



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Service Development Investment Program (SDIP) 2013 Allocation Recommendations

Date:	May 3, 2013
To:	Community Development and Recreation Committee
From:	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance & Administration
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	17128

SUMMARY

This report recommends that \$433,090.00 be allocated to 12 organizations for capacity development activities within neighbourhood improvement areas.

The Service Development Investment Program (SDIP) provides multi-year project funding to support coalitions and not-for-profit organizations develop a community's capacity to understand local issues and build effective responses and partnerships. SDIP is a unique funding program, offering opportunities for non-traditional groups and organizations that may be high risk due to lack of a track record. The particular focus is on developing capacity within neighbourhood improvement areas for initiating local responses and for projects that support service stabilization for priority neighbourhoods.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council approve the 2013 Service Development Investment Program allocations totalling \$433,090.00 to 12 organizations as described in Appendices A and B of this report. Appendix A contains a financial summary of the recommendations. Appendix B contains individual Summary Sheets for each of the recommended agencies.

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 12 organizations totaling \$433,090.00.

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

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Neighbourhood Improvement Areas are designated by the City of Toronto to identify communities in need of investment for social infrastructure and services. The SDIP program works to increase a neighbourhood's access to public resources, including effective and proactive community-based organizations.

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, c11).

In December, 2008 City Council approved the report “CPIP 2008 Community Services Funding Allocations and Program Update” including information on consultations related to future directions and administrative options for SDIP.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cd/reports/2008-11-14-cd20-cr.pdf>

The Social Development, Finance and Administration Division 2013 Approved Operating Budget includes funding of \$ 433,090.00 for the Service Development Investment Program. The approved budget amount includes an increase of \$25,290.00 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

Council identifies neighbourhood areas where investment is required to build local capacity for partnerships that can build and sustain service infrastructure. The Service Development Investment Program was established to address the need for community-based infrastructure by supporting the organizational capacity of coalitions and not-for-profit organizations and providing service stabilization opportunities for organizations serving in priority neighbourhoods.

COMMENTS

Service Development is used to describe activities that build organizational capacity to meet community needs by supporting existing organizations or through broader community development. Support for organizations will strengthen capacity for effective governance, organization management, volunteer training and development, responsiveness of programs and services, and accountability to funders. Support for community development activities will strengthen community engagement, community problem solving, access to services and service planning.

The Service Development Investment Program (SDIP) provides funding opportunities to increase the capacity of not-for-profit organizations in high needs, under-served communities to effectively respond to community needs.

Allocation recommendations:

The allocation recommendations for 2013 are included in Appendix A, which lists all eligible applicants and their requested project amounts. Project descriptions for each organization are provided in Appendix B, including the specific neighbourhoods to be served by the projects. Because of the limited overall size of the budget and the number of returning multi-year applicants, no appeals fund has been set aside.

A targeted call for SDIP applicants is undertaken through Community Development staff working within Neighbourhood Improvement Areas to identify suitable applicants.

This report recommends 2013 funding for eight eligible new applicants as well as four returning applicants who are part way through a multi-year project plan. Six new applications are from coalitions focused on building effective responses to local issues in priority neighbourhoods and two new applications are from youth serving organizations working across the 13 neighbourhood improvement areas. The four returning SDIP projects are recommended for another year of support based on their demonstrated progress on their updated multi-year plans. Of the returning organizations, one is in a second year of funding, two are in their third year of funding and one allocation is for a fourth and final year of funding.

Below is a chart detailing the recommended allocations by neighbourhood:

2013 Allocations by Neighbourhood	# of Recommended Allocations
City-wide	2
Eglinton East – Kennedy Park	1
Dorset Park	1
Jane-Finch	1
Kingston-Galloway/Orton Park	2

2013 Allocations by Neighbourhood	# of Recommended Allocations
Steeles-L'Amoreaux	1
Malvern	1
Westminster – Branson	1
Weston-Mt. Dennis	1
Scarborough Village	1

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: 2013 Service Development Investment Program Allocation Recommendations

Appendix B: 2013 Service Development Investment Program Project Descriptions

Appendix A
Service Development Investment Program
2013 Funding Recommendations

<u>No.</u>	<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>2012 Allocation Amount</u>	<u>2013 Requested Amount</u>	<u>2013 Recommended Allocation</u>
1	1652 Keele St. Community Alliance	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$23,090.00
2	Bathurst-Finch Network	\$40,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00
3	Collective Impact Project	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$30,000.00
4	Dorset Park Neighbourhood Association	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00
5	EEKP Community Project	\$40,000.00	\$49,836.00	\$40,000.00
6	Firgrove Community Learning Centre	\$40,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00
7	G.E.T. (Grassroots Education and Training) Schooled	n/a	\$49,900.00	\$40,000.00
8	Malvern Stakeholder	n/a	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
9	Neighbourhood Basketball Association	\$40,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00
10	Scarborough Access Centre	n/a	\$47,902.00	\$40,000.00
11	Steeles-L'Amoreaux Strength in Partnership	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00
12	Youth Action Network	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$20,000.00
Total:			\$587,638.00	\$433,090.00