

Community Safety Investment Program – 2013 Allocation Recommendations

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From:	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration
Wards:	All
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SUMMARY

This report recommends funding under the 2013 Community Safety Investment (CSI) Program. Of the 72 applications received, 19 are recommended for funding of \$683,750.00. An amount of \$38,150.00 has been held for appeals.

The purpose of the Community Safety Investment Program is to help create safe communities for people in Toronto. Community-led efforts to respond to local safety issues help create opportunities for people to work together to build stronger communities and prevent violence. CSI makes resources available to organizations that are in a unique position to reach vulnerable communities with information, prevention activities and situation-specific responses. The time-limited and outcome-focused projects funded through the program help create safer places for everyone.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council approve the 2013 Community Safety Investment Program allocations totalling \$683,750.00 to 19 organizations as recommended in Appendices A and B;
2. An amount of \$38,150.00 be held for appeals.

Financial Impact

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

This report recommends allocations for 19 organizations totalling \$683,750.00 with an appeal fund of \$38,150.00.

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

DECISION HISTORY

The City of Toronto provides support to the not-for-profit sector through funding programs under the general authority for making municipal grants provided in Section 83 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* (S.O. 2006, c.11)

The Social Development, Finance and Administration Division 2013 Approved Operating Budget includes funding of \$721,900.00 for the Community Safety Investment program. The approved budget amount includes an increase of \$25,000.00 representing the economic factor increase as approved by Council at its meeting of January 15 and 16, 2013

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewPublishedReport.do?function=getCouncilMinutesReport&meetingId=5669>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Community Safety Investment program supports time-limited and outcome-focused projects that work to prevent violence. By working through community-based organizations, the City is able to support a broader range of safety and violence prevention opportunities including for ethno-cultural communities and equity-seeking groups, than it would be able to offer on its own.

Not everyone is equally affected by violence. People's experiences and perceptions of safety vary depending on age, gender, income levels, race, access to information, available resources and a variety of other circumstances. Communities have different assets and different structural issues to address. In order to ensure that the CSI project funding will meet the greatest need and have a significant impact, grants are directed to vulnerable communities.

As outlined in the CSI guidelines, priority is given to projects addressing the safety and violence prevention needs of children and youth, women and girls, people with disabilities, seniors, the Aboriginal community, immigrants and refugees, LGBTTQ community and neighbourhoods.

Funded projects address violence and safety issues using one or more of the following approaches:

- Outreach and awareness – to build understanding and awareness and to identify violence prevention and safety issues

- Training and education – to increase skills and knowledge to prevent violence
- Building capacity and addressing systemic issues – to build relationships and knowledge that help a community plan, manage and access resources to increase safety
- Crisis response – to support and provide resources to communities impacted by violent and traumatic incidents

COMMENTS

Application Process

Organizations applied for CSI funding through the Corporate Grants information System, the City's online funding database. Applicants were required to register to access the required forms from any internet-based computer. The online funding system is part of the City's plan to manage its funding program requests and grant recipient reporting more efficiently.

Guidelines and on-line registration for the 2013 Community Safety were available in January with a submission deadline of February 21, 2013. Six information sessions on the purpose and process for CSI and three other community investment funding programs were provided in January and February. These sessions enabled groups to determine which funding program best suited the needs and priorities of their communities and their organization. Each information session included time for attendees to talk one-on-one with Community Resources staff about the program criteria and their project ideas. 164 people attended the six information sessions. Applicants were also able to speak with staff by telephone or schedule meetings to ask questions or get help with their applications.

121 organizations registered for access to the Community Safety online application form. Eight online training sessions were delivered to 19 organizations that were first-time users of the online funding system. 72 organizations completed and submitted the application by the deadline date.

In order to help assess the application process for applicants, registered organizations were asked to complete a survey on their experience and suggestions. Of the 62 organizations that have completed the survey to date, more than two-thirds indicated that they were satisfied with the experience and the support provided. Respondents were asked to provide their preferences and suggestions for alternative delivery of information sessions and system training. Staff will use the detailed survey responses to continue improvements to the on-line process for the 2014 funding cycle.

Assessment of Applications

72 applications were assessed. In order to be recommended for funding, applicants must meet common eligibility criteria, which are provided in the CSI program guidelines¹. Core eligibility requirements include: non-profit status, located in the City of Toronto and

¹ Program Guidelines can be found at <http://www.toronto.ca/grants/csi/index.htm>

demonstrated financial accountability. Organizations not incorporated as a not-for-profit must partner with an incorporated trustee organization to provide the financial accountability.

The assessment process includes an assessment of the following information: project description, work plan, project budget organization's documents (i.e. audited financial statements, bylaws, budget), progress reports (for returning applicants), and the applicant's administrative and human resource capacity to carry out the proposed project.

The assessment process may include site visits, telephone calls or meetings with applicants, with particular attention to new applicants and applications from emerging communities. Social Development, Finance and Administration (SDFA) Community Crisis Response and Community Development staff were consulted on project models and provided input on local community safety needs to inform the assessment.

Assessment of previously funded applicants considers their track record in providing progress and final reports on the implementation and outcomes of previously funded activities. Staff may also attend annual general meetings and other programs offered by organizations as well as contact other funders for budget or project related information.

The assessment process determines the extent to which proposed projects have the potential to address safety and violence-prevention issues through outcome-focused, time-limited activities. To be recommended for funding, proposed projects must be feasible, leverage other resources (including in-kind sources and partnerships), and use a community development approach by engaging volunteers and participants in the project planning and activities.

2013 Allocation Recommendations

Of the 72 applications received, 19 are recommended for funding and 53 are not recommended for support. Five of the recommendations are for organizations that received funding in 2012 for a multi-year project: these projects have been determined to be meeting their goals, and the second or third (final) year of funding is recommended. 14 recommendations are for a new project.

The average grant size in the program is \$35,987.00. Of the 19 projects recommended, seven will be delivered in a neighbourhood improvement area, eight will work in other neighbourhoods and four have a city-wide focus. The CSI investment of \$683,750.00 will leverage an additional \$80,000.00 in funding from other sources, as well as the engagement of 623 volunteers. The recommended project activities are expected to involve more than 4,000 participants.

Below is a chart detailing the recommended allocations by issue:

Allocations by Issue	# of Recommended Allocations
Neighbourhood safety	3
Violence against Women	4
Elder Abuse	3
Youth Engagement in Violence Prevention	3
People with disabilities safety	1
Aboriginal community safety	3
Human Trafficking	1
Crisis Response	1

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Community Safety Investment Program – 2013 Allocation Recommendations

Appendix B: Community Safety Investment Program – Detailed Project Summaries

Appendix A
Community Safety Investment Program
2013 Allocation Recommendations

<u>Applicant Organization</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>2012 Recommended Allocation</u>	<u>2013 Amount Requested</u>	<u>2013 Recommended Allocation</u>
1 African Canadian Social Development Council	28	n/a	\$38,789.00	\$25,000.00
2 Agincourt Community Services Association	41	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
3 Albion Neighbourhood Services	1	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
4 Alliance of Multicultural Agencies Against Forced Marriage	40	n/a	\$49,906.00	\$0.00
5 Arts for Children and Youth (AFCY)	20	n/a	\$33,500.00	\$0.00
6 Boost (formerly Toronto Child Abuse Centre)	27	n/a	\$73,440.00	\$0.00
7 Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture	27	n/a	\$45,760.00	\$0.00
8 Canadian Centre for Women's Education and Development	35	\$0.00	\$20,060.00	\$0.00
9 Canadian Red Cross Society, Ontario Zone-Toronto Region	18	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
10 Carefirst Seniors and Community Services Association	39	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00
11 Centre for Community Learning and Development, Toronto (formerly East End Literacy)	28	n/a	\$49,500.00	\$30,000.00
12 Centre for Independent Living in Toronto (C.I.L.T.)	27	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00
13 Centre for Spanish-Speaking Peoples	9	\$0.00	\$20,164.00	\$0.00
14 Children's Peace Theatre (Hannon-Shields Centre for Leadership and Peace)	31	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
15 Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter	20	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
16 Community Action Resource Centre in Toronto	12	\$40,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00
17 Community Health Action Team (CHAT)	38	\$49,000.00	\$45,150.00	\$45,150.00
18 Concrete Roses Youth Services	20	n/a	\$41,617.20	\$40,000.00
19 Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA)	35	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
20 CultureLink Settlement Services of Metro Toronto	14	n/a	\$49,830.00	\$0.00

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21 Delta Family Resource Centre	7	\$0.00	\$22,500.00	\$22,500.00
22 Dixon Hall	28	n/a	\$27,192.00	\$0.00
23 Elizabeth Fry Society of Toronto	27	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
24 Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women (North York)	7	n/a	\$36,550.00	\$0.00
25 Eritrean Youth Collective	19	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
26 Eye on the Sparrow	24	\$34,300.00	\$46,000.00	\$0.00
27 Family Inter-Generation Link	26	\$0.00	\$31,810.00	\$0.00
28 FCJ Refugee Centre	17	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$45,000.00
29 For You Telecare Family Service (FUTFS)	25	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
30 FWord The Forgiveness Project	27	n/a	\$41,400.00	\$0.00
31 Heritage Skills Development Center	44	\$0.00	\$29,996.00	\$0.00
32 Hospice Toronto	16	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
33 Immigrant Post Information Centre	11	n/a	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
34 Jane Finch Crisis Support Network	8	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
35 Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitan Toronto (JVS)	15	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
36 John Howard Society of Toronto	27	\$0.00	\$24,780.71	\$0.00
37 Korean Senior Citizens Society of Toronto	19	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$30,000.00
38 Loyan Foundation	7	n/a	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
39 Macaulay Child Development Centre	15	n/a	\$33,692.00	\$0.00
40 Malvern Family Resource Centre	42	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00
41 Malvern Safety Committee	42	n/a	\$43,800.00	\$0.00
42 Native Child and Family Services of Toronto	27	\$0.00	\$27,420.00	\$20,000.00
43 Native Womens Resource Centre of Toronto Inc.	27	n/a	\$14,143.77	\$14,100.00
44 New Canadian Community Centre	24	n/a	\$18,069.00	\$0.00

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45 North York Seniors Centre	23	n/a	\$48,750.00	\$0.00
46 North York Women's Resource Centre	15	n/a	\$41,691.00	\$40,000.00
47 One Step Method	23	n/a	\$48,900.00	\$0.00
48 Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI)	16	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
49 Ontario Justice Education Network / Réseau Ontarien D'Education Juridique	27	\$0.00	\$47,800.00	\$0.00
50 Operation Springboard	27	n/a	\$49,986.26	\$0.00
51 Opportunity for Advancement	20	\$47,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$47,000.00
52 Oromo Canadian Community Association of GTA	7	n/a	\$40,600.00	\$0.00
53 Peacebuilders International (Canada)	28	\$35,600.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
54 Promoting Education and Community Health (PEACH)	7	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
55 Regent Park Community Health Centre	27	\$40,000.00	\$50,104.00	\$0.00
56 REH'MA Community Services	26	n/a	\$49,900.00	\$0.00
57 S.E.A.S. Centre (Support Enhance Access Service Centre)	28	\$0.00	\$39,355.00	\$0.00
58 San Romanoway Revitalization Association	8	n/a	\$51,654.00	\$0.00
59 Scarborough Women's Centre	38	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
60 SKETCH Working Arts	18	n/a	\$39,534.00	\$0.00
61 South Asian Women's Centre	18	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$35,000.00
62 St. Leonard's Society of Toronto	n/a	n/a	\$46,793.00	\$0.00
63 St. Christopher House	19	n/a	\$49,109.00	\$0.00
64 Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office for Social & Multicultural Development (TNO)	26	\$11,200.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
65 Toronto Emerging ARTivists, The	26	n/a	\$31,350.00	\$0.00
66 Tropicana Community Services Organization	38	n/a	\$46,415.00	\$0.00
67 Unison / York Community Services	15	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00

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68 Vietnamese Women's Association of Toronto/VWAT Family Services	17	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
69 Warden Woods Community Centre	35	\$0.00	\$35,692.55	\$0.00
70 WoodGreen Community Services	30	\$0.00	\$31,895.00	\$0.00
71 Working Women Community Centre	18	\$37,100.00	\$49,977.58	\$0.00
72 York-Fairbank Centre for Seniors	15	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Grand Total:			\$2,971,576.07	\$683,750.00
Appeals Fund:				\$38,150.00
2013 Approved Budget:				\$721,900.00