



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Service Development Investment Program (SDIP) 2011 Allocation Recommendations

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From:	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance & Administration
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SUMMARY

This report recommends that \$407,840.00 be allocated to 11 organizations for capacity development activities within priority neighbourhood areas.

The Service Development Investment Program (SDIP) provides multi-year project funding to support coalitions and not-for-profit organizations develop a community's capacity to understand local issues and build effective responses and partnerships. SDIP is a unique funding program, offering opportunities for non-traditional groups and organizations that may be high risk due to lack of a track record. The particular focus is on developing capacity within priority neighbourhood areas for initiating local responses, and for projects that support service stabilization for priority neighbourhoods.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council approve the 2011 Service Development Investment Program allocations totalling \$407,840.00 to 11 organizations as described in Appendices A and B of this report.

Financial Impact

This report recommends that the Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) 2011 Approved Operating Budget of \$407,840.00 for the Service Development Investment Program (SDIP) be allocated as per Appendices A and B.

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

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Priority neighbourhood areas were designated by the City of Toronto to identify communities in need of investment for social infrastructure and services. The SDIP program works to increase priority neighbourhood's access to public resources, including effective and proactive community-based organizations.

DECISION HISTORY

Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) budgets are provided for specific program purposes and Service Development Investment Program (SDIP) recommendations are presented to City Council for approval on an annual basis. The funding is provided under the general authority for making municipal grants provided in Section 83 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 (S.O. 2006, c11).

In December, 2008 City Council approved the report "CPIP 2008 Community Services Funding Allocations and Program Update" including information on consultations related to future directions and administrative options for SDIP.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/reports/2008-11-14-cd20-cr.pdf>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Council has identified 13 priority neighbourhood areas where investment is required to build local capacity for partnerships that can build and sustain service infrastructure. The Service Development Investment Program was established to address this need through funding that supports the organizational capacity of coalitions and not-for-profit organizations and service stabilization opportunities for organizations serving in priority neighbourhoods.

COMMENTS

Service Development is used to describe activities that build organization capacity to meet community needs by supporting existing organizations or through broader

community development. Support for organizations will strengthen capacity for effective governance, organization management, volunteer training and development, responsiveness of programs and services, and accountability to funders. Support for community development activities will strengthen community engagement, community problem solving, access to services and service planning. Service stabilization responds to an identified need for developmental support for youth-led and youth-focused organizations with proven program activities in priority neighbourhoods.

The Service Development Investment Program (SDIP) provides funding opportunities to increase the capacity of not-for-profit organizations in high needs, under-served communities to effectively respond to community needs and to develop a better coordinated response and involve residents in contributions to improve conditions. Between 2005 and 2010, the SDIP program funded community capacity building and organizational development activities in 12 of the 13 priority neighbourhoods. In 2011, outreach efforts prioritized projects in Kingston-Galloway/Orton Park, the one priority neighbourhood not previously funded. This report includes a recommendation for funding to this neighbourhood, bringing SDIP resources into all 13 of the priority neighbourhood areas.

In 2010, two coalitions initiated through SDIP funding moved to the Community Service Partnerships program (CSP) as programs of other organizations.

Allocation recommendations:

The allocation recommendations for 2011 are included in Appendix A, which lists all applicants and their requested project amounts. Project descriptions for each organization are provided in Appendix B, including priority neighbourhoods to be served by the projects. Because of the limited overall size of the budget and the number of returning multi-year applicants, no appeals fund has been set aside.

A targeted call undertaken through Community Development staff working within priority neighbourhood areas identified two new applicants. The new applications are from 1) a coalition focused on building effective responses to local issues in Jane/Finch and 2) a developing organization providing youth services in Kingston-Galloway/Orton Park. This report recommends 2011 funding for each of these two new applicants, as well as nine returning applicants who are part way through a multi-year project plan.

Two of the returning organizations are recommended for support to address the SDIP mandate for service stabilization projects and one project is focused on building the capacity of youth service providers across the priority neighbourhoods. The nine returning SDIP projects will continue to be supported according to their multi-year plans. Of the returning organizations, one is in its second year of funding, six are in their third year of funding and two allocations are for six months funding to complete their third year of funding due to the financial year change for SDIP in 2009. These two organizations have progressed and are being recommended for another six months of funding to plan towards sustainability.

Recommended projects for 2011 include two that work in multiple priority neighbourhoods and nine that focus on addressing needs in the following nine priority neighbourhoods: Crescent Town; Flemingdon Park; Jamestown; Jane Finch; Kingston-Galloway/Orton Park; Lawrence Heights; Steeles-L'Amoreaux; Westminster-Branson; and Weston-Mount Dennis. Two of the returning organizations are recommended for support to address the mandate for service stabilization projects and one project is focused on building the capacity of youth service providers across the priority neighbourhoods.

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Appendix A: 2011 Service Development Investment Program Allocation
Recommendations
Appendix B: 2011 Service Development Investment Program Project Descriptions

Appendix A
2011 Service Development Investment Program
Allocation Recommendations

<u>No.</u>	<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>2010 Allocation</u>	<u>2011 Amount Requested</u>	<u>2011 Recommended Allocation</u>
1	Bathurst-Finch Network	\$26,580.00	\$49,600.00	\$40,000.00
2	Crescent Town Youth Services Network	\$41,620.00	\$41,620.00	\$40,000.00
3	Firgrove Community Learning Centre	n/a	\$45,000.00	\$20,840.00
4	Frontline Partners with Youth Network (FPYN)	\$41,000.00	\$53,666.00	\$41,000.00
5	Lawrence Heights Inter-Organization Network (LHION)	\$41,000.00	\$49,948.00	\$41,000.00
6	Neighbourhood Basketball Association	n/a	\$45,570.00	\$21,000.00
7	ProTech Media Centre	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00
8	The Remix Project	\$41,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$41,000.00
19	Steeles - L' Amoureux Youth Empowerment Network	\$41,620.00	\$51,000.00	\$40,000.00
10	York Youth Coalition	\$41,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$41,000.00
11	Youth Services Network	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00
Total:		\$355,820.00	\$505,404.00	\$407,840.00

Appendix B

Service Development Investment Program (SDIP) 2011 Allocation Recommendations

Detailed Organization Recommendations – Summary Sheets

Organization #1: Bathurst-Finch Network

Address: c/o 12 Flemington Rd

Trustee: New Heights Community Health Centre

Organization Overview:

This network works to strengthen and broaden the connections between community members and to build the capacity of residents to create positive change in the Westminster-Branson neighbourhood. This is a multi-sectoral group of organizations, institutions, municipal services and individuals.

Project Name: Strong BFN

This project works to provide a coordinated approach to addressing community issues in Westminster-Branson. The project supports the development of information tools; the coordination of network meetings, events and initiatives; the development of governance tools and operating structure; the facilitation of information sharing; and project workplan/evaluation, development and implementation. Activities include: evaluation, revision and improvement of network structure; strategic planning; outreach, partnership development and enhancement; stakeholder meetings; development of administrative and communication protocols and systems; website development; meetings and trainings; and event activity delivery. Partners in the network include: New Heights Community Health Centres; Family Service Toronto; North York Community House; Griffin Centre, Jewish Family and Child; Toronto Public Library; JVS Toronto; and City of Toronto - Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Priority Neighbourhood Area: Westminster-Branson

SDIP Goals and Priorities:

The project supports coordination of community development to respond to identified community issues in the high needs, under-served Westminster-Branson priority neighbourhood.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2011 SDIP AMOUNT REQUESTED	2011 SDIP RECOMMENDED
\$80,000.00	\$30,400.00	\$49,600.00	\$40,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for \$40,000.00 to support the project "Strong BFN". The funding is for year two of a three year project.

Funding Period:

The funding is to be used during the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Organization #2: Crescent Town Youth Services Network

Address: c/o 355 Church Street

Trustee: Family Service Toronto

Organization Overview:

The Crescent Town Youth Services Network (CT-YSN) formed to coordinate the services provided by youth service workers from community agencies, with the goal of enhancing existing partnerships and building new ones. This collaboration and coordination of resources supports youth engagement, capacity building, leadership development and employment and educational opportunities for youth in Crescent Town.

Project Name: Strengthening Our Capacity and Outcomes

This project builds on the skills that youth service workers and youth members of the network have been developing by engaging youth who are a part of the Crescent Town community. This project aims to build the capacity of agencies, grassroots organizations, faith groups, interested individuals, and youth leaders by empowering youth from the community to participate in the Crescent Town community network. Partners in the coalition include: City of Toronto (Parks, Forestry and Recreation, Public Health, Toronto Public Library), Children’s Peace Theatre, Neighborhood Link/Senior Link, YouthLink, The Young Diplomats, The Sisterhood, The Rites of Passage, The Peace, Life and Struggle DVD Project, The Drew Crew, the Diverse Youth Advisory Council and the HEYY Line.

Priority Neighbourhood Area: The priority neighborhood of Crescent Town

SDIP Goals and Priorities:

The project supports coordination of community development to respond to identified community issues in the high needs, under-served Crescent Town priority neighbourhood.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2011 SDIP AMOUNT REQUESTED	2011 SDIP RECOMMENDED
\$189,559.00	\$147,939.00	\$41,620.00	\$41,620.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for \$41,620.00 to support the “Crescent Town Youth Services Network (CT-YSN) Strengthening Our Capacity and Outcomes” project. The funding is for year three of a three year project.

Funding Period:

The funding is to be used during the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Comment:

The project is funded for a 6 month period, to complete year three, due to a funding year change for SDIP in 2009. The organization is recommended for another 6 months to plan towards sustainability.

Organization #3: Firgrove Community Learning Centre

Address: c/o 95 Eddystone Ave, Unit 2

Trustee: PEACH – Promoting Education and Community Health

Organization Overview:

This centre was established as a collaborative project between Toronto Community Housing, Firgrove Residents in the Jane/Finch community, and local organizations and institutions that work in the community. The centre acts as a local gathering place and its activities include recreational programming, special events, trainings, community gatherings, and learning activities.

Project Name:

This project works to strengthen the capacity and effectiveness of neighborhood governance structures, to increase resident participation in the community, and to facilitate the empowerment of residents. Activities include: increasing and strengthening resident participation and leadership in the centre and its advisory/committees; workshops; recreational and social activities for residents; exploration of funding opportunities building the skills of the advisory committee; building relationships with potential donors; and sustainability planning. Partners in the network include: Promoting Education and Community Health (PEACH), Firgrove Tenant Association, Jane Finch Community Ministry, Toronto Community Housing, Toronto District School Board (TDSB), St Albans Boys and Girls Club, and Jane Finch Community and Family Centre.

Priority Neighbourhood Area: Jane/Finch priority neighbourhood

SDIP Goals and Priorities:

The project supports coordination of community development to respond to identified community issues in the high needs, under-served Jane/Finch priority neighbourhood.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2011 SDIP AMOUNT REQUESTED	2011 SDIP RECOMMENDED
\$82,773.00	\$37,773.00	\$45,000.00	\$20,840.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for \$20,840.00 to support the “Firgrove Community Learning Centre” project. The funding is for year one of a three year project.

Funding Period:

The funding is to be used during the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Organization #4: Frontline Partners with Youth Network (FPYN)

Address: 215 Spadina Ave, Suite 120

Trustee: Tides Canada Initiatives

Organization Overview:

This network was developed in December 2005 to address the needs of frontline youth workers dealing with the effects of gun violence. The network is made up of people working directly with youth across sectors and across Toronto and provides support to address situations arising from their work that are not adequately addressed by their formal employment supports systems.

Project Name: Developing FPYN Infrastructure

This project strengthens the FPYN's core in order to support the activities, development and sustainability of the network. The objectives of this project will be met through training the group members to develop an operational plan and work plan in order to strengthen FPYN's governance structure, policies and procedures, strategic plan, financial management capacity, public profile and overall network sustainability. Activities include: internal policy development, improve governance structure, evaluation, training, operational and work plan development, policy and procedure development, financial management training, sustainability strategy development, and outreach/public relations development. Project partners include youth worker organizations, Centre for Social Innovation, and Tides Canada Initiatives.

Priority Neighbourhood Area: This project works city-wide, including all 13 priority neighborhoods

SDIP Goals and Priorities:

The project supports coordination of community development to respond to identified community issues in high needs, under-served communities.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2011 SDIP AMOUNT REQUESTED	2011 SDIP RECOMMENDED
\$77,000.00	\$23,334.00	\$53,666.00	\$41,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for \$41,000.00 to support the "Developing FPYN Infrastructure" project. The funding is for year three of a three year project.

Funding Period:

The funding is to be used during the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Organization #5: Lawrence Heights Inter-Organization Network (LHION)

Address: 12 Flemington Rd

Trustee: New Heights Community Health Centre

Organization Overview:

This coalition works to strengthen the Lawrence Heights, Lotherton Pathway and Neptune communities by facilitating the ongoing implementation and management of LHION and its activities. This is a multi-sectoral group of individuals and agencies formed to strengthen services in the community.

Project Name: Strong LHION

This project works to strengthen the capacity and effectiveness of neighborhood governance structures, to increase resident participation in the community, and to facilitate the empowerment of residents. LHION consists of a steering committee and workgroups. Activities include: strengthening LHION's links in the community; ongoing organizational structure development; organizational development and capacity building workshops; community engagement activities; and sustainability planning. Partners in the network include: New Heights Community Health Centre; North York Community House; Family Service Toronto; Career Foundation; North York Harvest Food Bank; Frontier College; Pathways to Education; African Food Basket.

Priority Neighbourhood Area: Lawrence Heights

SDIP Goals and Priorities:

The project supports coordination of community development to respond to community issues in the high needs, under-served Lawrence Heights priority neighbourhood.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2011 SDIP AMOUNT REQUESTED	2011 SDIP RECOMMENDED
\$199,948.00	\$150,000.00	\$49,948.00	\$41,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for \$41,000.00 to support the "Strong LHION" project. The funding is for year three of a three year project.

Funding Period:

The funding is to be used during the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Organization #6: Neighbourhood Basketball Association

Address: c/o 4117 Lawrence Avenue East

Trustee: Youth Action Network

Organization Overview:

The organization works in the Kingston-Galloway community and offers youth free and accessible services and programming both after school and on Saturdays. Programming addresses youth needs in the community and participation outcomes include healthier behaviour, increased academic engagement, and employment.

Project Name:

This project works to strengthen the capacity of the organization and improve its ability to respond to the needs of high risk youth in the Kingston-Galloway community. Activities include: strategic planning, staff/volunteer skill development, partnership building, implementing a public relations strategy, website development, and resource development. Partners in the network include: Youth Action Network, Youth Association for Athletics, Academics and Character Education, TCDSB and TDSB.

Priority Neighbourhood Area: Kingston Galloway

SDIP Goals and Priorities:

The project builds organizational capacity in a high needs under-served community to work with other community partners to respond to local needs.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2011 SDIP AMOUNT REQUESTED	2011 SDIP RECOMMENDED
\$45,570.00	\$45,570.00	\$45,570.00	\$21,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for \$21,000.00 to support the “Neighbourhood Basketball Association” project. The funding is for year one of a three year project.

Funding Period:

The funding is to be used during the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Organization #7: ProTech Media Centre - Rexdale

Address: 1620 Albion Road

Trustee: Community MicroSkills Development Centre

Organization Overview:

This centre was established in July 2007 and was designed to create a unique space where youth can build skills and develop confidence. The Rexdale site of the organization was the first operational location, and works to expand and enhance meaningful opportunities for African-Canadian and other racialized youth in areas of employment, education, training, mentorship and engagement. ProTech offers a state of the art facility designed by youth for youth and will eventually be expanded to four sites.

Project Name: ProTech - Rexdale

This project will engage at risk youth in the Rexdale neighbourhood through a media arts program while encouraging them to further develop their skills through access to technology. The project aims to create social and economic opportunities to effect change both in the lives of individuals and in the community. The project uses digital arts to capture the creative interests of youth in the community and then introduces them to potential careers in technology-related fields while also providing access to technical skills that prepare them for the job market. Project activities include training in new media, digital photography, website design, video creation and classical arts workshops. Project partners include: Community MicroSkills Development Centre; Humber College; Microsoft; City of Toronto; Humber Students Federation; Arts Etobicoke; and Renewed Computer Technology.

Priority Neighbourhood Area: The priority neighborhood of Jamestown/Rexdale.

SDIP Goals and Priorities: Service stabilization

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2011 SDIP AMOUNT REQUESTED	2011 SDIP RECOMMENDED
\$204,052.00	\$163,052.00	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for \$41,000.00 to support the “ProTech” project. The funding is for year three of a three year project.

Funding Period:

The funding is to be used during the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Organization #8: The Remix Project

Address: 2 Pardee Avenue

Organization Overview:

The organization was founded in 2005, and developed from the I.C. Visions project. The organization is a youth-led, urban arts organization focused on the individual while building a strong and healthy community. It is dedicated to creating social change and works with at-risk youth through a variety of medium including recording arts, creative arts and business development.

Project Name: The Remix Project

This project will enable the organization to develop infrastructure and the systems it requires in order to incorporate as a not-for-profit organization. The project works with a youth leadership model that involves youth in all aspects of program development and delivery. Project focus will be on board development, organizational structure and policies, sustainability, evaluation, and program management. Activities include: organizational policy and procedure development; board development; program management and human resource skill development; and sustainability planning. The project works with a variety of partners including: the City of Toronto, Humber College, Social Innovation Generation/MARS, and United Nations: UN Habitat. During the past year, the project has involved a core group of about 30 youth, including youth from most of the priority neighbourhoods.

Priority Neighbourhood Area: This project works city-wide, including all 13 priority neighborhoods.

SDIP Goals and Priorities: Service stabilization

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2011 SDIP AMOUNT REQUESTED	2011 SDIP RECOMMENDED
\$95,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$41,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for \$41,000.00 to support the “The Remix Project” project. The funding is for year three of a three year project.

Funding Period:

The funding is to be used during the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Comment:

The organization completed its workplan activities ahead of schedule and is at the implementation phase. Year three activities will focus on strengthening service delivery.

-Organization #9: Steeles-L'Amoreaux Youth Empowerment Network

Address: c/o 670 Progress Ave, Unit 14

Trustee: Tropicana Community Services Organization

Organization Overview:

This network was developed in 2005 to ensure a coordinated and holistic approach to youth engagement and service delivery within the Steeles-L'Amoreaux community. This collaboration and coordination of resources will develop strength in the network, build a solid infrastructure, and increase youth leadership in Steeles-L'Amoreaux.

Project Name: Steeles-L'Amoreaux Youth Empowerment Network

This project supports the development and activities of the network, with a focus on facilitating a coordinated and holistic approach to youth engagement activities in the community. The project develops a strong network with a solid infrastructure representative of the community and will increase the number of youth in active leadership roles within Steeles-L'Amoreaux. Project partners include: Gashanti Unity, Creating Leaders in Chester Le, North West Scarborough Youth Centre, African Canadian Youth Justice Program, Operation Springboard, TCHC, Elevated Grounds, YouthLink, Agincourt Community Services Association, Tropicana Community Services, North Scarborough Boys and Girls Club, Centre for Information and Community Services and various departments at the City of Toronto.

Priority Neighbourhood Area: The priority neighborhood of Steeles-L'Amoreaux

SDIP Goals and Priorities:

The project supports coordination of community development to respond to identified community issues in the high needs, under-served Steeles-L'Amoreaux priority neighbourhood.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2011 SDIP AMOUNT REQUESTED	2011 SDIP RECOMMENDED
\$36,900.00	\$11,400.00	\$25,500.00	\$40,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for \$40,000.00 to support the "Steeles-L'Amoreaux Youth Empowerment Network" project. The funding is for year three of a three year project.

Funding Period:

The funding is to be used during the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Comment:

The project is funded for a 6 month period, to complete year three, due to a funding year change for SDIP in 2009. The organization is recommended for another 6 months to plan towards sustainability.

Organization #10: York Youth Coalition**Address:** 1366-B Weston Road**Trustee:** The Community Social Planning Council of Toronto**Organization Overview:**

This coalition was founded in 2006 and is comprised of youth serving agencies working in Weston-Mount Dennis. The mandate of the coalition is to coordinate, collaborate and partner as a collective while providing support and services to youth and their families.

Project Name: York Youth Coalition

This project works to strengthen the capacity and functionality of the coalition working in Weston-Mount Dennis, focusing on building youth capacity, enhancing community engagement and mobilizing youth. The project supports the development of a youth led advisory group in the community and encourages youth involvement in community activities and participation in community decision making. Activities include: youth engagement; outreach; coordinated service approaches; priority setting; crisis intervention development; and development of a youth advisory. Project partners include: Yorktown YOW's; For Youth Initiative; NYCH-Community on the Move/SEPT worker; LEF-Youth settlement workers; ANC-Coordinator; Syme Woolner; Villa Gaspar; JVS-reintegration services; YET; Frontlines; PFR -YOW and Recreationists; WMDYA-neighbourhood youth; St.Albans; TCHC; TDSB; YES; Upwood Coops and Urban Arts.

Priority Neighbourhood Area: The priority neighbourhood of Weston-Mount Dennis.**SDIP Goals and Priorities:**

The project supports coordination of community development to respond to identified community issues in the high needs, under-served Weston-Mount Dennis priority neighbourhood.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2011 SDIP AMOUNT REQUESTED	2011 SDIP RECOMMENDED
\$104,840.00	\$62,840.00	\$42,000.00	\$41,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for \$41,000.00 to support the "Organizational Capacity Building" project. The funding is for year three of a three year project.

Funding Period:

The funding is to be used during the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

Organization #11: Youth Service Network (YSN)

Address: c/o 10 Gateway Blvd

Trustee: Flemingdon Health Centre

Organization Overview:

The network engages youth from the Flemingdon Park, Thorncliffe Park, and O'Connor communities through a series of joint youth and youth service member meetings. The YSN members work collaboratively with other youth-led groups and initiatives in the community.

Project Name: We Belong

This project was developed as the second phase of the "You Belong" project, a participatory action research and asset mapping project led by Flemingdon Health Centre on behalf of the YSN. This project will allow the research and recommendations to be operationalized and will facilitate coordination and collaboration among YSN agency members. The objectives of the project are: to create and sustain a comprehensive system of service delivery among community agencies; to enable resource sharing and knowledge exchange to sustain social inclusion in the communities; and to support the development of capacity building programs and initiatives that target youth and family. Activities include service coordination, knowledge sharing workshops and training and capacity development for youth groups. Project partners include: Flemo City Media, Involve Youth, Flemingdon Health Centre, Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office, Working Women Community Centre, Toronto Public Health, Be Scene Magazine, Youth Vybes and youth members.

Priority Neighbourhood Area: Flemingdon Park/O'Connor and Thorncliffe Park

SDIP Goals and Priorities:

The project supports coordination of community development to respond to identified community issues in the high needs, under-served Flemingdon Park/O'Connor and Thorncliffe Park priority neighbourhood.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	ANTICIPATED FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES	2011 SDIP AMOUNT REQUESTED	2011 SDIP RECOMMENDED
\$41,000.00	\$0.00	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00

Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for \$41,000.00 to support the "We Belong" project. The funding is for year three of a three year project.

Funding Period:

The funding is to be used during the period from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.