2011 Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Allocation Recommendations

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**SUMMARY**

This report outlines the review process, funding applications and recommendations of the Board of Health Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel regarding allocations in 2011.

The 2011 Approved Operating Budget for the Drug Prevention Community Investment Program (DPCIP) includes an allocation of $844,280. This report recommends the allocation of $844,280 to 30 projects. Funding is to be used between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The 2011 Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel recommends that:

1. the Board of Health recommend that Toronto City Council approve the allocation of $844,280 to 30 projects as recommended by the 2011 DPCIP Review Panel in Appendix C and Appendix D of this report; and,

2. the Board of Health recommend that Toronto City Council approve the listed applicants for two-year assessment in Appendix E of this report pending Council approval of the 2012 budget; and,
3. Authority be granted to the Medical Officer of Health to execute Letters of Understanding on behalf of the City.

Financial Impact
There is no financial impact beyond what has been approved in the 2011 Approved Operating Budget resulting from adopting this report.

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

DECISION HISTORY
At its meeting of March 1, 2011 the Board of Health appointed twelve members and one alternate member to serve on the 2011 Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Community Review Panel (Appendix A). As in previous years, the Review Panel assesses funding applications in relation to program objectives and priorities, and recommends final allocations through the Board of Health to City Council. All Review Panel Members are asked to declare any conflict of interest prior to each review session and are not present during the review of the applications when there is a conflict.

The Review Panel met on April 26, 2011 to assess 53 project applications. Decisions were made for preliminary recommendations to fund 27 project applications. All applicants were then informed of the respective results of the preliminary recommendations by mail and email with information on how to appeal the decisions. A total of $68,266 was reserved for the appeal process.

Appendix C details the project activities recommended for funding. Appendix D provides a list of funding applicants, recommended awards and payment schedule.

Deputations pertaining to nine of the applications were heard on May 19, 2011, at the DPCIP Appeals hearing. The total amount for appealed projects is $230,761. Following the appeal process, the Review Panel made its final allocation recommendations and recommended three more projects for funding.

The 2010 DPCIP funding decisions can be found here:

ISSUE BACKGROUND
The Drug Prevention Community Investment Program (DPCIP) was established by the former Toronto City Council in 1990. The mandate of DPCIP is to build individual and community capacity that will support local drug prevention and/or harm reduction initiatives and is an integrated component of Toronto Public Health’s (TPH) Substance Abuse and Injury Prevention Program.

DPCIP provides funding for non-profit organizations within the city of Toronto to address illicit drug use. Drug prevention programming is mandated by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care under the Ontario Public Health Standards. Drug
prevention education has evolved beyond drug awareness and education. Funding is for drug prevention projects which include both health promotion and resiliency building. Health Promotion as defined by the World Health Organization is "the process of enabling people to increase control over their health and its determinants, and thereby improve their health.” It is not just focused on changing behavioural risk factors but addresses the prerequisites of health, in particular healthy child development; personal health practices and coping skills; social environments; social support networks; income; employment; housing and nutrition.

Resiliency programming provides opportunities for skill building, leadership, and mentoring and is not simply the act of passively receiving drug information. Given that the reasons for drug use are complex and vary from drug to drug, person to person or from occasion to occasion (Health Canada, 2000), it is more effective for individuals, families and communities to draw on their own strengths, talents and assets to define and address the drug related issues affecting them.

COMMENTS

Funding Priorities
In the fall of 2010, the DPCIP review panel and staff undertook a review of funding priorities. Through a strategic planning process, funding priorities for 2011-15 were strengthened based on: DPCIP program review; directions set by TPH Strategic Plan (2010-14); Ontario Public Health Standards, and City Council Strategic Plan. Funding priorities address the health needs of Toronto’s diverse population by mitigating health inequities and the impact of social disadvantage; fulfill the requirements of the Chronic Diseases and Injuries Program Standards; and contributing to the socio-economic development of the City of Toronto.

Funding priorities for 2011-15 are defined by both high risk populations and strategies that effectively address substance misuse among these populations. Projects must target one or more of the following high risk populations which are defined to be: youth and adults whose history, place of residence, behaviour, mental health status, and/or identity makes them at higher risk for substance misuse. In addition, projects must address the needs of priority populations through resilience building, health promotion, organization capacity building, community development and creating safe and supportive environments.

Further to this, project strategies are assessed according to
- demonstration of need
- established best practices which applicants must demonstrate in their application
- peer involvement in project planning, implementation and evaluation
- partnership development and leveraging of community resources
- effective and appropriate choice of strategies and activities
- coherent work plan and budget
- sustainability plan;
- demonstration of organization history and capacity to work with the specific population.

Further consideration is given to projects servicing high-need geographical areas, priority neighbourhoods and city-wide initiatives. Emphasis is placed on reducing duplication of services being undertaken by other community agencies, funders, and Toronto Public Health.

Community Outreach
Potential applicants were made aware of DPCIP funding through publicly promoted information sessions held at locations across the City in fall 2010. The application package was distributed to all applicants through the City of Toronto website. Staff also provided consultations with funded programs and new applicants to explain funding priorities, funding criteria, and to give feedback on proposed projects when requested.

In 2011, the DPCIP received 53 applications: 10 were new applicants, 33 applicants were received from the South Region, 6 applicants from the North Region, 6 applicants from the East Region and 8 applicants from the West Region. The total requested by all applicants for 2011 was $1,619,677.72.

Annual Review Process
Drug Prevention Community Investment Program staff reviewed applications in relation to established eligibility criteria, funding priorities, and following policies and procedures resulting from recommendations of the 2001 Grants Business Practice Improvement Process and the 2001 Auditor’s report. The Implementation of City Auditor’s Recommendations Report link can be found here: http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2002/agendas/committees/hl/hl021118/it004.pdf

Financial Review
All applicants must submit recent audited financial statements and an overview of the organization. Staff reviewed the financial statements to assess the reasonableness of the unrestricted reserves in accordance with City policy.

Projects were not recommended for funding if the organization demonstrated risk according to the City of Toronto risk management framework, did not have reasonable unrestricted reserves or failed to adequately meet the identified priorities. Budget item requests were reviewed for consistency with the project objectives and subsequent activities described in the proposal. A project budget guideline was included with the application package to assist applicants.

Project Monitoring
Funded projects are bound by the terms and contracted services outlined in the Letters of Understanding. Material changes to the budget and nature of activities for which funding has been approved require prior written consent. All projects are required to submit interim and final reports. Project monitoring is conducted through site visits; agency staff consultations; and face-to-face, phone and email communications. Community Project
Grants Officers also observe workshops, presentations and community events, and assess resources developed. Organizations must complete all contracted services to qualify for future funding.

Two-year Assessment

As a result of the City Auditor’s recommendation of February 27, 2001 and City Council approved procedures for the Community Partnership and Investment Program, January 2002, the Drug Prevention Community Investment Program implemented a multi-year assessment strategy in 2003. In the strategic planning meeting held in fall 2010, the Review Panel Committee renamed the term Multi-year Assessment to Two-year Assessment to reflect more accurately the nature of the funding stream. Two-year assessment is subject to City Council’s annual budget approval for the Drug Prevention Community Investment Program. If approved for two-year assessment, organizations are given the opportunity to operate their project for two consecutive years and are no longer required to submit an abbreviated application process prior to the second year of operation. Two-year projects are required to submit quarterly reports and a final report, and are monitored through site visits and ongoing consultations for the duration of the project term. The Drug Prevention Community Investment Program sets aside up to 30% of the annual budget for two-year assessment, totalling no more than 60% of the overall budget at any one time.

Organizations which requested two-year funding were reviewed for eligibility based on the following criteria: past funding history; financial accountability; strong administrative practices; effective organizational governance and a history of providing high quality projects.

Each organization approved for two-year assessment is considered by the review panel prior to the second year. Should the organization not fulfill its agreement with the Drug Prevention Community Investment Program in the first year of two-year assessment, TPH discontinues funding for the second phase of the project.

If an organization applying for two-year assessment does not meet the two-year criteria, the application is reviewed for one-year funding. Funding for the second year of operation is conditional and subject to approval of Drug Prevention Community Investment Program budget by City Council.

17 projects requested two-year assessments of which five projects are recommended for two-year funding. The total amount of year 1 funding is $258,816 and year 2 funding is $229,425.

Process for Making Recommendations

Proposals were reviewed, scored and ranked in order of merit by DPCIP staff and presented to the Review Panel. The Review Panel reviewed staff recommendations and made allocations while considering service gaps and ensuring equitable distribution of funding based on priority populations and geographic needs. Organization history and capacity to deliver services and potential duplication of activities by other funders were also taken into consideration. The assessed need for 2011 was $964,591.
The Review Panel reviewed the proposals, consulted with staff, heard appeals, and has made its final allocation recommendations to the Board of Health.

**SUMMARY OF THE ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Community Review Panel proposes allocations of 30 projects for a total of $844,280; 20 from South Region, 4 from North Region, 2 from East Region and 4 from West Region. Of these, 5 projects are recommended for two-year assessment.

As stated, funding priorities are identified by priority populations. Projects can address the needs of multiple populations with intersecting identities and issues. In 2011, 27 projects will service youth with behavioural, mental and social problems; 20 projects will service youth and adults that engage in high risk behaviours; 12 projects will service homeless youth and adults; 12 projects will service youth at risk of school dropout; 8 projects will service youth who are in conflict with the law; 9 projects will service racialized youth experiencing extreme social deprivation; 8 projects will service youth who come from families with a history of substance abuse; 6 projects will service high risk Aboriginal youth and adults; 5 projects will service youth and adults involved in sex work; and 5 projects will service high risk LGBT youth and adults.

**Impact of Funding**

Recommended projects contribute to achieving DPCIP mandate by helping priority populations engage in healthy lifestyle activities; reduce social isolation, improve community attachment and engagement; increase their knowledge of the harms of substance misuse, resources and services and drug legislation; and increase partnership development and collaboration.

The impact of funded projects is far reaching and leverages resources in the City of Toronto to provide quality and timely projects that are responsive to community needs. DPCIP funding is also leveraged by funding at the provincial and federal levels.

Data from completed projects provide an estimate of DPCIP reach. From the most recent completed data available 42 projects provided 2,227 drop-in activities for 1,743 participants, 1,132 outreach events reaching 35,959 contacts, 1,350 workshops for 6,965 participants, 267 productions for 26,861 participants, and produced 40 resources. 254 staff were employed for 40,275 hours and 355 volunteers provided 28,118 volunteer hours. Non-profit agencies matched 37% of total project costs contributing $489,626 of matching funds.

**Conclusion**

Grants administration are designed to provide the most cost effective way for TPH to broaden its reach and provide services to marginalised populations; to seek innovative health promotion practices through partnerships developed with funded organizations; and to implement a coordinated response with community agencies to address substance use.
TPH grants support the City’s strategic directions to promote strong and healthy
neighbourhoods and communities; to build community capacity and actively involve the
public in civic life; to promote volunteerism and the role of the voluntary sector; to
advocate on behalf of the people of Toronto, particularly our most vulnerable
populations; to provide accessible City services that improve community well-being; and
to improve social and economic inclusion within our communities. The outcomes of
these programs have the potential to reduce crime, increase productivity and
opportunities for employment and re-education for at risk youth and adults.

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Appendix A: Drug Prevention Community Investment Program review panel
terms of reference
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Appendix C: Recommended activities for each project recommended for funding
Appendix D: Recommended allocations for 2011/12
Appendix E: Recommended allocations for two-year assessment for 2011/2012 &
2012/2013

REFERENCES


Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). (1999). Best Advice paper Alcohol and Drug Prevention Programs for Youth: What Works?


Appendix A
Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel
Terms of Reference

Purpose:

Toronto Public Health has used Review Panels since 1990 to bring citizen expertise and participation in the allocation of funds for Drug Prevention Community Investment Program (DPCIP). The Review Panel works with staff to review each application and make recommendations to the Board of Health.

The Review Panel includes City Council members, Board of Health members and informed citizens. In addition, the Medical Officer of Health has endeavoured to ensure representation from across the City.

Appointments to the Review Panel are made by the Board of Health following a public call for potential members, consultations with City Councillors and others to ensure representation from equity seeking groups, as well as representation from diverse neighbourhoods across the City. The Medical Officer of Health shall ensure the Drug Prevention Community Investment Review Panel receives the Program Staff Report for information to assist in the review process.

Membership:

(a) Up to three members of City Council;
(b) A minimum of one member from the Board of Health;
(c) A minimum of one expert member in the field drug prevention, drug treatment and/or harm reduction;
(d) At least two persons who have developed or been part of drug prevention activities, who are residents of the City of Toronto; and
(e) Up to four persons from diverse ethno-racial communities, who are residents of the City of Toronto.

Membership will be representative of the diverse neighbourhoods from across the City. The Review Panel will elect a chair and vice-chair at its first meeting.

Quorum:

A quorum for decision making will be 50% of the review panel membership.

Role of the Drug Prevention Community Investment Review Panel:

The role of the Review Panel is as follows:
(a) Review and evaluate program proposal submissions.
(b) Make allocation recommendations to the Board of Health with the assistance of Public Health staff.
(c) Submit recommendations for Drug Prevention funding allocations to the BOH, for approval by City Council.

(d) Attend program training and information session(s).

(e) Attend all program application review meetings as required.

(f) Attend all program application appeal hearings as required.

(g) Declare all potential and real Conflict of Interest, i.e. membership, employment and other affiliations with Drug Prevention Community Investment Program applicants.

Term of Service for the Review Panel:

A term on the DPCIP Review Panel is one year based on Board of Health approval.

A maximum number of consecutive terms served by review panel members will be reviewed annually in order to maintain corporate history and continuity and will take into consideration required knowledge that is associated with drug trends.

Consecutive appointments will be reviewed and will take into consideration the established DPCIP review panel membership requirements.

Time commitment for the Review Panel:

Minimum of 5 to 7 days per year, including training, review/assessment of applications, hearing of appeals and/or debriefing and community consultation. This includes a minimum of 8 – 10 hours of independent review of applications.

Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Review Panel

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Appendix B
Drug Prevention Community Investment Program Funding Priorities

DPCIP Funding Priorities 2011-15

A review of the DPCIP program resulted in determining the key strategies and populations for 2011-15. This review was based on advisory committee input, Ontario Public Health Standards, Toronto Drug Strategy and Toronto Public Health Strategic Plan for 2010-2014.

Strategies:
DPCIP funding will focus on project activities that engage high risk populations to reduce the frequency, severity, and impact of substance misuse through one or more of the following strategies:

- Resilience Building: addressing risk factors and strengthening protective factors among vulnerable populations to increase their ability to cope in adverse environments
- Health Promotion: encouraging health seeking behaviours by addressing knowledge gaps and risky behaviours
- Organization Capacity Building: providing board, staff and volunteers with training, knowledge and tools to effectively address the needs of vulnerable populations
- Community Development: empowering and engaging communities to take action to resolve substance misuse in their communities. Communities can be geographic and/or population based
- Creating Safe and Supportive Environments: creating social networks and settings for high risk populations whereby systemic barriers and psychosocial influences that can lead to substance misuse are reduced

Populations:
High risk populations are youth and adults whose history, place of residence, behaviour, mental health status, and/or identity makes them at higher risk for substance use/misuse. These populations are defined to be:

High Risk Youth and risk factors:
- History of family members misusing
- Behavioural, mental health, or social problems
- Excluded from school/poor school attachment
- Young offenders/in conflict with the law
- Homeless/street-involved/transient
- Involved in sex work
- Involved in high risk activities, including current drug use
- Racialized groups between ages 0-11 years who are facing extreme socio-economic disadvantage
- Aboriginal (First Nations, Inuit, Métis)
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People (LGBT)

High Risk Adults and risk factors
- History of family members misusing
- Behavioural, mental health, or social problems
- In jail/conflict with the law
- Homeless/street involved/transient
- Involved in sex work
- Involved in high risk activities, including current drug use
- Racialized communities that are facing extreme socio-economic disadvantage and mental health issues
- Aboriginal (First Nations, Inuit, Métis)
- LGBT

The expected outcomes for proposed project activities are:
- Increase knowledge, awareness, and skills*
- Increase leadership and mentorship
- Increase engagement in healthy lifestyle activities
- Increase intersectoral partnerships
- Improve community attachment and identity
- Reduce social isolation

* knowledge, awareness, and skills development are in the areas of: misuse and harms of drugs, resources and services, legislations, working with populations who misuse drugs
Appendix C
Recommended Activities for Each Project Recommended for Funding

DPCIP10-2
AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT)
Gay Youth and Gay Men's Harm Reduction

That funding in the amount of $49,397 be provided to AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT) to carry out the following services:

To employ a Gay Men’s Harm Reduction Coordinator for 37.5 hrs/wk for 52 weeks to increase awareness and minimize health and sexual risk taking behaviours associated with drug and alcohol consumption among gay men:

1. To recruit and train 12 peer volunteers through 2 series of volunteer trainings per year to participate in the following outreach activities.
2. To coordinate late night/early morning outreach activities at gay venues targeting gay men who use alcohol and drugs in the context of sexual activities.
3. To coordinate online outreach specifically targeting online hook-up sites used for “party and play” activities.
4. To coordinate outreach activities at special events (i.e. Pride) held in the gay community and at college and university campus sexual health fairs to create awareness of the role of substance use in sexual risk taking.
5. To maintain and update web resources: torontovibe.com and himynamexistina.com that provide information specific to party drugs and crystal methamphetamine.
6. To manage and disseminate outreach resources, web resources and campaign materials that provide factual information on substance use, counselling and treatment services, withdrawal management for gay/bi men and youth.
7. To partner with Casey House to deliver workshops on the therapeutic motivational technique for gay/bi youth and senior PHA’s to affect behavior change related to drug using and other high risk behaviors.
8. To deliver workshops for service providers and community groups working with gay/bi men and youth to address substance use with their client groups.
9. To attend advisory committee meetings and 3 network meetings with community stakeholders to share resources and promote awareness of drug use issues within the queer community.

DPCIP10-4
Art Starts Neighbourhood Cultural Centre
Creative Wayz

That funding in the amount of $12,074 be provided to Art Starts Neighbourhood Cultural Centre to carry out the following services:
To employ a Project Manager for 6.5 hours per week for 36 weeks, Program Director for 1 hour per week for 36 weeks, Administration Manager for 1 hour per week for 36 weeks, and a Community Assistant for 2 hours per week for 32 weeks. This project will increase awareness, education and skills related to drug misuse and enhance youth resiliency through program participation.

1. To recruit 3 Lead Artists for 8 hrs/wk for 30 weeks and three Guest Artists for 3 hrs/wk to facilitate arts initiatives relating to issues of substance misuse for program participants
2. To recruit 30 youth to participate in project activities to create a theatrical performance that will address issues of substance misuse.
3. To recruit 1 Project Assistant to facilitate educational and artistic workshops working towards the youth's creation of a theatrical production and an art exhibit to showcase work completed during sessions
4. To design and distribute flyer's to promote project initiatives

**DPCIP10-5**

**Arts for Children and Youth**

**Youth X Pressions**

That funding in the amount of $24,875 be provided to Arts for Children and Youth to carry out the following services:

To employ an Artistic Director for 8 hrs/wk for 25 weeks, an Outreach Facilitator 3 hrs/wk for 16 weeks, a Mural Artist for 20 hrs/wk for 22 weeks and to employ a Performing Artist for 20 hrs/wk for 16 weeks. This project will enhance youth resiliency by engaging marginalized youth through an arts-based approach. The youth will develop new transferable skills, and a stronger connection to their community thereby becoming less vulnerable to substance misuse.

1. To recruit and train 4 mural arts assistants for 32 hrs/wk for 2 weeks and 4 performing arts assistants for 2 hrs/wk for 16 weeks to engage in facilitated discussions around drug related and social issues
2. To recruit 4 mural prep assistants for 8 hrs/wk for 1 week to engage in facilitated discussions around drug related and social issues
3. To provide 8 full-day workshops for 40 Grade 7/8 students that will explore drug misuse through the creation of murals
4. To engage participants to fully realize the impact of their newly developed communication/life skills
5. To provide project supplies and materials

**DPCIP10-6**

**Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention**

**Black CAP Harm Reduction Initiative**

That funding in the amount of $25,198 be provided to Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention to carry out the following services:
To employ a Project Coordinator for 20 hrs/wk for 52 weeks and recruit Program Director for 2 hrs/wk for 52 weeks to build knowledge skills and awareness in the areas of resiliency, harm reduction and drug prevention that will support at-risk youth to deal with high levels of substance use in their communities.

1. To recruit 5 youth to support the development of workshop content related to drug misuse.
2. To deliver drug prevention workshops to approximately 300 youth aged 15-29.
3. Develop and implement workshops through the summer months.
4. Develop and deliver skills building workshops to Black CAP staff to address drug use issues among their clients.
5. Build partnerships with other agencies serving the Black community to increase awareness of drug issues.

**DPCIP10-8**

**Central Toronto Community Health Centres**

**TRIP! Project- SaferNightlife.info**

That funding in the amount of $40,525 be provided to Central Toronto Community Health Centres to carry out the following services:

To employ a Project Coordinator for 21 hrs/wk for 52 weeks and 3 Peer Outreach Workers for 6 hrs/wk for 52 weeks to do outreach (both in person and through the creation of a web-based resource) to increase safety among youth attending the dance club scene.

1. To develop a SaferNightLife.info web portal to address sexual/physical assault, high risk sexual/drug use activities, tainted drugs, overdose prevention, and club safety.
2. To recruit and train 30 volunteers through 2 series of 6 session volunteer training workshops.
3. To conduct monthly outreach sessions at regular events at various dance and entertainment venues.
4. To conduct outreach at special events frequented by young adults involved in the dance club/party drug scene.
5. To develop and disseminate TRIP! Wire Cards and SaferNightLife.info campaign resources.
6. To conduct service provider trainings on safer nightlife and youth substance use.
DPCIP10-9
Centre for Spanish Speaking People
Radio Fresca

That funding in the amount of $19,149 be provided to the Centre for Spanish Speaking People carry out the following services:

This project will increase awareness of drug misuse within the Spanish-speaking community and enhance resiliency among marginalized Latin American youth through their participation in the development of radio shows. The youth will learn the technical process of creating a radio show and have an opportunity to explore their views and create solutions to drug misuse within their community through the development of the radio show content.

1. Recruit up to 24 Latin American youth to be trained in radio/audio production
2. Organize workshops related to drug misuse in their community.
3. Produce 3 shows (12 per session)
4. Conduct media events that reach 100 - 200 total participants

DPCIP10-11
Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood Centre
After-School Arts

That funding in the amount of $19,690 be provided to Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood Centre to provide the following services:

To employ a Youth Program Worker, for 14 hrs/wk for 39 wks and a Youth Services Manager for 3 hrs/wk for 45 weeks. This project will offer skills building workshops and will increase the resiliency of the participants to assist them in coping with stress and in managing problem behaviours, as an alternative to drug use. The project will engage racialized low-income youth living in Toronto Community Housing, who are experiencing stress at home and school.

1. To recruit and train 8 youth mentors to assist with project.
2. To facilitate an in-school/after-school project for 2 day per week, 5 hours per week for 39 weeks for approximately 1000 youth in the neighbourhood.
3. To facilitate in-school and community-based workshop in April and June on topics identified as relevant by the youth participants.
4. To plan and implement project related outings for the youth participants.
5. To conduct arts workshops for the youth participants.
6. To conduct performance and visual arts sessions that the youth participants have created as a result of the workshops.
7. To coordinate youth participants to develop and conduct workshops and presentations for their peers.
DPCIP10-15
Griffin Centre Mental Health Services (formerly the J.D. Griffin Adolescent Centre)
Flip the Script: Social Stories by LGBTQ Youth with Intellectual Disabilities

That funding in the amount of $30,649 be provided to Griffin Centre Mental Health Services (formerly the J.D. Griffin Adolescent Centre) to carry out the following services:

To employ a Project Coordinator for 12 hrs/wk for 52 weeks and two Peer Educators for 6 hrs/wk for 52 weeks to highlight the connection among drug use, disability and queer and trans identities through the development of a theatrical production based on personal lived experiences.

1. To implement a weekly drop-in as a support group for at-risk LGBT youth with intellectual disabilities from 3 schools.
2. To produce a theatrical production based on personal scripts of experiences with substance use.
3. To coordinate weekly discussions and theatre development skills training.
4. To showcase the production “Flip the Script” at 6 events as an educational tool to raise awareness of mental health disabilities, LGBT youth and substance use.

DPCIP10-16
Harbourfront Community Centre
Room 13 Art Studio

That funding in the amount of $31,261 be provided to Harbourfront Community Centre to carry out the following services:

To employ an Artist in Residence for 16 hrs/wk for 52 weeks, two Youth Artists for 10.5 hrs/wk for 44 weeks to develop arts-based programming to increase resilience through self expression targeting children and pre-teens facing trauma, violence, gang involvement, and illegal behaviours.

1. To recruit 6 community mentors and 4 community volunteers to build social networks and assist at-risk youth to increase awareness of neighbourhood values and provide positive role modelling.
2. To implement weekly visual art workshops during the school year for 40 at-risk youth to develop skills in leadership, teambuilding, mentoring and conflict resolution/anger management.
3. To implement summer art workshops for 32-40 youth living in the Harbourfront community.
4. To implement summer art workshops for 80 youth from Lawrence Heights and Jane-Finch to share Room 13 resources with youth from high-risk communities.
5. To develop Room 13 education, business, and evaluation plans to assist youth in gaining transferable skills in goal setting, fundraising, budgeting, and planning.
DPCIP10-21
Kipling Community Council
KCC Bounce

That funding in the amount of $14,425 be provided to Kipling Community Council c/o Rexdale Community Health Centre to carry out the following services:

To employ a Project Coordinator for 10 weeks at 35 hours per week and to employ a Youth Worker for 10 weeks at 35 hours per week. This project will enhance resiliency among females that are restricted from participating in community programs and events by parents due to their cultural differences. Young women will be engaged through facilitated discussions on drug use, healthy relationships and healthy choices.

1. To recruit 4 female youth leaders and 3 female peer facilitators to be trained to assist with the implementation of the project.
2. To facilitate arts & crafts workshops during which facilitated discussions will take place.
3. To facilitate mentorship sessions for the young girls.
4. To facilitate group sports to encourage team building, leadership and promote physical activity.

DPCIP10-23
Malvern Family Resource Centre
Voices Through Art

That funding in the amount of $25,775 be provided to Malvern Family Resource Centre to carry out the following services:

To employ a Project Coordinator for 15 hrs/wk for 52 weeks to recruit youth with leadership potential to create theatre based performances to increase awareness of drug use and its risks in the Malvern community:

1. To conduct outreach 4 times per year to recruit 4 groups of 20 youth to engage in leadership roles and community development.
2. To implement four 12 week sessions of weekly workshops on substance use issues, facilitation skills and theatre.
3. To produce and perform drama-theatre performances on the topics of drug use and gang involvement and community reputation at 4 types of venues (schools, faith-based organizations, community agencies, and youth forum) to increase community attachment, involvement, identity and provide drug prevention messages.
DPCIP10-25
Massey Centre for Women
Arts for Life

That funding in the amount of $19,448 be provided to Massey Centre for Women to carry out the following services:

To employ a Coordinator for 12 hrs/wk for 50 weeks to develop arts-based programming to increase the resilience and life/social skills of pregnant and parenting teens with a history of emotional trauma, and transience and prevent them from turning to substance use:

1. to conduct 5 series of 8 weeks art sessions to increase self esteem and emotional awareness for 90 pregnant/parenting teens who do not respond to traditional therapeutic techniques.
2. to conduct a forum to disseminate learnings and highlight the relationship between drug prevention, arts based therapy and mental health.

DPCIP10-26
Native Child and Family Services of Toronto
Aboriginal Youth Camp

That funding in the amount of $6,000 be provided to Native Child and Family Services of Toronto to carry out the following services:

This project provides residential summer camp experiences for Aboriginal youth that connects them with their culture through social, recreational and culturally based programming (traditional language classes, ceremonies, dances, regalia, clan systems, music/arts, medicine, and storytelling). Participants will foster a sense of cultural identity and positive self-esteem thus building resilience.

1. To recruit 60 youth to attend summer camp.
2. To provide supportive materials required for the the campers during the 10 day camp.

DPCIP10-27
Native Child and Family Services of Toronto
Joining Together

That funding in the amount of $13,696 be provided to Native Child and Family Services of Toronto to carry out the following services:

This project will provide outreach services and offer alternatives to Aboriginal youth involved in gangs, street-involved and use substances.

1. To recruit 2 peer outreach workers for 9 hrs/wk for 52 weeks to encourage street involved youth to participate in project activities.
2. To provide drop-in space and activities for up to 500 youth during the 52 weeks of the project.
3. Elders/facilitators will share aboriginal culture and traditions through workshops.
4. To implement workshops related to drug misuse for aboriginal youth.

**DPCIP10-28**

North York Emergency Home for Youth - Eva's Initiatives for Homeless Youth

Satellite's Peer Outreach Project

That funding in the amount of $34,744 be provided to North York Emergency Home for Youth - Eva's Initiatives for Homeless Youth to carry out the following services:

To employ a Project Coordinator for 18 hrs/wk for 52 weeks, 6 Peer Workers for 6 hrs/wk for 25 weeks and 4 Peer Mentors for 3 hrs/wk for 24 weeks to provide alcohol and drug awareness education to homeless youth. This project aims to reduce alcohol and drug use by promoting safer use techniques and enabling youth to speak-out about drug misuse issues.

1. To recruit 24 youths for a 6 week training program 6 times a year to increase knowledge and skills around drug misuse, resources, and services.
2. To coordinate peer training workshops with staff, partners and peers from partner agencies.
3. To coordinate mentorship activities for new shelter residents four times per week for 24 weeks to increase social support, decrease social isolation, and decrease shelter violence.
4. To implement public lunch and learn forums for 50 youth to discuss drug misuse issues for.

**DPCIP10-29**

Prisoner's With HIV/AIDS Support Action Network (PASAN)

"Stand a Day in My Shoes"

That funding in the amount of $22,246 be provided to Prisoner's With HIV/AIDS Support Action Network (PASAN) to carry out the following services:

To employ a Women’s Program Coordinator 16 hrs/wk for 52 weeks to increase the resilience and self esteem of substance using HIV+ women. This project will enhance the participant's abilities to gain employment and volunteer work using Theatre as a form of self expression and as an educational tool.

1. To implement 24 bi-monthly rehearsals and support groups for the Theatre Troupe.
2. To perform the play "Stand a Day in My Shoes" to organizations to reduce social isolation and give voice to the challenges faced by drug using HIV+ women.
3. To provide weekly one-on-one support and education to address their health needs.
4. To support and provide consultations to organizations who have participated in the Theatre Troupe project to address service barriers and increase access to services.
5. To implement a visual arts project and a year-end presentation to showcase skills and increase self esteem.

DPCIP10-30
Prisoner's With HIV/AIDS Support Action Network (PASAN)
PASAN'S Drop-in

That funding in the amount of $29,142 be provided to Prisoner's With HIV/AIDS Support Action Network (PASAN) to carry out the following services:

To employ a Drop-In Coordinator for 24 hrs/wk for 52 weeks to create a safe space and support group for HIV+ ex-prisoners to reduce social isolation and increase access to various health and social services thereby mitigating risks for drug use.

1. To conduct outreach activities at various community agencies and prisons to recruit participants
2. To implement twice weekly drop-in activities targeting 45 participants per week to provide support to increase coping skills of HIV+ ex-prisoners dealing with stigma and discrimination, health issues, HIV, and drug use
3. To implement twice monthly workshops coordinated with partner agencies to increase life and social skills; and access to health and social services
4. To host an annual client holiday party to reduce social isolation

DPCIP10-31
Regent Park Community Health Centre
Peer Drug Education Project

That funding in the amount of $21,577 be provided to Regent Park Community Health Centre to carry out the following services:

To employ a Project Coordinator for 18 hrs/wk for 52 weeks and 4 Peer Outreach Workers for 4 hrs/wk for 41 weeks to reach out to 200 high risk street-involved clients and provide support to finding healthier options to reduce or eliminate drug use.

1. To conduct a 10 week training program for 4 peer workers to enable them to do street outreach.
2. To conduct twice weekly outreach activities by the peer outreach workers to recruit participants for harm reduction and healthy lifestyle workshops.
3. To implement peer facilitated workshops on harm reduction strategies and healthy lifestyles.
4. To provide ongoing bi-monthly in-house education and support to the peer workers.
DPCIP10-32  
Rexdale Community Health Centre  
Feeding the Mind, Body and Soul (FMBS)

That funding in the amount of $25,983 be provided to Rexdale Community Health Centre to carry out the following services:

To hire a Project Coordinator for 36 /wks at 17 hr/wk; a Youth Programs Coordinator for 40 /wks at 15 hr/wk; and to hire 4 Youth leaders for 34/wks at 4 hr/wk  This project will build resiliency among previously gang involved youth. Cooking will be used to teach employable skills as well as life and social skills. Information on substance misuse and gang involvement will be incorporated during the trainings and cooking sessions.

1. To recruit 5 facilitators.  
2. To provide safety workshops for youth in used cooking equipment and general organization of a kitchen.  
3. To organize 40 interactive gender-specific cooking sessions for 90 youth, providing opportunities for discussion.  
4. Organize life skills training sessions male and female youth attending the project.

DPCIP10-35  
Silent Voice Canada  
Owning Our Decisions

That funding in the amount of $27,672 be provided to Silent Voice Canada to provide the following services:

To employ a Project Manager for 39 weeks at 10 hours per week, Project Leader for 39 weeks at 7 hours per week and 6 Project Facilitators for 13 weeks at 7 hours per week. This project will engage deaf and hard of hearing young people in project activities that will increase their knowledge about substance use/misuse and enhance their facilitation skills to enhance their ability to make decisions about safe partying.

1. To conduct workshops in the identification of risk of drug use and safe partying in the deaf community.  
2. Provide 6 youth the opportunity to become project facilitators and present project information to peers.  
3. Develop and deliver a safe partying package for the deaf community.  
4. To conduct an extensive evaluation on all project activities culminating in a best practice document for safe partying within the deaf community.

DPCIP10-36  
Sistering  
Women's Harm Reduction Works

That funding in the amount of $37,190 be provided to Sistering to carry out the following activities:
To employ a Peer Support Coordinator for 21 hrs/wk for 52 weeks and to recruit and train two Peer Workers for 10 hrs/wk for 48 weeks to provide programming to vulnerable women involved in illicit drug use and sex work. The programming will provide information on risk reduction and provide skills building opportunities to help these women gain control over their lives and improve their health and well-being.

1. To recruit and train 2 peer workers.
2. To conduct an interactive afterhours drop-in for women twice per month for nine months on topics identified by the women.
3. To deliver bi-monthly workshops for women attending the drop-in that will focus on drug and harm reduction related information.
4. To conduct weekly outreach for the duration of the project.
5. To develop educational materials for drop-in sessions.

**DPCIP10-37**  
**SKETCH Working Arts for Street Involved & Homeless Youth**  
**SKETCH Arts Engagement Project**

That funding in the amount of $51,404 be provided to SKETCH Working Arts for Street Involved & Homeless Youth to carry out the following services:

To employ two Arts and Crafts Coordinators for 12 hrs/wk for 50 weeks, a Music Coordinator for 12 hrs/wk for 5 weeks, a Community Coordinator for 12 hrs/wk for 50 weeks, a Program Director for 18 hrs/wk for 51 weeks, and 2 Youth Peer Leaders for 12 hrs/wk for 50 weeks to engage and provide social and life skills to street-involved youth. Youth will be engaged through arts-based activities to connect and support their return to school, gain employment, secure housing, seek health resources and reintegrate back to their families and communities.

1. To implement twice weekly 4 hour long arts and crafts workshops targeting 600 street-involved youth.
2. To implement twice weekly 4 hour long music and recording studio workshops targeting 70 street-involved youth.
3. To implement twice weekly 4 hour long community gardening workshops targeting 150 street-involved youth.
4. To coordinate community engagement activities such as exhibitions, trade shows and performances for youth participants.
5. To track and coordinate the placement of youth in schools, employment, addiction counselling, housing, and legal assistance.
6. To coordinate with Unison Health and Community Services to implement various arts and crafts workshops targeting youth in under-served neighbourhoods.
DPCIP10-39
South Riverdale Community Health Centre
Women's Project

That funding in the amount of $57,490 be provided to South Riverdale Community Health Centre to carry out the following services:

To employ a Drop-In Worker for 15 hrs/wk for 52 weeks, four On Site Peer Harm Reduction Workers for 5 hrs/wk for 52 weeks, four Peer Street Outreach Workers for 1.25 hrs/wk for 52 weeks, two Peer Workshop Workers for 1 hr/wk for 52 weeks, and a Peer Harm Reduction Circle Worker for 4 hrs/wk for 52 weeks to engage illicit drug using women and sex workers. This project will increase resiliency through peer led and managed project activities and will improve access to health based services, safety and community well being.

1. To implement weekly women's Drop-In services providing a variety of health promotion services including access to and preparation of nutritious food, informal counselling, information and referral and immediate access to nursing and health care services.

2. To implement 2 series of 16 week Grief and Loss Education and Action Groups to provide support and coping skills for women who have lost their children to Children's Aid Society.

3. To conduct women specific outreach to link women to services and access to programs, to reach hidden and hard to serve women and to increase access to shelters and address issues faced by women in conflict with the law.

4. To conduct education and community building workshops for women and service provider workshops focusing on women's wellness and women and the justice system.

5. To participate in various coalition and advisory committee groups such as: Women's Harm Reduction Advisory Committee, Outreach Harm Reduction Advisory Committee, memorial Project, Bad Date Coalition of Toronto.

6. To produce monthly Harm Reduction Newsletter for printed and online distribution to outreach and to educate incarcerated women on harm reduction, health promotion, and social marketing.

7. To produce a monthly information and educational "What's Going On" pamphlet to provide information on drug trends, sex work safety alerts and upcoming events.

DPCIP10-40
St. Alban's Boys' and Girls' Club
Reel Youth

That funding in the amount of $25,665 be provided to St. Alban's Boys' and Girls' Club to carry out the following services:

To employ a Coordinator for 15 hrs/wk for 40 weeks and a Film Director at 10 hrs/wk for 30 weeks to create short films that will educate and support at-risk youth around the
issues of drug misuse and violence. This project will build resilience as youth will be involved in film making and in bringing awareness of drug issues and healthy positive life style choices to their community.

1. To employ and train 3 Peer Educators to assist with outreach.
2. To provide honorarium for 8 facilitators.
3. To recruit 50 youth to participate in project.
4. To provide education, awareness and resources to youth regarding drug/substance misuse.
5. To organize, facilitate and evaluate weekly workshops and activities around drugs/substance misuse.
6. To organize, facilitate and evaluate weekly workshops on film creation and editing.
7. To develop and print brochures based on youth's stories.

DPCIP10-42
St. Alban's Boys' and Girls' Club-Jane and Finch
Speak Proud

That funding in the amount of $26,077 be provided to St. Alban's Boys' and Girls' Club-Jane and Finch to carry out the following services:

To employ a Project Coordinator for 15 hrs/wk for 40 weeks and a Sound Engineer 30 weeks at 8 hours per week to produce a weekly radio show that will educate and support at-risk youth around the issues of drug misuse and violence. This project will build resilience as youth will be involved in facilitating a live radio show and in bringing awareness of drug issues and healthy positive life style choices to their community.

1. To promote and recruit 3 Peer Educators.
2. To work with 10 professional consultants to co-facilitate workshops.
3. To work with community partners in the development of weekly radio shows.
4. Engage 50 at-risk youth to participate in project.
5. Conduct weekly workshops/activities to raise awareness about drugs/substance misuse and making healthy lifestyle choices.
6. To develop new resources and outreach material.

DPCIP10-43
St. Christopher House
Strengthening Families For Parents and Children Ages 7 to 11

That funding in the amount of $32,895 be provided to St. Christopher House to carry out the following services:

To hire a Project Worker for 21 hrs/wk for 50 weeks to coordinate a "Strengthening Families for Parents and Children Program for ages 7-11" to assist newcomer Roma families and their children with a history of marginalization, social isolation and cultural persecution to intergrate into their community in Parkdale.
1. To implement 3 rounds of Strengthening Families for Parents and Children program for 3 groups of 14 parents and 21 children to help Roma families cope with gang involvement, drug use, violence, racial discrimination, and poverty.
2. To recruit and train two parent and two children facilitators to deliver culturally appropriate programming to their communities.

**DPCIP10-47**

*Toronto Harm Reduction Task Force*

*Our Harm Reduction Stories*

That funding in the amount of $19,915 be provided to Toronto Harm Reduction Task Force c/o St. Michael's Hospital to carry out the following services:

To recruit 10 peer participants who will be engaged in personal empowerment, digital storytelling and facilitation skills building workshops to address stigma and discrimination of substance users:

1. To recruit and train 10 participants in 16 digital storytelling workshops.
3. To produce a 30 minute DVD addressing experiences of stigma and discrimination of substance users.
4. To host a series of discussion/training workshops facilitated by the peers for service providers recruited from health and social services, addiction treatment, income assistance and the emergency shelter system.
5. To launch a public showcase of the DVD.
6. To disseminate the DVD and guidebook.

**DPCIP10-51**

*Young People's Theatre*

*The Nomanzland Project*

That funding in the amount of $60,000 be provided to Young People's Theatre to carry out the following services:

To employ a Project Coordinator for 48 weeks at 12 hrs /week; to hire a Theatre Facilitator for 44 weeks at 3 hours per week; to hire a hip hop facilitator 44 weeks at 3 hours per week; to hire a Theatre Director for 6 weeks at 40 hours per week; to hire a Stage Manager for 5 weeks at 40 hours per week; to hire lighting personnel for 4 weeks at 40 hours per week; to hire a Sound Director for 5 weeks at 40 hours per week and to hire a Production Assistant for 4 weeks at 40 hours per week. This project will build resiliency among youth in the Jane and Finch community through their involvement in all aspects of creating and performing an interactive theatre production regarding substance misuse.

1. To conduct outreach sessions to 60 local service providers to advertise the project and recruit participants.
2. To recruit and train 6 performers, 1 assistant lighting designer, 1 assistant sound designer, 1 assistant stage manager, and 1 assistant director from youth living in the Jane Finch community.
3. To conduct 44 sessions relating to the following topics; drug prevention, harm reduction and theatrical performance production.
4. To develop marketing materials and promote the production.
5. To conduct 10 performances in the community as well as 3 workshops specifically for children using drama to explore their experiences, attitudes and thoughts on drugs.

**DPCIP10-52**  
**Youth Assisting Youth**  
**Crescent Town Peer Project**

That funding in the amount of $17,705 be provided to Youth Assisting Youth to carry out the following services:

To employ a Project Coordinator for 7 hrs/wk for 40 weeks. This project will engage at-risk youth through their involvement in the creation of videos that promote positive alternatives to substance misuse.

1. To recruit and train a recreational assistant and editing staff to assist in project activities.
2. To offer two hours of after-school programming for 36 weeks for 75 youth.
3. To offer monthly video workshops with Regent Park Focus Media Arts Centre and produce 15 short videos.
4. To design and disseminate advertising material.

**DPCIP10-53**  
**YouthLink**  
**Chester Le Youth Drop-in**

That funding in the amount of $22,413 be provided to YouthLink to carry out the following services.

To employ a Youth Worker for 5 hrs/wk for 46 weeks and a Coordinator for 2 hrs/wk for 36 weeks to engage at-risk youth living in the Chester Le Community through skill building sessions and discussions to increase their knowledge on the harmful effects of substance use. This project will provide them with a positive, supportive environment to build resilience through their involvement in the development of the project activities.

1. To recruit and train 2 Youth Facilitators.
2. To provide training on conflict resolution for 3 staff members.
3. To provide team building outings for 20 youth.
4. To provide weekly drop-in sessions for youth that will incorporate discussions regarding drug prevention.
5. To conduct team building and life skill development activities.
6. To engage youth through participation in various interactive games
## Appendix D

### Recommended Allocations for 2011/12

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