



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Access, Equity & Human Rights – 2013 Appeals Recommendations

<b>Date:</b>	June 4, 2013
<b>To:</b>	City Council
<b>From:</b>	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance & Administration
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

#### SUMMARY

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This report recommends allocations of the appeals funds for the Access, Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) Investment Program

Eleven 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

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

1. The Access, Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) Program Appeal fund of \$39,670.00 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 \$39,670.00.

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 Access, Equity and Human Rights Investment Program – 2013 Allocations Recommendations Report<sup>1</sup> and received verbal and written appeals from eleven 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 AEHR program to respond to appeals by deputants.

## **COMMENTS**

Eleven organizations appealed the funding recommendations for their 2013 AHER application. One organization appealed the amount of funding recommended as it was less than requested. The remaining ten organizations that had not been recommended for funding were declined 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;
- issues of discrimination, bias and racism experienced by the community;
- capacity for program delivery;
- how the project will create positive change for participants; and
- 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;
- the feasibility of a component of an original larger request that could be funded with available appeal funds.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.CD21.6>

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

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## **SIGNATURE**

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Chris Brillinger, Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A: Access, Equity & Human Rights Investment Program – 2013 Appeals Recommendations

Appendix B: Access, Equity & Human Rights Investment Program – Detailed Appeals Report Project Summaries

**Appendix A**  
**Access, Equity and Human Rights 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>
20 Dejinta Beesha Somali Multi-Service Centre	1	n/a	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
33 Harriet Tubman Community Organization	33	n/a	\$49,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
37 Iranian Women's Organization of Ontario	33	n/a	\$35,010.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
39 Manantial Neighbourhood Services Inc	9	\$20,200.00	\$20,234.80	\$0.00	\$0.00
44 Northwood Neighbourhood Services	11	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
45 Ogaden Somali Community Association of Ontario	12	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
50 Passerelle Integration et Developpement Economiques, La	27	\$41,900.00	\$49,997.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
53 S.E.A.S. Centre (Support Enhance Access Service Centre)	28	\$3,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
58 SKETCH Working Arts	18	\$0.00	\$36,355.00	\$0.00	\$24,070.00
62 Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office for Social & Multicultural Development (TNO)	26	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
63 Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care	19	\$15,600.00	\$15,600.00	\$0.00	\$15,600.00
<b>Grant Total:</b>					<b>\$39,670.00</b>