



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Community Festivals & Special Events 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 Festivals and Special Events (CFSE) 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. Three 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 Festivals and Special Events Program Appeal fund of \$15,550.00 be allocated to three 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 three organizations totalling \$15,550.00.

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 CFSE Program – 2013 Allocations Recommendations Report¹ 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 Community Festivals and Special Events program to respond to appeals by deputants.

COMMENTS

Eleven organizations appealed the funding recommendations for their 2013 AHER application. These organizations 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 for the proposed event;
- capacity to deliver the event;
- evidence of how the event creates 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:

- events 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 <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.CD21.7>

The organizations that made appeals are listed in Appendices A and B of this report, along with recommendations for changes, if any, to the CFSE 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 Festivals & Special Events Investment Program – 2013 Appeals Recommendations

Appendix B: Community Festivals & Special Events Investment Program – Detailed Appeals Report Project Summaries

Appendix A
Community Festivals and Special Events Investment Program
2013 Appeal Recommendations

<u>Applicant Organization</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>2012 Approved Allocation</u>	<u>2013 Amount Requested</u>	<u>2013 Recommended Allocation</u>	<u>2013 Appeal Recommendation</u>
10 Better Living Health and Community Services (E. P. Taylor Place)	25	n/a	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
13 Bloor Ossington Folk Festival	19	n/a	\$19,800.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
24 Doorsteps Neighbourhood Services	7	\$0.00	\$8,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
26 Eritrean Canadian Association of Ontario	19	n/a	\$32,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
28 Franklin Horner Community Centre	6	\$2,750.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
33 Harriet Tubman Community Organization	33	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
35 Jane and Finch Unity	7	n/a	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,550.00
45 Oakwood Village Community Association	15	n/a	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
51 Scadding Court Community Centre	20	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
61 Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office for Social & Multicultural Development (TNO)	26	\$10,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
62 UforChange Movement	28	n/a	\$24,964.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total:					\$15,550.00