



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Community Safety Investment Program – 2013 Appeals Recommendations

Date:	June 4, 2013
To:	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 Safety Investment (CSI) Program.

Eight organizations provided information to the Community Development and Recreation Committee (CDR) meeting of May 23, 2013, through verbal and/or written deputations. One organization that was not recommended solely due to limited funding, but did not appeal, is recommended for funding from the appeal allocation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. The Community Safety Investment Program Appeal fund of \$38,150.00 be allocated to one organization 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 one organization totalling \$38,150.00.

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 Safety Investment Program – 2013 Allocations Recommendations Report¹ and received verbal and written appeals from eight 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 Safety Investment program to respond to appeals by deputants.

COMMENTS

Eight organizations appealed the funding recommendations for their 2013 CSI 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;
- the impact of violence on the community;
- 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

Of the eight organizations that appealed, none provided sufficient information to reverse the original recommendation. Factors considered were:

- new information provided that addressed the reason behind the original funding recommendation;
- the feasibility of a component of an original larger request that could be funded with available appeal funds.

¹ <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.CD21.9>

During the original staff review, one organization was identified as a priority but due to limited funds, the request was not recommended. Staff are recommending that the appeal fund be used to support this high priority initiative.

The organizations considered for appeals funding are listed in Appendices A and B of this report, along with recommendations for changes, if any, to the Community Safety 2013 allocations recommendations. Appendix B also includes summaries of the details of the proposed projects considered for appeal funding.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Community Safety Investment Program – 2013 Appeals
Recommendations

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

Appendix A
Community Safety Investment Program
2013 Appeal Recommendations

<u>Applicant Organization</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>2012 Recommended Allocation</u>	<u>2013 Amount Requested</u>	<u>2013 Recommended Allocation</u>	<u>2013 Appeal Recommendation</u>
6 Boost (formerly Toronto Child Abuse Centre)	27	n/a	\$73,440.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14 Children's Peace Theatre (Hannon-Shields Centre for Leadership and Peace)	31	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30 FWord The Forgiveness Project	27	n/a	\$41,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
31 Heritage Skills Development Center	44	\$0.00	\$29,996.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
38 Loyan Foundation	7	n/a	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
49 Ontario Justice Education Network / Réseau Ontarien D'Education Juridique	27	\$0.00	\$47,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
52 Oromo Canadian Community Association of GTA	7	n/a	\$40,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
56 REH'MA Community Services	26	n/a	\$49,900.00	\$0.00	\$38,150.00
64 Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office for Social & Multicultural Development (TNO)	26	\$11,200.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total:					\$38,150.00