation module in the shelter to mediate conflicts between residents. Peer mediators will prepare to deal with verbal and physical abuse in addition to issues of communications as it relates to the individual and the shelter as a whole. Goals of the project are to train a peer group of youth with the capacity to identify and address issues of violence and develop and implement a system of practices that addresses violence in youth shelters. Project activities include youth peer recruitment, surveys, workshops, training, documentation and manual development.

This project will involve 312 hours of paid staff time, 15 volunteers, and 600 participants.

Target Group: Youth in the shelter system.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.
Organization # 56:  Vietnamese Women’s Association of Toronto
1756 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization serves Vietnamese women and their families from across the City of Toronto. Activities include settlement and integration support for newcomers, information, referral, informal counselling, education workshops, women’s day events, social and cultural activities, recreation activities and supports for women experiencing violence/abuse. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $348,900.00. This organization is located in Ward 14 (Parkdale-High Park).

Project Name: Reach Out Against Domestic Violence: Southeast Asian Women Peer Leadership Training

The project works to prevent violence in hard-to-reach ethno-cultural and newcomer communities through a Peer Leadership model using existing community resources developed by KCWA Family and Social Services. The training manual will be for the Vietnamese community and the organization will train a total of 150 Peer Leaders in Creative Expression workshops with the expectation that these Peer Leaders will go out to speak about domestic violence prevention with their network of family, friends and neighbours. The project goal is to fill a gap in the available services by creating awareness and change in the attitudes of the communities of family, friends and neighbours that survivors of domestic violence live within. The project will share the model with other ethno-specific agencies such as Canadian Cambodian Association of Ontario, South Asian Family Support Services and Tamil Eelam Society of Canada. The Peer Trainer will outreach to these organizations at the end of the project to share their experiences and invite them to adopt the model for practice within their communities. Project activities include volunteers recruitment, training, presentations, manual development, community outreach and evaluation. The project partner is (KCWA) Family and Social Services.

This project will involve 1092 hours of paid staff time, 15 volunteers, and 150 participants.

Target Group: Hard-to-reach ethno-cultural and newcomer communities

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Immigrants and refugees.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $25,000.00 to support the Reach Out Against Domestic Violence: Southeast Asian Women Peer Leadership Training project. The funding is for year 1 of 1 year project.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, print resources developed, training sessions, Number and role of volunteers volunteers, partner organizations, evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, samples of tools developed, the outreach strategy, participant evaluation, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 57:  Warden Woods Community Centre
74 Fir Valley Court, Scarborough

Organization Overview:
The organization serves residents in southwest Scarborough. Services include social-recreational activities, family support, education and training, settlement services, services for seniors, a nursery school, a parent-child drop-in and supportive housing. The organization reported a 2008 operating budget of $2,743,473.00. This organization is located in Ward 35 (Scarborough Southwest).

Project Name:  Youth Peace Through Conflict Resolution
The project works to train youth from local secondary schools to be conflict mediators. Each trained youth would act as peer mediator for others who are experiencing conflict in their lives. Youth will develop an alternative method to resolve conflict and improve interpersonal relationships. Youth will have a positive support system of peer mediators, reflective of the diverse community, who can assist them with resolving their issues in a non-violent, cooperative manner. The project goal is to provide alternative justice and conflict resolution opportunities that will promote positive, healthy relationships and community. Project activities include mediator recruitment, training, mediations, workshops, community focus group, create project resources and evaluation.

This project will involve 1925 hours of paid staff time, 20 volunteers, and 80 participants.

Target Group:
Youth from local schools.

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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Recommendation:
The organization is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
This is a 1 year project request. The organization demonstrated that the project fits the CSI goals, priority areas and funding criteria. The total funds available were insufficient to address all projects that demonstrated their fit with CSI.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 58:  Women’s Health in Women’s Hands
2 Carlton Street, Suite 500
Suite 500, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization is a participatory community health centre serving black women and women of colour in Toronto and surrounding municipalities. Priority is given to women from Africa, the Caribbean, South Asia and Latin America. Services include clinical health services, nutrition, pre and post natal, counselling, health promotion and advocacy. The organization did not provide a 2008 budget. This organization is located in Ward 27 (Toronto Centre-Rosedale).

Project Name:  Our Community 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 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 2 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 include ongoing development of the model of service delivery, piloting the model in 6 priority neighbourhoods, and completion and dissemination of the think tank report.

This project will involve 2080 hours of paid staff time, 2 volunteers, and 180 participants.

Target Group:
Racialized women and youth (aged 13 to 65) experiencing violence

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Women and girls.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $30,600.00 to support the Our Community Our Safety: Racialized Women and Youth Against Violence project. The funding is for year 2 of 3 year project.

Comments:
The recommended allocation for 2009 includes a 2% funding level adjustment to reflect the CSI Approved Budget which included an increase for COLA. This funding level adjustment has been applied to previously funded CSI multi-year projects.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, the number of workshops, sessions, outreach activities, community meetings, staff and volunteers trained, participants, partner organizations, evidence of increased skills for the participants, evidence of increased capacity for the focus community, the outreach strategy, participant evaluation, and other supporting documents.

Funding Period:
The funding is to be used during the period from July 01, 2009 to June 30, 2010.
2009 Community Safety Investment (CSI)

Organization # 59:  Youth Employment Service  
555 Richmond Street West, Suite 711, Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization provides support to unemployed, disadvantaged and vulnerable youth from 15-29 years of age. It assists youth in finding jobs, training opportunities or in returning to school. Services offered include employment counselling, training, job placement services, business skills training, and research. The organization did not provide a recent operating budget. This organization is located in Ward 20 (Trinity-Spadina).

Project Name:  Empowering Youth to Empower Seniors (eYES) - Dialogue Towards Safety

This project works to provide an intergenerational computer training project whereby youth are trained to teach seniors how to use computers and navigate the internet. Additionally, the project will be incorporating a community-based participatory research component entitled Dialogue Towards Safety. This component invites youth and senior participants to engage in a series of dialogues on violence prevention and safety issues in their neighbourhood which will be summarized in a report with policy recommendations and presented broadly. The goal of this project is to address the estrangement and conflict between intergenerational residents in Weston-Mount Dennis, and to give residents an opportunity to have their voices heard and make an impact on safety in their community. Project activities include: outreach; computer training; mentorship/teaching; and preliminary research activities.

This project will involve 2080 hours of paid staff time, 10 volunteers, and 320 participants.

Target Group:
Youth and seniors residing in Weston- Mount Dennis

CSI Priorities:
The project addresses the CSI priority: Children and youth.

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