

STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Community Recreation Investment Program - 2013 Appeals Recommendations

Date:	June 4, 2013
То:	City Council
From:	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance & Administration
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report recommends allocations of the appeals funds for the Community Recreation Investment (Community Recreation) Program.

Fourteen organizations provided information to the Community Development and Recreation Committee (CDR) meeting of May 23, 2013, through verbal and/or written deputations. Two of these organizations are recommended for funding based on the information provided at committee and a review of the original submission.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. The Community Recreation Investment Program Appeal fund of \$30,200.00 be allocated to two organizations as outlined in Appendices A and B of this report.

Financial Impact

The recommendations in this report will no impact beyond what has already been approved in the 2013 operating budget.

This report recommends allocations for two organizations totalling \$30,200.00.

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of May 23, 2013, the Community Development and Recreation Committee considered the Community Recreation Investment Program – 2013 Allocations Recommendations Report¹ and received verbal and written appeals from fourteen organizations. The committee referred the appeals to the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration for further review and a report to City Council for its meeting of June 11, 2013.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The purpose of the appeals process is to provide organizations with an opportunity to raise issues related to the review of their submissions and to provide new information to demonstrate the proposal's fit with the funding program criteria and goals. An appeal amount has been held back in the Community Recreation program to respond to appeals by deputants.

COMMENTS

Fourteen organizations appealed the funding recommendations for their 2013 Community Recreation application. They had not been recommended for funding for a variety of reasons including: lack of fit with the program priorities, insufficient information in the application to demonstrate that the request met the criteria and priorities; and lack of available funding. All funding programs are a competitive process and recommendations reflect the application's fit and quality, relative to the other requests submitted.

In addressing the Community Development and Recreation Committee, organizations provided information on a variety of reasons why their request should be reconsidered, including:

- community need and access to services;
- implications of not continuing previously funded activities;
- capacity for program delivery;
- how the activities will create positive change for participants;
- information about how project budgets could be reduced but continue to support proposed activity

The available appeal funds were not sufficient to address all the appeal requests. Priority for appeal recommendations was given to:

- projects that demonstrated a fit with the funding program purpose and criteria;
- appeals that provided new information that addressed the rationale of the original funding recommendation;
- feasibility of a component of an original larger request that could be funded with available appeal funds.

¹ <u>http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.CD21.8</u>

The organizations that made appeals are listed in Appendices A and B of this report, along with recommendations for changes, if any, to the Community Recreation 2013 allocations recommendations. Appendix B also includes summaries of the details of the proposed projects being appealed.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Community Recreation Investment Program – 2013 Appeals Recommendations

Appendix B: 2013 Community Recreation Investment Program – Detailed Appeals Report Project Summaries

Appendix A Community Recreation Investment Program 2013 Appeal Recommendations

	Applicant Organization	<u>Ward</u>	2012 <u>Recommended</u> <u>Allocation</u>	2013 Amount Requested	2013 <u>Recommended</u> <u>Allocation</u>	2013 Appeal Recommendation
5	ArtHeart Community Art Centre (ArtHeart)	28	\$5,000.00	\$6,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7	Bikes Without Borders	18	\$16,800.00	\$27,220.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11	Canadian Tamil Youth Development Centre	38	n/a	\$35,770.00	\$0.00	\$5,200.00
14	Community Outreach Programs in Addictions (COPA)	20	\$32,100.00	\$31,864.44	\$0.00	\$0.00
16	Don Mills Family Health Team	25	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
17	Doorsteps Neighbourhood Services	7	n/a	\$48,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
19	Eritrean Canadian Association of Ontario	19	n/a	\$27,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
28	Harriet Tubman Community Organization	33	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
29	Heritage Skills Development Center	44	\$7,500.00	\$34,997.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31	Iranian Women's Organization of Ontario	33	n/a	\$35,388.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
48	Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office for Social & Multicultural Development (TNO)	26	n/a	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
51	Trailblazers Tandem Cycling Club	3	\$8,285.00	\$22,675.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
52	Valley Park Community Association	26	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
53	Victoria Park Cricket Club	38	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Grand Total:

\$30,200.00