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Organization # 1: Amadeusz
10-86 Guided Court Toronto, ON M9V 4K6

Trustee Name: Albion Neighbourhood Services

Organization Overview:
Launched in 2009, the Amadeusz group is named for the teaching method used in its program for incarcerated youth. The group provides young people who are in remand with the opportunity, resources and support to complete their high school education either through obtaining their General Educational Development certificate (GED) or Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), and to explore and prepare for post-secondary schooling so that they are less likely to reoffend when released back to their community. The organization is located in Ward 1-Etobicoke North.

Project Name: The Look at My Life Project: Ain't Goin' Back
This project continues the work funded with a 2010 INI grant which seeks to decrease recidivism rates by developing life skills within the youth and increasing education levels and employment readiness upon release from incarceration.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 60
Youth Served by Project: Incarcerated youth

Project Service Area: Toronto West Detention Centre, Toronto East Detention Centre and Toronto Don Jail

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The organization received funding in 2010 for a similar activity. This request was considered a continuation of the previous activities and not eligible for INI project funding.
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Organization #2: Apple Bottom
22 Lanark Avenue Toronto, ON M6C 2B3

Organization Overview:
The organization uses the tools of business and entrepreneurship to provide girls with the opportunity to succeed. Other activities include peer health training and a social enterprise. The group is located in Ward 15 Eglinton-Lawrence. The organization is located in Ward 15-Eglinton-Lawrence.

Project Name: Brandon Street CDF
This project will engage 4 young women as leaders to work with 30 teenage females to teach them about business, budgeting and entrepreneurship. Through this project, participants will apply the skills they develop in a social enterprise activity. The project will result in participants developing sound financial management skills.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 34
Youth Served by Project: African-Canadian Female youth
Project Service Area: Malvern Scarborough Village

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
Due to lack of available funding this application is not recommended for funding as other requests were identified as higher priority for support.
Organization Overview:
The Youth Council of Arts for Children and Youth are youth from across Toronto ages 16 - 29 who advise the Arts for Children and Youth organization on how to engage young people living in priority neighbourhoods with arts educational programs through schools and neighbourhood venues. The organization is located in Ward 20-Trinity-Spadina.

Project Name:  BBB Annual Youth Arts Festival
The BIG BAM BOOM (BBB) is an annual youth arts festival organized and implemented by the Youth Council that exhibits the performances and art work of AFCY program participants to the public. Through the BBB event, participants aged 11 - 26 years of age have an opportunity to work toward displaying what they have learned through AFCY programs.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating:  58
Youth Served by Project:  at-risk youth

Project Service Area:  City wide services

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Comments:
The initiative is an existing annual event. The application would be strengthened by demonstrating how the activities fit the criteria of being a youth-led project and contribute to the INI program goals.
2011 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI) Program

Organization # 4: Asante Soccer Academy
10-404 Driftwood Ave North York, ON M3N 2P8

Organization Overview:
The organization is committed to connecting youth in the Jane and Finch neighbourhood through soccer to teach the importance of teamwork, positive attitude, leadership and success. The organization provides workshops and leadership training both on and off the soccer field. The organization is located in Ward 8-York West.

Project Name: Asante Soccer Academy
This neighbourhood-based soccer project uses soccer and mentorship to teach youth about the importance of respect and hard work. Through this project youth will receive soccer training and participate in a variety of workshops, improved skills and leadership development.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 0
Youth Served by Project: Racialized youth ages 15-18

Project Service Area: Jane-Finch

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Recommendation:
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Comments:
The application would be strengthened by demonstrating how the project activities would have an impact for youth and contribute to the INI program goals.
2011 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI) Program

Organization # 5:  Atara Girls Club
1 Zachary Court  Toronto, ON  M6A 2P4

Trustee Name:  African Social Development Council

Organization Overview:
Atara is a new student-run group for young women ages 13-17 of African or Caribbean descent, living within at risk communities in Toronto. Atara supports the young women to reach positive long-term goals through workshops, mentoring, tutoring and excursions. The organization is located in Ward 15-Eglinton-Lawrence.

Project Name:  Atara Girls Club
This project is a summer program that will provide young women with life skills education, mentoring and arts excursions. Over the course of the summer programming, the young women will establish relationships with the group leaders and experiences so that upon returning to school in the fall they will have the support and knowledge to achieve a better future for themselves.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating:  9

Youth Served by Project:  Young women from low-income backgrounds

Project Service Area:  CW Jeffreys Secondary School

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Comments:
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2011 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI) Program

Organization # 6: BABU
203-30 Eppleworth Road Toronto, ON M1K 3G9

Trustee Name: Muslim Community of Downtown Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization serves Regent Park and surrounding communities. Serving primarily Muslim youth ages 13-21, the organization focusses on leadership and mentorship. Activities include counselling, life skills training, lifeskills workshops, and social awareness and civic participation activities. The organization is located in Ward 35-Scarborough Southwest.

Project Name: Day Camp
The project is a day camp for children led by youth ages 16-24. Activities include training for the youth leaders and camp activities for children. This project will result in youth leadership development for the youth leaders.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 17

Youth Served by Project: Muslim youth ages 16-24

Project Service Area:

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Recommendation:
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Comments:
The application would be strengthened by demonstrating how the project activities would have an impact for youth and contribute to the INI program goals.
Organization Overview:
Belka Enrichment serves residents of the Jane/Finch community, providing education and community development. Services include after-school programs for youth between the ages of 8 - 18, sports, and skills training, counselling, media programs, career building, literacy seminars, information sharing and field trips. The organization also acts as an advisor and mediator for schools, parents and youth. The organization is located in Ward 8-York West.

Project Name: Belka's Six by Six Cacoon Circle Youth Leadership Project
This project will provide life skills and leadership training through a peer-to-peer model. Peer leaders and participants will achieve increased self-esteem and confidence through a range of skill building activities.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 36
Youth Served by Project: At-risk youth

Project Service Area: Jane-Finch  Lawrence Heights

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Recommendation:
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Comments:
The application would be strengthened by providing information demonstrating how the project would have an impact for youth and contribute to the INI program goals.
Organization Overview:
The organization works to provide young people with opportunities to become agents of change to improve the quality of life in their community and become contributing members of society. The organization is located in Ward 7-York West.

Project Name: Boss Magazine
This project is a youth-led fashion magazine developed in the Jane and Finch community. Through the project, youth will have their own media outlet to demonstrate the positivity of their community and its members. As a result of this project, youth will gain an understanding of the marketing industry and be mentored by industry professionals.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 50
Youth Served by Project: Racialized youth ages 15-24

Project Activities:
- At least 10 major photo shoots
- 1 edition of magazine completed for distribution
- Workshops on: photography, layout and editing, and article writing

Project Service Area: Jane-Finch

Expected Project Benefits: Exposure to the marketing industry; positive community outlook; leadership development;

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $10,000.00 to support the Boss Magazine project.

Conditions:
As a condition of funding, group must provide a revised project budget.

Funding Period:
The project funding is to be used during the period from November 01, 2011 to October 31, 2012.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, and the number of workshops, outreach activities, print resources developed, training sessions, staff and volunteers trained, participants, number and role of volunteers, and other supporting documents.
Organization Overview:

Bright Future Alliance (BFA) offers non-traditional educational opportunities for youth who are academically unsuccessful and are deemed "at-risk" by their school. BFA supports and nourishes youth through a variety of practical and hands-on programs delivered in collaboration with the broader community. The organization is located in Ward 14-Parkdale-High Park.

Project Name:  Arts Workshop

Through this project, youth with basic knowledge and skills will audition to participate in a full day arts workshop in either acting, dancing or singing before moving onto a second audition to receive a scholarship for five weeks of professional training in their field of interest. The workshop participants will in turn deliver the workshop for the next round of youth and organize a showcase for all workshop participants. The youth will also receive support in securing practical performing experience.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating:  45

Youth Served by Project:  Marginalized youth with basic skills in either acting, dancing or singing

Project Activities:  Workshops, professional teaching, peer training, work experience support, performance showcase

Project Service Area:  City wide services

Expected Project Benefits:  - 45 youth increase skills in either acting, dancing or singing
  - 15 youth gain practical experience in their chosen field of either acting, dancing or singing

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Recommendation:

The organization is recommended for $10,000.00 to support the Arts Workshop project.

Funding Period:

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Project Final Report:

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, and the number of workshops, outreach activities, theatre presentations, training sessions, participants, number and role of volunteers, partner organizations, and other supporting documents.
Organization Overview:
The organization is committed to empowering and developing Tamil youth by utilizing the principles of research, education, partnership, advocacy, assistance, and empowerment. The organization provides services for youth in order to assist them in preventing crime and violence, making career choices and in developing healthy relationships. The organization is located in Ward 38-Scarborough Centre.

Project Name: What does it mean to be Tamil Canadian?
This project will explore what it means to be Canadian, with a focus on the Aboriginal experience. Through this project, participants will learn about the Canadian Aboriginal experience through a series of workshops and personal interaction with Aboriginal youth. This project will result in an increased understanding of what it means to be Canadian from various perspectives.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 20
Youth Served by Project: Tamil-Canadian and Aboriginal youth

Project Activities: 9 monthly meetings to discuss what it means to be Tamil
Workshops on: Canada's Aboriginal community
10-12 youth to visit an Aboriginal community

Project Service Area: Crescent Town Malvern Steeles-L'Amoureux

Expected Project Benefits: Increased participant awareness of issues in their community; Increased knowledge of Canadian history; Increased understanding of cultural preservation.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $10,000.00 to support the What does it mean to be Tamil Canadian? project.

Comments:
The project includes activities that take place outside of the boundaries of the City of Toronto. The 2011 INI grant funds are only to be directed towards activities that take place within the boundaries of the City of Toronto.

Conditions:
In order to receive the 2011 INI funding, the organization must provide a revised budget.

Funding Period:
The project funding is to be used during the period from November 01, 2011 to October 31, 2012.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, and the number of workshops, sessions, outreach activities, participants, partner organizations, and other supporting documents.
Organization Overview:
Celebration of Black Heritage Arts (COBHA) uses youth-led dance theatre and educational workshops to promote ethno-racial harmony and cultural diversity and combat marginalization and exclusion. Youth participants initiate and drive all activities with mentoring and support from adult volunteers. Started in 2009, COBHA has delivered two major stage productions both of which had month-long sold out runs. The organization is located in Ward 20-Trinity-Spadina.

Project Name: COBHA Project
This project will involve youth leading the design and delivery of educational workshops to other youth at local high schools and community centres. The project will also involve the training of the youth workshop leaders in dance theatre in preparation for a major theatre production. Workshop participants will actively engage in planning how to combat marginalization and hate within their communities.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 180
Youth Served by Project: Youth ages 15 - 18
Project Service Area: City wide services

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The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
Due to lack of available funding the application is not recommended for funding as other requests were identified as higher priority for support.
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Organization # 12: Change the Future Foundation
c/o Jane Finch Family Community Centre 1 Yorkgate Blvd. Suite 228 Toronto, ON M3N 2K4

Trustee Name: Jane/Finch Family Centre

Organization Overview:
Change the Future Foundation is a non-profit organization serving the communities of Weston Mt-Dennis and Jane/Finch by providing education and recreation activities as well as mentorship and advocacy for male minority youth in a safe environment. Through its services, the organization seeks to make the communities safer by providing constructive opportunities for program participants.

Project Name: Boys to Men
This project provides ongoing academic support and access to a recreational program for young black males who face a shortage of such programs in their community. As a result of the project, participants will strengthen their self-esteem and academic achievement leading to increased rates of graduation from high school.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 20
Youth Served by Project: Young black males in at-risk communities
Project Service Area: Jane-Finch Weston-Mt.Dennis

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The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
Due to lack of available funding this application is not recommended for funding as other requests were identified as higher priority.
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Organization # 13: Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter
124-215 Spadina Ave  Toronto, ON

Organization Overview:
This is an organization of Chinese Canadians in the City of Toronto that promotes equity, social justice, inclusive civic participation, and respect for diversity. The organization is located in Ward 20-Trinity-Spadina.

Project Name: Youth Workshops
This project will help racialized youth in the Steeles-L’Amoreaux community learn more about their personal and family histories and share their learning through artistic media. Through this project participants will learn about various storytelling techniques and approaches. This project will result in participants using various methods (digital storytelling, community mapping, blogs, etc.) to develop and share their stories.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 15
Youth Served by Project: Chinese youth
Project Service Area: Steeles-L’Amoureux

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
Youth were not involved in the planning of the project therefore the application was not eligible for review.
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Organization # 14: Creating Leaders In Chester C.L.I.C.
144-160 Chester Le Blvd  Toronto, ON  M1W  N1

Trustee Name: Schools without Borders

Organization Overview:
The organization strives to create a youth space that is welcoming and comfortable, and reflects youth preferences. The organization is located in Ward 39-Scarborough-Agincourt.

Project Name: Leadership Program
This project for males ages 19-24 uses an "open mic" concept to promote creativity. Through the project, participants will be connected to resources in their community and participate in one on one mentoring. This project will result in participants becoming more connected to their community and establishing positive networks.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 8

Youth Served by Project: Young men ages 19-24

Project Service Area: Steeles-L'Amoureaux

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application would be strengthened by providing all required information and demonstrating how the project would have an impact for youth and contribute to the INI program goals.
Organization # 15: Enchanted
71 Lightwood Drive Toronto, ON M9V Z1

Organization Overview:
Enchanted is a youth-led group started in 2011 to promote positivity in the Rexdale community by giving youth a chance to explore different career options, develop an artistic skill and express themselves in a meaningful way through media arts. The group is working to achieve its mission by raising awareness of successful youth entrepreneurs and connecting them with potential customers and employers. The group also seeks to provide youth with the opportunity to develop and gain practical media arts experience so they increase their employability. The organization is located in Ward 1-Etobicoke North.

Project Name: Enchanted Project
This three part project, to take place at Rexdale Pro Tech Media Centre will be the first project for Enchanted. The first part will be the youth-led development of a website to showcase young entrepreneurs of Rexdale (and other priority neighbourhoods) so they can connect with potential employers, customers for their services and products and partners. The second part of the project will be a 10 week media arts training program and the third part will have participants working on starting a business venture with mentoring.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 18

Youth Served by Project: Racialized youth from marginalized communities

Project Activities: Training workshops, workshops, business venture planning and implementation, website development

Project Service Area: Jamestown

Expected Project Benefits: - 18 youth will receive training and gain practical experience in the media arts
- Young entrepreneurs will gain clients/customers or find employment

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $7,296.00 to support the Enchanted Project project.

Conditions:
In order to receive the 2011 INI funding the group must work with a trustee organization and provide an updated budget.

Funding Period:
The project funding is to be used during the period from November 01, 2011 to October 31, 2012.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, and the number of workshops, outreach activities, training sessions, youth leaders trained, participants, number and role of volunteers, partner organizations, and other supporting documents.
Organization Overview:
The organization promotes the use of film as a tool for young women to gain a deeper understanding of themselves while building confidence and self-esteem to become future leaders. The organization is located in Ward 19-Trinity-Spadina.

Project Name: Filmmaking
This project will introduce filmmaking to young women ages 15-18. Through this project participants will learn about different aspects of film creation, including filming, editing, lighting, sound, directing, and producing. The project will also incorporate a variety of workshops to increase their self-esteem and life skills. The project will result in participants developing and sharing their own personal stories.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 16
Youth Served by Project: Young women ages 15-18

Project Activities: Photography lessons, workshops, public screening of completed works

Project Service Area: Weston-Mt.Dennis

Expected Project Benefits: Increased participant self understanding and awareness; knowledge of film development; Increased participant self-esteem.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $10,000.00 to support the Filmmaking project.

Conditions:
In order to receive the 2011 INI funding, the group must work with a trustee organization.

Funding Period:
The project funding is to be used during the period from November 01, 2011 to October 31, 2012.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, and the number of workshops, training sessions, participants, and other supporting documents.
Organization Overview:
For Youth Initiative (FYI) is an organization that is committed to creating a healthy community in the Weston-Mount Dennis neighbourhood by increasing life chances of youth at-risk. Working from two sites, FYI provides empowering recreation and media arts programs and services that are youth-driven, inclusive and accessible, including a youth magazine, music lab, performance art (singing, dancing and acting) as well as basketball and soccer leagues. The organization is located in Ward 12-York South-Weston.

Project Name: Youth Council
This project will develop a second youth council at the organization's Keele site. The Youth Council is designed to stimulate the critical thinking skills of youth which will enable them to identify and address compelling issues in their community. Through interactive workshops, active community engagement initiatives and critical discussions, participants will develop leadership skills as well as learn about organizational governance and community engagement.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 10
Youth Served by Project: at-risk youth
Project Service Area: Weston-Mt.Dennis

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
Due to lack of available funding this application is not recommended for funding as other requests were identified as higher priority for support.
Organization Overview:
The organization works to encourage cultural awareness and multiculturalism by developing leadership among youth. Other services include children's programs, heritage programs, and fitness and nutrition programs. The organization is located in Ward 1-Etobicoke North.

Project Name: My Purpose is to Serve
The project will engage youth ages 15-18 in activities that promote personal development and increase peer to peer interactions. Through this project youth will participate in a variety of workshops and open dialogue to deal with social challenges by breaking down barriers and building unity. This project will result in increased youth engagement in positive activities.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 12
Youth Served by Project: African Canadian youth ages 15-18

Project Activities:
- Weekly workshops on communication
- Community mentors will be guest speakers
- Community outreach to connect youth to the project

Project Final Report:
Funding Period: 2011 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI) Program
Organization # 18: Ghanaian Canadian Multicultural Community Centre
12-52 Carrier Drive Toronto, ON M9W 5S5
Trustee Name: Action for Neighbourhood Change Jane and Finch

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Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 12

Youth Served by Project: African Canadian youth ages 15-18

Project Activities:
- Weekly workshops on communication
- Community mentors will be guest speakers
- Community outreach to connect youth to the project

Expected Project Benefits:
Empower participants; increased leadership and community development skills; support youth to acknowledge their full potential.

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $10,000.00 to support the My Purpose is to Serve project.

Conditions:
In order to receive the 2011 INI funding, the organization must provide a revised workplan and budget.

Funding Period:
The project funding is to be used during the period from November 01, 2011 to October 31, 2012.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, and the number of workshops, sessions, outreach activities, training sessions, participants, and other supporting documents.
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Organization # 19:  Good Vibes

c/o ArtStarts 3401 Dufferin Street Suite 38  Toronto, ON  M6A 2T9

Trustee Name:  Art Starts Neighbourhood Cultural Centre

Organization Overview:
Good Vibes started in 2011 to provide an opportunity for young people to collaboratively create and experiment with music. Participants develop their musical talent and skills in a positive setting. The organization is located in Ward 15-Eglinton-Lawrence.

Project Name:  Youth Project

This project will provide intensive, hands-on hip hop music training for up to 12 at-risk youth selected through a competitive process. Participants will have an opportunity to work with professional artists, access to a music studio and performance opportunities. Youth will gain confidence and increase self-esteem in a positive and safe environment at the Yorkdale Community Arts Centre (Art Starts). As well, the project will provide youth with an improved understanding of what it takes to achieve a successful career in the music industry.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating:  12

Youth Served by Project:  At risk youth

Project Activities:  Workshops/hands on training, community performances

Project Service Area:  Lawrence Heights

Expected Project Benefits:  - Increased self-esteem and confidence

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $9,875.00 to support the Youth Project project.

Funding Period:
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Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, and the number of sessions, outreach activities, training sessions, participants, number and role of volunteers, partner organizations, and other supporting documents.
2011 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI) Program

Organization # 20: Horn of Africa Heritage Centre
1615 Weston Road  Toronto, ON  M9N 1T8

Trustee Name: Somali Business Development Centre

Organization Overview:
The organization works to introduce Somali culture to Somali youth. The group aims to develop a space where Somali youth can learn and share their heritage in order to maintain their cultural heritage within a multicultural country. The organization is located in Ward 11-York South-Weston.

Project Name: Somali Cultural Youth Awareness
This project will foster cultural awareness among Somali youth. Through the project youth will develop a Somali cultural network to learn their culture, discuss and address social concerns and participate in peer to peer learning. This project will result in a friendly space for youth to network, learn different cultural art forms and develop a resource list of Somali artists.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 0

Youth Served by Project: Somalian youth

Project Service Area: City wide services

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application would be strengthened by providing all required information and demonstrating how the project would have an impact for youth and contribute to the INI program goals.
Organization Overview:

Just BGRAPHIC enables the successful transition of high school students into Arts programs at college or university levels by fostering their personal and academic development. Working with the Toronto District School Board, and delivering programming at high schools, the organization's goal is that students will overcome barriers to participation in the arts, build resilience and resist the stigma associated with living in a marginalized community, and increase their artistic skills and knowledge in the areas of computer graphics, dance, performing arts, videography and photography. While the organization's activities take place in Toronto, the organization is located in a location outside of the City of Toronto.

Project Name: Youth Arts

Just BGRAPHIC is a program that will engage youth in the arts, encourage creative and active imagination, inspire youth to dream by bridging the gap between the commercial world of art and the community. The youth will have opportunities to learn from professionals and create a competitive portfolio to support post-secondary education into the arts.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 20

Youth Served by Project: Youth from marginalized backgrounds

Project Service Area: CW Jeffreys Collegiate Institute

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application would be strengthened by demonstrating that the group and the activities meet the INI program criteria of being youth-led.
Organization Overview:
The organization formed within the PEACH studio program to create a network of artists who are interested in learning the art behind the music. This includes engineering, mixing, music development workshops and collaborations with other artists within the Jane-Finch community. The organization is located in Ward 7-York West.

Project Name: Train 4 Youth
The project will deliver a 20 week studio engineering program for 4-8 youth who have demonstrated an interest in learning these skills. Through this project, youth will be trained in the fundamentals of studio engineering, be mentored by experienced studio engineers, and learn about different aspects of the music industry. As a result of this project, participants will complete a collaborative mixed CD and gain marketable employment skills and develop professional networks.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 8
Youth Served by Project: African-Canadian youth ages 15-24
Project Activities: Training workshops, production of music CD, community scan and partnership development
Project Service Area: Jamestown Jane-Finch Weston-Mt.Dennis
Expected Project Benefits: - Improved youth artistry and confidence
- Increased youth community participation through music
- Increased communication and interaction between existing community-based music studios

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $10,000.00 to support the Train 4 Youth project.

Funding Period:
The project funding is to be used during the period from November 01, 2011 to October 31, 2012.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, and the number of workshops, sessions, training sessions, participants, partner organizations, and other supporting documents.
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Organization # 23: Lion's Den Studio
944A St Clair Ave W Toronto, ON M6C 1C8

Trustee Name: Black Action Defense Committee (BADC)

Organization Overview:
Lion's Den Studio started in 2009 as an extension of a music studio program of the Black Action Defense Committee. Lion’s Den Studio provides African Canadian youth living in priority neighbourhoods with the skills and resources necessary to excel in the independent music industry. In addition to providing skill development opportunities, the studio creates a safe space for youth to refrain from a life of crime and to express themselves through an African-centred view of themselves and the community, and eventually the world. The organization is located in Ward 17-Davenport.

Project Name: Lion's Den Studio Project

This project will engage youth participants by developing multi-media skills and music industry knowledge within an African-centred artistic movement. Project participants will learn and share knowledge about African history in a workshop setting and be encouraged to uplift the standard of what it means to be an African in Canada and the world. After completing music and media skills workshops, youth will access studio sessions to create music and then use the professional recordings to further their artistic career.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 15

Youth Served by Project: African-Canadian youth

Project Service Area: City wide services

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Recommendation:
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Comments:
Due to lack of available funding this application is not recommended for funding as other requests were identified as higher priority for support.
Organization Overview:
Malvern Youth Cabinet was formed in 2004 by the Malvern Family Resource Centre to provide a space for youth to advocate on community issues. Its mission is to increase youth engagement and support or develop projects that create a positive image of youth in Malvern. The organization is located in Ward 42-Scarborough-Rouge River.

Project Name: Focus on Malvern
The project aims to alleviate the growing tensions and violence between the Black, Tamil and other cultural youth of Malvern by providing a positive and interactive environment where youth will gain valuable leadership skills and knowledge about diversity and multiculturalism in the community. Through the project, youth will participate in a series of workshops on leadership and cultural diversity to help ease existing cultural tensions. As a result of this project, youth will create a documentary to help other youth further understand and appreciate the diversity that exists within their community.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 25
Youth Served by Project: African-Canadian and South Asian youth ages 15-18

Project Activities: Workshops on leadership and communication; mentorship and community dialogue sessions

Project Service Area: Malvern

Expected Project Benefits:
- Creation of a network of youth mentors
- Youth will gain skills around film production
- Increased understanding and harmony between ethno-cultural groups

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $10,000.00 to support the Focus on Malvern project.

Conditions:
In order to receive the 2011 INI funding, the organization must provide a revised budget.

Funding Period:
The project funding is to be used during the period from November 01, 2011 to October 31, 2012.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, and the number of workshops, outreach activities, training sessions, partner organizations, and other supporting documents.
2011 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI) Program

Organization # 25: Manantial Neighbourhood Services INC  
1875 Sheppard Ave W  Toronto, ON  M3L 1Y6

Organization Overview:
The organization provides crisis intervention and newcomer integration services to primarily Latin American immigrant individuals and families in the Jane-Finch, Sheppard-Lawrence and Keele-Wilson communities of Toronto. Manantial is particularly focused on serving the needs of youth and female victims of domestic and other violence, as well as providing leadership programs and activities for youth and seniors. The organization is located in Ward 9-York Centre.

Project Name: Sexuality and You
The goal of this project is to strengthen the Hispanic cultural identity. Through a homework club, weekly education sessions / workshops with guest speakers, and other activities young Hispanic women will build relationships within the community leading to the development of greater self-knowledge, awareness and understanding of their identity and sexuality and a greater capacity to make better choices. The vision of the project is that a family composed of healthy youth makes a healthy society, therefore a healthy nation.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 12
Youth Served by Project: Hispanic young women
Project Service Area: Jane-Finch

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application did not demonstrate the proposal met the eligibility requirement of being youth-led and could not be considered for funding.
Organization Overview:
The organization works to empower youth by offering them the support and resources to meet their full potential. The organization is located in Ward 2-Etobicoke North.

Project Name: Youth Council
This project will train youth to become future leaders and role models in their community. Through training workshops, youth will develop leadership, workshop facilitation, public speaking, conflict resolution, and event management skills.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 16
Youth Served by Project: Youth ages 15-24 who have witnessed or been a victim of community violence and/or discrimination

Project Service Area: Jamestown

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application would be strengthened by providing all required information and demonstrating how the project would have an impact for youth and contribute to the INI program goals.
Organization Overview:
The Microskills Youth Council is a youth-led leadership group that links and engages North Etobicoke based at-risk youth with leadership skills development programs, academic support, safe space and field trips opportunities. The Microskills Youth Council also acts as an advisory group to inform stakeholders of the work and activities of the Centre to ensure appropriate youth programs and services are begin delivered to meet the needs of youth. The organization is located in Ward 2-Etobicoke North.

Project Name: Youth Café

The Microskills Youth Cafe brings together newcomer youth and other youth ages 13 -18, to promote mutual understanding, increase leadership skills, and prepare youth to make a difference in their communities. Microskills Youth Centre and North Albion Collegiate will be the delivery locations for the Youth Cafe which aims to provide a safe space and relaxed setting for youth to build social networks and positive peer relationships. Youth will participate in various activities such as: leadership training, life skills workshop, guest speakers, discussion groups, arts and field trips. The overall goal of the program is to assist youth in an effort to build constructive relationships with community members and their peers.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 40

Youth Served by Project: At-risk youth

Project Service Area: Jamestown Weston-Mt.Dennis North Etobicoke neighbourhoods

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
Due to lack of available funding the application is not recommended for funding as other requests were identified as higher priority for support.
Organization Overview:
The organization is a youth group that facilitates group discussion, workshops, and a basketball tournament. The group, comprised of African-Caribbean and Somali youth mobilizes other youth and resources in response to events affecting their community. The organization is located in Ward 41-Scarborough-Rouge River.

Project Name: Chester Le Youth Outreach Apprentices
The project will identify the needs and challenges in the Chester Le community and make linkages to the appropriate supports and resources that outreach workers need to effectively deal with the issues at hand. Through the project, each participant will outreach, plan and implement one community event under the mentorship of an outreach worker. This project will result youth developing the basic skills needed to be an outreach worker and participating in an outreach worker practicum.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 10
Youth Served by Project: African-Caribbean and Somali youth
Project Service Area: Steeles-L'Amoureaux

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
Due to lack of available funding this application is not recommended for funding as other requests were identified as higher priority for support.
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Organization # 29: National African Integration & Families Association (NAIFA)
60 Wellesley Street W  Toronto, ON  M5S 3L2

Organization Overview:
This organization was founded in 1993 as multi-service agency that serves people of African descent. With a mission to identify, prevent and alleviate social problems, NAIFA provides a range of programs and services including GED preparation, positive parenting support, leadership training and community development. The organization is located in Ward 27-Toronto Centre-Rosedale.

Project Name:  Youth Project
This peer mentoring project will help unaccompanied newcomer youth living in priority neighbourhoods overcome isolation and marginalization. Youth will mentor other youth about Canadian society and culture and guide them in navigating community and education institutions and systems. Through the project mentors will be able to share their knowledge and contribute to the community while the participants will be able to successfully adapt to their new lives.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 24
Youth Served by Project: Afro-Carribbean newcomer youth separated from families

Project Service Area: City wide services

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application did not demonstrate that the proposal met the eligibility requirement of being youth-led and so could not be considered for funding.

60 Wellesley Street W  Toronto, ON  M5S 3L2

2011 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI) Program
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, foster care for children in need of protection, services for women who have suffered trauma and men at risk for violence, a mobile parent/child centre, services for youth, and a nursery school. The organization is located in Ward 27-Toronto Centre-Rosedale.

Project Name: Youth Project
This project will provide cultural programming and arts and drama as a medium for Aboriginal youth to express themselves and their cultural pride. Through this project youth will engage in Native drumming, dancing and singing. The project will result in increased sense of identity and belonging among participants.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 12
Youth Served by Project: Native children and youth ages 6-16
Project Service Area: Kingston-Galloway Malvern

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application did not demonstrate that the proposal met the eligibility requirement of being youth-led and could not be considered for funding.
Organization Overview:
The Nia Centre for the Arts started in 2009 with a mission to support the advancement of Afro-diasporic youth. Afro-diasporic youth are supported so they can overcome various barriers such as racism, sexism, discrimination, homophobia and islamophobia and achieve their full potential artistically, professionally, and personally. The organization is located in Ward 33-Don Valley East.

Project Name: Nia Young Leaders: People with Purpose
This project will use a peer training model to deliver a range of workshops to youth living in Toronto Community Housing Corporation communities across the city. The initial training will provide train-the-trainer skills and content to 5 peer youth leaders who will then deliver workshops on a range of topics including project management, time management inter-personal communications, conflict management and African oral storytelling.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 45
Youth Served by Project: Afro-diasporic youth

Project Activities: Training, workshops
Project Service Area: City wide services
Expected Project Benefits:
- 45 youth have increased skills and knowledge in areas of life skills, culture and work readiness
- 5 youth develop leadership skills and contribute to the community by training other youth in life skills, cultural topics and work readiness

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $9,968.00 to support the Nia Young Leaders: People with Purpose project.

Conditions:
In order to receive the 2011 INI funding the organization must provide a revised budget and work with a trustee organization.

Funding Period:
The project funding is to be used during the period from November 01, 2011 to October 31, 2012.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, and the number of workshops, sessions, outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, training sessions, community meetings, staff and volunteers trained, youth leaders trained, peers trained, participants, number and role of volunteers, partner organizations, and other supporting documents.
Organization Overview:
The organization works to empower and engage the youth of Jane-finch and other marginalized and stigmatized communities. Their stories are given a voice through poetry, theatre and other art forms in the spirit of social justice. The organization is located in Ward 8-York West.

Project Name: Nomanzland Project
This project will support the development of a youth coordinating and leadership committee for the group. The youth will receive training in arts administration, conduct outreach and coordinate the creation and delivery of performances in underserved neighbourhoods. This project will result in youth developing a unique arts administration skill set, and be more employable within the arts and community-based sectors.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 25
Youth Served by Project: Racialized youth ages 15-24
Project Activities: Training, workshops and performances
Project Service Area: Jamestown Jane-Finch

Expected Project Benefits:
- Increased understanding of organizing and project management skills
- Increased employability in the arts and community sectors

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 Recommendation: The organization is recommended for $10,000.00 to support the Nomanzland Project project.

Funding Period:
The project funding is to be used during the period from November 01, 2011 to October 31, 2012.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, and the number of workshops, outreach activities, theatre presentations, training sessions, participants, number and role of volunteers, and other supporting documents.
Organization Overview:
Poundlings is a youth run group that supports other young people who have an interest in journalism, creative writing, graphic design, illustration and photography through the production of print media. The primary publication is Pound Magazine, founded in 1999 as Canada's primary voice for Urban Music, culture and politics. The publication serves as a platform for young people to learn the ins and outs of creating a magazine to have a voice in their communities and to gain hands-on experience. The organization is located in Ward 14-Parkdale-High Park.

Project Name: Youth Magazine
This project seeks to involve youth in all aspects of the creation of an issue of a magazine, gaining skills in journalism, creative writing, graphic design, illustrations and photography. The project would serve as an incubator for youth interested in arts and culture who might otherwise not have an opportunity or an outlet to have their work seen on a large scale or in a reputable forum.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 20
Youth Served by Project: youth interested in arts and culture

Project Service Area: City wide services

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
Applicant group did not meet the requirement to be a non-profit group therefore the application was ineligible for review.
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Organization # 34: Project SLYE (Youth Council) / Steeles L'Amoreaux Youth Employment (SLYE) Network
100-Agincourt Community Services Association, 4155 Sheppard Ave. E., Toronto, ON M1S 1T4

Trustee Name: Youthlink - Northwest Scarborough Youth Centre

Organization Overview:
The organization represents various communities within the Steeles-L'Amoreaux neighbourhood of Scarborough via the Steeles/L'Amoreaux Youth Empowerment (SLYE) Network. The group informs the SLYE Network of youth workers about important issues in the community and engages in skill building around public speaking, planning and hosting events for youth, community outreach and grassroots networking. The organization is located in Ward 39-Scarborough-Agincourt.

Project Name: Learning to Use Media
This project will connect youth and youth workers in the Steeles-L'Amoreaux community through media (zine/newspapers, social media, radio, etc). This will expand the youth voice through increased networks, youth movements and engagement via a variety of different media outlets. This project will result in increased training for youth workers in the community and media literacy eduation for participants.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 20
Youth Served by Project: Youth ages 15-18
Project Service Area: Steeles-L'Amoureaux

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application would be strengthened by demonstrating how the project activities would have an impact for youth and contribute to the INI program goals.
Organization Overview:
This new group has come together to support youth in marginalized communities who have been in conflict with the law or may face barriers in the following areas: education, access to resources, positive community engagement. The group will provide leadership training and positions as well as mentoring. The organization is located in Ward 34-Don Valley East.

Project Name: Reaching Out Youth Empowerment Access Program
The project reaches out to youth who have been in conflict with the law with leadership training to develop self-esteem and expand their capacity to be involved in their communities. Participants will also engage in creative dialogue and artistic activities.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 6

Youth Served by Project: Youth previously in conflict with the law

Project Service Area: Flemingdon Park-Victoria Village Steeles-L’Amoureaux

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Recommendation:
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Comments:
The application would be strengthened by demonstrating how the project activities would have an impact for youth and contribute to the INI program goals.
Organization Overview:
The organization is a career centre and creative hub, for aspiring artists, visionaries and community organizers to come together and share resources, receive mentorship, and strategize on ways to market, develop and produce socially responsible ever changing retail installations that sell. In challenging the systemic barriers affecting youth, Rebel Junction aspires to create a space that encompasses the integral elements which define social enterprise and reflect social change. The organization is located in Ward 28-Toronto Centre-Rosedale.

Project Name:
This project is a career advancement and development initiative serving LGBTTIQ2S youth ages 18-24, interested in pursuing a career in business and/or the arts. A team of 5 talented youth will work collaboratively with the support of their mentors, and program staff over the course of 4 months in order to successfully complete a set of art and design tasks leading to the exciting launch of an innovative gender neutral, and queer positive community space and retail store concept within the downtown core. They will be supported by a team of youth volunteers managing all business aspects of the store and community project.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 18
Youth Served by Project: LGBTTIQ2S youth ages 18-24
Project Service Area: Jamestown

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Recommendation:
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Comments:
The application would be strengthened by demonstrating how the project activities would have an impact for youth and contribute to the INI program goals.
Organization Overview:
Recognize the Real (RTR) strives to transform lives and strengthen communities by promoting social progress within. Recognize the Real Life Skills and Education is an organization that has been empowering youth ages 8-24 in the Jane Finch community since 2005. The RTR programs engage youth by offering tools for change including life skills mentoring, literacy circles and opportunities to travel outside of the community. Along with running a successful basketball program, RTR volunteers have also been working with youth who need homework help and other academic support. The organization is located in Ward 8-York West.

Project Name: The Real Skills
The Real Skills project seeks to engage marginalized male youth ages 13 to 24 years in a peer supported/developed network of activity. Participants will have role models in positive and supportive spaces. Weekly sessions will focus on healthy living activities, life skills building seminars and discussions forums. The project will culminate in a weekend long outdoor experiential skill building retreat.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 50

Youth Served by Project: Male youth considered at-risk

Project Service Area: Jane-Finch

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
Due to lack of available funds this application is not recommended for funding as other requests were identified as higher priority for support.
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Organization # 38: reConnexion Artist Collective
251-601 Christie Street Toronto, ON M6G 4C7

Trustee Name: B current Performing Arts

Organization Overview:
The organization is a collective of young and emerging artists who create and run projects that increase access for youth and emerging artists to performance art. The group aims to empower these youth to create better leadership and group collectivity in their own neighbourhoods. The organization is located in Ward 21-St. Paul's.

Project Name: Youth Connexions
This project will create an association of youth representatives from West Toronto's underserved areas. This project will develop a structure for neighbourhood youth to directly connect with b current (and other professional arts organizations through the support of the reConnexion Artists) and access skills development opportunities, training in the arts, attend and plan arts and culture events and instigate networks with other neighbourhoods youths across the entire city.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 50

Youth Served by Project: Racialized youth ages 15-18

Project Service Area: Jane-Finch Lawrence Heights Weston-Mt.Dennis

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application would be strengthened by demonstrating how the project activities would have an impact for youth and contribute to the INI program goals.
2011 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI) Program

Organization # 39: Rexdale Youth For Change
219-6432 Finch Avenue West Toronto, ON M9V 1T4

Organization Overview:
This youth-led group is working to engage youth living in Rexdale by providing positive outlets for youth to be part of the discussions, planning and decision-making in their neighbourhood. The organization is located in Ward 1-Etobicoke North.

Project Name: Rexdale Youth For Change
This project will reach out to youth who have been involved in the criminal justice system and provide them with support and opportunities to make a positive contribution in their neighbourhood. Youth will lead the design and delivery of education workshops for other youth in the areas of civic engagement, advocacy and community leadership. As part of the project, the group will develop partnerships and collaborations with other local programs such as Your Road To Success, Breaking the Cycle, and RAW.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 13
Youth Served by Project: At-risk youth
Project Activities: Education workshops design and delivery
Project Service Area: Jamestown Rexdale
Expected Project Benefits: Increased civic engagement and leadership skills of at least 13 youth in Rexdale

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $10,000.00 to support the Rexdale Youth For Change project.

Conditions:
In order to receive the 2011 INI funding, the organization must provide a revised budget and workplan, and work with a trustee organization.

Funding Period:
The project funding is to be used during the period from November 01, 2011 to October 31, 2012.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, and the number of workshops, sessions, outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, training sessions, community meetings, groups and other activities, staff and volunteers trained, youth leaders trained, participants, number and role of volunteers, partner organizations, and other supporting documents.
Organization Overview:
The organization works to inform and involve young women by providing them with the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with their peers and community members while establishing realistic career goals. This group will allow young women to adopt a leadership role in their respected communities so that they may develop and encourage future programs for themselves and their peers. The organization is located in Ward 39-Scarborough-Agincourt.

Project Name: Young Woman Empowerment

This project will provide young women from underserved neighbourhoods with the tools to tackle current issues they face and better plan for their futures. Through this project, young women will be engaged in a series of event planning workshops in which they will learn the logistics and skills needed for community event planning. They will then use those skills to develop a collective conference and an individual event for their community. Participants will meet female professionals from the community and benefit from mentoring relationships.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 100

Youth Served by Project: Young women ages 15-24

Project Service Area: City wide services

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application did not demonstrate that the proposal met the eligibility requirement of being youth-led and could not be considered for funding.
Organization Overview:
Say Word’s mission is to be a youth voice in the Scarborough community for youth who don't often have the opportunity to be heard. This group seeks to create and sustain a voice for youth, by youth. Utilizing the photojournalism, video, radio and magazine streams of Say Word, youth participants build their own capacity to in turn mentor and train other youth in media skills. The organization is located in Ward 38-Scarborough Centre.

Project Name: Say Word Online Portal
This project will create an online portal for the work of Say Word youth participants and becomes a sustainable media outlet for youth by youth. The online portal will also be opened up to youth community across Scarborough. In addition to providing a platform for the work of Say Word participants, this project will give youth leaders training in areas of web development and sustainability planning, as well as development of their leadership, communication and organizational skills.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 18
Youth Served by Project: at-risk youth
Project Activities: Development of website; multi-media training workshops, outreach
Project Service Area: Neighbourhoods across Scarborough
Expected Project Benefits: 18 youth gain advance media experience and project planning and delivery skills

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $9,995.00 to support the Say Word Online Portal project.

Conditions:
In order to receive the 2011 INI funding, the organization must provide a revised budget.

Funding Period:
The project funding is to be used during the period from November 01, 2011 to October 31, 2012.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, and the number of workshops, sessions, outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, training sessions, staff and volunteers trained, youth leaders trained, participants, number and role of volunteers, partner organizations, and other supporting documents.
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Organization # 42:  SIFE YORK
4700 Keele Street, York University, Schulich School of Business  Toronto, ON  M3J 1P3

Organization Overview:
The organization is based at York University and implements student-driven initiatives catering to the needs of youth in their community as well as other audiences including people with disabilities, aspiring entrepreneurs, those with low-income, and/or unemployed. The group implements student run initiatives focussed on social, economic and environmental impact to achieve their goal of empowering their target audiences while improving their quality of life and increasing the standard of living of their local community. The organization is located in Ward 8-York West.

Project Name: Youth Lead Project
This student-driven project will empower high school students in low-income communities with the business knowledge and skills they need to become successful, socially responsible, and environmentally responsible entrepreneurs. Through the project, participants receive support to transform their ideas into actions by helping them start their own small business ventures. Support is provided through a series of 4 interactive workshops. Additional support will be provided to participants who want to write a business plan and secure initial venture capital.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 15

Youth Served by Project: Low income youth ages 15-18

Project Service Area: Jamestown Monsignor Percy Johnson Catholic Secondary School, Don Boso Catholic Secondary School, Thistletown Collegiate Institute

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application would be strengthened by demonstrating how the project activities would have an impact for youth and contribute to the INI program goals.
**Organization Overview:**

The Somali Canadian Association of Etobicoke provides information and services to the Somali community in the areas of youth leadership, enhancing the economic opportunities of young newcomers, housing, health care, legal assistance, education, senior’s services and social services. SCAE also provides orientation and counselling to Somali newcomers. The organization is located in Ward 1-Etobicoke North.

**Project Name:** Youth Project

This project seeks to build the self-esteem of young Somali women and address the generational gap between Somali parents and young women. Participants will learn about different topics in workshops/seminars and forums led motivational speakers.

**Number of Youth Involved / Participating:** 42

**Youth Served by Project:** Somali young women

**Project Service Area:** City wide services

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**Recommendation:**

The application is not recommended for funding.

**Comments:**

The application did not demonstrate the proposal met the eligibility requirement of being youth-led and could not be considered for funding.
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Organization # 44:  SOY H.E.A.T.
333 Sherbourne Street, 2nd Floor, Sherbourne Health Centre  Toronto, ON  M5A 2S5

Organization Overview:
The organization is part of the Supporting Our Youth (SOY) program based out of Sherbourne Health Centre. The group was developed based on a community-based needs assessment which identified a division between LGBTTIQQ2S adults and youth. The organization works within an anti-oppression framework to create opportunities for LGBTTIQQ2S youth and adults to build an inclusive, welcoming community together. The organization is located in Ward 28-Toronto Centre-Rosedale.

Project Name:  Human Rights Equi8ty. Access. Team
This project will bring emerging youth leaders to train and work together as ambassadors and role models for the queer and trans youth community. Through this project, participants will deepen their understanding of anti-oppression and build on previous skill development. Participants will form a youth speaker’s bureau of trained, supported youth who can respond to public requests for speakers and presenters.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating:  35
Youth Served by Project:  LGBTTIQQ2S youth
Project Service Area:  City wide services

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application did not demonstrate that the proposal met the eligibility requirement of being youth-led and could not be considered for funding.
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Organization # 45: Stolen From Africa
109-358 Dufferin Street  Toronto, ON  M6K 1Z8

Trustee Name:  Schools Without Borders

Organization Overview:

Stolen From Africa (SFA), Vole D Afrique, is a youth-led organization that seeks to promote cultural and historical awareness through education, fashion, music and the arts. SFA is made up of a diverse group of young people from various cultural backgrounds who are inspired by the effects of colonialism with aspirations of connection with and learning from communities across Canada and worldwide so as to bridge gaps between classes, cultures, and communities. The organization is located in Ward 14-Parkdale-High Park.

Project Name:  Stolen From Africa Black History Month Showcase

This project will be a five month multimedia, peer-led youth project in two TDSB schools that will create a space for students to learn how to use multi-media (i.e. film, music, photo, web, etc) to share their personal stories through storytelling and exploration of their own identities (personal, cultural). Participants will gain increased skills and knowledge along with increased awareness of cultural identities.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 12

Youth Served by Project: Youth from diverse range of backgrounds

Project Service Area: City wide services

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
Due to lack of available funding this application was not recommended for funding as other requests were identified as higher priority for support.
Organization Overview:
STUD is an interactive on-line magazine released quarterly for masculine women. Stud is a label that masculine women may choose to identify themselves. In Toronto masculine women are underrepresented and this magazine is an accessible resource, providing resources, information and opportunities across different spectrums in a relateable way that encourages feedback and healthy learning. The organization is located in Ward 14-Parkdale-High Park.

Project Name: Stud Magazine Project
This project will develop a retreat where studs of different backgrounds can meet and exchange ideas. Through the project, participants will engage in workshop and discussion groups. Mentors and facilitators will share knowledge on a variety of subjects related to living as a masculine woman.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 20
Youth Served by Project: Self-identified masculine women

Project Service Area: City wide services

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application would be strengthened by providing all required information and demonstrating how the project would have an impact for youth and contribute to the INI program goals.
Organization Overview:
TIFF Next Wave Committee is dedicated to bringing quality film programming and film related events to youth across the city. TIFF Next Wave's mission is to empower youth to direct programming and create events that appeal to them, building their connection to the art-form and increasing their exposure to the cinematic art. To succeed in its mission, TIFF Next Wave uses a combination of hosting skills development workshops (technical and leadership), mentorships and curates programming to create accessible and safe spaces for youth to benefit from Toronto's art and cultural sector. The organization is located in Ward 20-Trinity-Spadina.

Project Name: Youth Lead Project
TIFF Next Wave will work in conjunction with youth participating in Jump Cut and Special Delivery during the 15th Annual Sprockets International Film Festival during April 10-22 2012 so that youth have the opportunity to produce and screen their own cinematic works. TIFF Next Wave will provide a number of preparatory technical workshops for youth to participate in the Sprocket's Jump Cuts program.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 800
Youth Served by Project: Youth from across Toronto
Project Service Area: City wide services

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application did not demonstrate that the proposal met the eligibility requirement of being youth-led and so could not be considered for funding.
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Organization # 48:  Toronto West Youth Coalition
1 York Road, C/O somali Women and Children's Support Network  Toronto, ON
M9R 3C8

Trustee Name:  The Learning Enrichment Foundation

Organization Overview:
The organization provides youth in Northwest Toronto with opportunities to develop mentorship, leadership and life skills by leading recreational activities, literacy and networking programs. The groups is open to at-risk youth ages 14-24 who live in the Jamestown, Weston-Mount Dennis and Dixon-Kipling neighbourhoods. The organization is located in Ward 2-Etobicoke North.

Project Name:  Toronto West Youth Coalition Project
This project recognizes the importance of leadership and mentorship in developing successful and engaged adults. This project will organize soccer and basketball leagues to provide coaching and referee training and develop leadership and mentorship skills among youth. This project will also establish a book club to encourage literacy and cultural awareness.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating:  50
Youth Served by Project:  At risk youth ages 14-24
Project Service Area:  Jamestown  Jane-Finch  Weston-Mt.Dennis

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application did not demonstrate the proposal met the eligibility requirement of being youth-led and could not be considered for funding.
Organization Overview:
The organization seeks to promote youth to youth (peer) interaction that will effectively convey the issues that affect youth by building an active relationship between youth and the community and encouraging them to develop stronger transparent relationships with their community. The organization is located in Ward 29-Toronto-Danforth.

Project Name: Hidden Jobs
"Hidden Jobs" is a project which will help participants secure hidden jobs. Participants will receive support and training in job search skills including networking as well as learning about different potential professions.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 20

Youth Served by Project: Residents or service users of Touchstone Youth Centre

Project Service Area: East York

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The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application did not demonstrate that the proposal met the eligibility requirement of being youth-led and could not be considered for funding.
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Organization # 50: Vietnamese Women's Association of Toronto  
1756 St. Clair Ave. West  Toronto, ON  M6N 1J3

Organization Overview:
The organization is committed to advance education, provide supportive counseling, promote healthy living, encourage integration for newcomer communities, raise awareness of domestic violence, and foster community development. Services include settlement and social services, computer classes, youth and children's programs, and employment services. The organization is located in Ward 17-Davenport.

Project Name: Youth Lead Project
This project is to promote multiculturalism in Toronto by inviting youth from different backgrounds to meet weekly to actively engage cross-cultural dialogue and understanding of different cultures. This project will result in broadening participants perspective of the diverse and multicultural nature of Toronto.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 20

Youth Served by Project: Vietnamese youth ages 15-24

Project Service Area: City wide services

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application did not demonstrate that the proposal met the eligibility requirement of being youth-led and could not be considered for funding.
2011 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI) Program

Organization # 51: We Help Youth (WHY)

c/o CultureLink 2340 Dundas Street West, Suite 301  Toronto, ON  M6P 4A9

Trustee Name: CultureLink

Organization Overview:
The group works to inspire youth to a higher standard of living through the pursuit of education and physical activity. Programs and services include educational workshops, anti-racism campaigns, volunteer matching, arts programming and academic support and mentoring. The organization is located in Ward 14-Parkdale-High Park.

Project Name: We Help Youth Project

This project seeks to provide access to organized sports to youth ages 14 - 19 living in the communities of Willowridge, Mabelle, West Mall, and East Mall. Through a basketball league participants will receive mentoring from coaches to support the youth in academics, life skills and other issues. The coaches who will serve as mentors live in the community and have extensive basketball knowledge in addition to influence over the youth participants.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 28

Youth Served by Project: African-Canadian / Somali male youth

Project Service Area: Silverthorn Collegiate Institute and Martingrove Collegiate Institute

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
Due to lack of available funding this application is not recommended for funding as other requests were identified as higher priority for support.
Organization Overview:
The organization is focused on supporting and encouraging youth residents of low income communities to become more socially and civically engaged. The organization provides quality learning opportunities both locally and abroad that strengthen communities, individuals, and relations among diverse groups. Toronto based projects include: WWN's International Thought Film Festival and Mission:Mobilize which serves as a dedicated space that allows youth-led groups and non-profits the opportunity to showcase the work that they are doing within communities throughout Toronto. The organization is located in Ward 29-Toronto-Danforth.

Project Name: Youth Lead Project

This project provides 6 month TESOL (Teach English to Speakers of Other Languages) training to youth 18-24 years of age. After the training, youth are certified ESL teachers and will facilitate their own 3 month ESL class in a low income community. Once youth complete the program, they may hired by we.will.now or other organizations to provide services to the general public.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 10

Youth Served by Project: Youth ages 19-24

Project Activities: - 6 month TESOL training program
- 8 weeks of skill building workshops
- ESL class facilitation in a low-income community

Project Service Area: City wide services

Expected Project Benefits: - Increased employment opportunities for participants
- Improved leadership and communication skills
- Increased interaction between Canadian-born and newcomer youth

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $10,000.00 to support the Youth Lead Project project.

Conditions:
In order to receive the 2011 INI funding, the organization must submit a revised budget.

Funding Period:
The project funding is to be used during the period from November 01, 2011 to October 31, 2012.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, and the number of sessions, outreach activities, training sessions, peers trained, participants, and other supporting documents.
**Organization Overview:**

This new group has been established to provide mentoring through literacy to young women in grades 8-10 (ages 13-16) living in the Regent Park community. The young women who service as mentors are between the ages of 20 - 25 also from the Regent Park community. The group's mission is to provide positive influences within the community as well as the larger community to restore pride and help young women realize their potential. The organization is located in Ward 27-Toronto Centre-Rosedale.

**Project Name: Women Engaging Young Women Project**

This project will promote education and literacy through the medium of books, mentoring and role models. Young women in grades 8 - 10 will participate in a book club and be matched with a mentor who is a young woman from the same community who is 20 - 24. At the book club participants will engage in a critical review of literature resulting in strengthened literacy skills. The book club will also involve a third generation of older women of influence who will come speak to the participants about their lives in relation to the book being read. This component will be used as a catalyst for young women to learn about the training and education required for the professions represented.

**Number of Youth Involved / Participating:** 20

**Youth Served by Project:** Young African-Canadian women in grades 8 -10

**Project Activities:** Book club, guest speakers, service learning

**Project Service Area:** Regent Park

**Expected Project Benefits:** 15 young women receive mentoring, have stronger literacy skills and knowledge about future professions

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**Recommendation:**

The organization is recommended for $10,000.00 to support the Women Engaging Young Women Project project.

**Conditions:**

In order to receive the 2011 INI funding, the organization must provide a revised budget and work with a trustee organization.

**Funding Period:**

The project funding is to be used during the period from November 01, 2011 to October 31, 2012.

**Project Final Report:**

The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, and the number of outreach activities, volunteer recruitment activities, peer mentor matches, youth leaders trained, participants, number and role of volunteers, and other supporting documents.
2011 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI) Program

Organization # 54: Young Diplomats Ethiopian Youth Development Group
109-358 Dufferin Street Toronto, ON M6K 1Z8

Organization Overview:
The organization is composed of a group of Ethiopian Canadians who are looking to create meaningful and innovative experiences for themselves and their peers by finding unique ways of expressing their heritage and sense of belonging in Canada. The organization is located in Ward 14-Parkdale-High Park.

Project Name: Vital Things 101 Mentorship and Leadership Project
This project will create a resilient Ethiopian Canadian youth community with positive role models and healthy lifestyles by implementing proven strategies into the groups’ existing mentorship and leadership programs. Through the project, youth will participate in career mentorship, leadership training, civic engagement workshops and healthy cooking activities. This project will foster a sense of support, leadership and confidence among participants.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 50
Youth Served by Project: Ethiopian Canadian youth

Project Service Area: City wide services

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application would be strengthened by demonstrating how the project activities would have an impact for youth and contribute to the INI program goals.
2011 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI) Program

Organization # 55: Youth 2 Youth
313 Pharmacy Avenue  Scarborough, ON  M1L 3E7

Trustee Name: Family Services Toronto

Organization Overview:
The organization works to enable at risk young men from Teesdale and the surrounding neighbourhood to
develop the skills necessary to grow, contribute and participate safely in the neighbourhood and the society
they live in. This is achieved by providing workshops, programs and activities to prepare youth ages 18-30 for
adulthood. The organization is located in Ward 35-Scarborough Southwest.

Project Name: Youth 2 Youth Project
This project will provide positive social and recreational activities for young men from Teesdale. Activities will
include a variety of workshops, field trips (educational and recreational) and a leadership development
component. Five youth will be trained and mentored to become leaders of the group. This project will result in
increased access to opportunities for youth, positive relationship development and youth leadership
development in the community.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 20

Youth Served by Project: Young men ages 18-30

Project Service Area: Crescent Town  Steeles-L’Amoureux

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.
Organization Overview:
The organization's goal is to engage and equip youth with tools to speak, take action, and become ambassadors (i.e. empowered stakeholders) of their local communities and natural environments. Youth 4 Water strives to mentor youth through leadership training, skills building and raised awareness of social justice and environmental issues. The organization also strives to inform youth about issues regarding local and global water sanitation, conservation and mobilization for them to implement their knowledge towards sustainable and clean water usage habit. The organization delivers projects at a local level in collaboration with neighbourhood residents and community stakeholders such as Toronto Community Housing Corporation. The organization is located in a location outside of the City of Toronto.

Project Name: Watering Youth
The Watering Youth project is a United Nations Association in Canada (UNA-Canada) youth water education program working in partnership with Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC), Tree Canada and Riversides in the Jamestown and Teesdale communities. With Youth 4 Water (Y4W) as the Steering Committee and at least one person as staff, the program seeks to engage young people in community action based water education, water walks, rain water harvesting, tree planting, arts and drama, and environmental leadership. The program uses peer to peer mentoring, facilitation skills, community mobilizing with practical skills building and self empowerment.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 20
Youth Served by Project: Youth from marginalized backgrounds

Project Service Area: Jamestown / Teesdale

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Comments:
The application did not demonstrate the proposal met the eligibility requirement of being youth-led and could not be considered for funding.
Organization Overview:
The organization is an anti-violence youth group. Activities include: weekly meetings, monthly workshops, and an Annual Silence Summit to explore the roots of violence and find ways to prevent violence. The organization uses a variety of means to engage youth and raise awareness, including: media arts, peer support, speak outs and theatre. The organization is located in Ward 31-Beaches-East York.

Project Name: Youth In Action Project
The project is to develop a recording space at the Neighbourhood Centre's youth office and spend a year working with local recording artists make an “inclusive” CD that features music by their peers. Through this project participants will write and record a cd, learn to use recording equipment and learn about the music industry in terms of promoting and selling materials. This project will result in a recording space for youth, youth music mentorship and music skill development.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 20
Youth Served by Project: Racialized and newcomer youth ages 15-24

Project Activities: Training, skill development and mentoring
Project Service Area: Crescent Town Flemingdon Park-Victoria Village

Expected Project Benefits: - Increased knowledge about the music industry
- Increased self-esteem

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Recommendation:
The organization is recommended for $9,800.00 to support the Youth In Action Project project.

Funding Period:
The project funding is to be used during the period from November 01, 2011 to October 31, 2012.

Project Final Report:
The project final report and evaluation will include: a description of project activities, including an income and expenditure report, and the number of workshops, sessions, training sessions, participants, and other supporting documents.
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Organization # 58: Youth Initiative Foundation
c/o Jane Finch Community and Family Centre 4400 Jane Street Suite 108 Toronto, ON M3N 2K4

Trustee Name: Jane Finch Community and Family Centre

Organization Overview:
This new organization has a mission to empower youth to maximize their quality of life through a holistic approach to healthy living by developing their awareness and accessibility to physical, social and emotional well-being tools and techniques. The organization is located in Ward 8-York West.

Project Name: Life & Style Volume 1
This project idea focuses on addressing the specific needs of youth at risk in the Jane-Finch and Weston/Mt. Dennis communities by providing outlets through programs and workshops that promote a healthy lifestyle and deter the negative consequences of poor social integration. The project will increase the knowledge, importance of healthy living and foster skill development while engaging in regular health based activities in order to adopt new habits towards physical fitness, nutrition and social relationships.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 4

Youth Served by Project: At-risk youth

Project Service Area: Jane-Finch Weston-Mt.Dennis

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The application is not recommended for funding.

Conditions:
The application would be strengthened by demonstrating how the project activities would have an impact for youth and contribute to the INI program goals.
2011 Identify 'N Impact Investment (INI) Program

Organization # 59: Youth Leadership-Moving Towards Change
100 Galloway Road Scarborough, ON M1E 1W7

Organization Overview:
The organization provides peer mentorship, promotes leadership and development, education and employment readiness and develops future leaders. The organization is located in Ward 43-Scarborough East.

Project Name: Youth Lead Project
The project will assist youth in identifying, pursuing and achieving their academic, career and/or employment goals. The program is specifically geared toward youth between the ages of 15 to 24, to provide them with the chance to explore and develop their leadership abilities with special emphasis on employment training, empowerment, goal setting and community engagement. Weekly workshops and trainings will be delivered over 12 weeks are used to build transferable skills that can be used both to further education, career and/or employment opportunities.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 240
Youth Served by Project: At risk youth ages 15-24
Project Service Area: Kingston-Galloway Scarborough Village

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Recommendation:
The application is not recommended for funding.

Conditions:
The application did not demonstrate the proposal met the eligibility requirement of being youth-led and could not be considered for funding.
Organization Overview:
Youth to Youth is a group started in 2009 from a youth basketball program at Warden Woods Community Centre that provides youth with the resources, referrals, and advice on overcoming obstacles and challenges in finding jobs. The organization is located in Ward 35-Scarborough Southwest.

Project Name: Youth Lead Project
This project focuses on increasing the employability of youth ages 15 - 24. Workshops will include problem solving, conflict resolution, customer service skills, CPR, WHIMIS, Food Handling Certificate, Smart Serve, Cash Register Training, how to write a resume, communication with you employer, tips for interviews. Youth will also have access to an optional 20 hour placement opportunity to put their skills into practice and gain work experience.

Number of Youth Involved / Participating: 15
Youth Served by Project: youth ages 15 - 24
Project Service Area: Cataraqui and Teesdale

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Comments:
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