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STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Identify 'N Impact Investment Program – 2013 Appeal Recommendations

Date:	October 1, 2013
То:	City Council
From:	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This report recommends the allocation of appeals funds of \$24,795.00 for the Identify 'N Impact (INI) Investment Program. 17 groups appealed their funding recommendation on September 23, 2013 and provided verbal and/or written deputations. The Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration (SDFA) heard the appeals. Three groups are recommended for funding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council allocate the Identify 'N Impact Investment Program Appeal fund of \$24,795.00 to three groups as outlined in Appendices A and B of this report.

Financial Impact

An amount of \$24,795.00 was held for the purposes of addressing INI appeals. These funds are available within the 2013 Approved Operating Budget for the Social Development, Finance and Administration Division. There is no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting September 18, 2013, the Community Development and Recreation Committee recommended INI funding of \$157,545.00 to 16 applicants. \$24,795.00 was set aside for the appeals allocation http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.CD23.9

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The purpose of the appeals process is to provide groups with an opportunity to address any issues related to the review of their submissions, or to provide additional information on their request to clarify the proposal's strengths and relationship to the funding program criteria.

COMMENTS

17 groups appealed their funding recommendations through verbal and/or written presentations.

Groups provided information on a variety of reasons why their request should be reconsidered, including:

- Descriptions of community need;
- Explanation of how the project would create positive change for the participants;
- Information about how the proposed project was revised to meet the program criteria.

The allocation recommendations are presented in Appendix A. For each organization that is being recommended for funding, project summaries are presented in Appendix B.

The available appeal funds were not sufficient to address all the appeal requests. Priority for appeal recommendations has been given to projects that provided information showing they were 1) clearly eligible and focused on the funding program priorities; and 2) could be funded at a level suitable to provide for effective implementation of the project.

Members of the youth panel that reviewed the original submissions attended the Appeals Meeting and participated in the development of funding recommendations.

Information about all approved INI allocations will be posted on the City of Toronto web site. The appeal allocations included in this report will support the INI grant program goals and promote healthy youth development and broader youth well-being in the City of Toronto.

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SIGNATURE

Chris Brillinger Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: 2013 Identify 'N Impact Investment Program Appeal Allocations Appendix B: 2013 Identify 'N Impact Investment Program Appeals – Revised Summary Sheets and list of declined applicants

Appendix A 2013 Identify 'N Impact Investment Program Appeal Allocations

Applicant Group	Trustee Organization (if provided)*	Ward**	<u>2012</u> Approved Allocation	<u>2013</u> <u>Amount</u> <u>Requested</u>	2013 Amount Recommended	2013 Appeal Recommendation
Arts and Business Collective		37		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Confessions From the Streets Media		1		\$9,940.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dance Ambition Program, The	The Spot – Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre	8		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FCJ Youth Network	The FCJ Refugee Centre	17		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Film Stars Project, The	Canadian Training Institute	1		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hearing Every Youth Through Youth (H.E.Y.Y)	The Neighbourhood Centre	29		\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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PATCH (Public Art Through Construction Hoarding), The	The STEPS Initiative/Centre for Social Innovation	25		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rexdale Youth for Change	The Rexdale Community Health Centre	7		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rise & Grind Basketball		8		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SafeTYnet (Safe Toronto Youth)		34		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
S.P.O.T (Success Power Opportunity Teamwork), The		42		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,265.00
Stories Beyond Borders (Youth Reconciliation Initiative)	Canadian Roots Exchange	20		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,265.00
Youth Mentorship Project		34		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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