

Service Development Investment Program (SDIP) 2014 Allocation Recommendations

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To:	Community Development and Recreation Committee
From:	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance & Administration
Wards:	All
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SUMMARY

This report recommends funding under the 2014 Service Development Investment Program (SDIP). Of the 17 applications received, 14 are recommended for funding in the amount \$452,400.00.

SDIP provides multi-year project funding to coalitions and organizations that develop community capacity and build effective partnerships within Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIAs) and across the city. SDIP is a unique funding program, offering opportunities for emerging groups and networks that may be high risk due to lack of a track record and robust infrastructure.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council approve the 2014 Service Development Investment Program allocations totalling \$452,400.00 be allocated to 14 organizations as described in Appendices A and B of this report.

Financial Impact

The recommendations in this report will have no impact beyond what has already been approved in the 2014 Operating Budget for Social Development Finance and Administration.

This report recommends allocations for 14 organizations totaling \$452,400.00.

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

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).

The Social Development, Finance and Administration Division 2014 Approved Operating Budget includes funding of \$ 452,400.00 for the Service Development Investment Program. The budget amount includes an economic factor increase as approved by Council at its meeting of January 29 and 30, 2014.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewPublishedReport.do?function=getCouncilDecisionDocumentReport&meetingId=7848>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Council has identified neighbourhood areas where investment is required to build local capacity for partnerships that can build and sustain service infrastructure. SDIP was established to enhance the organizational capacity of coalitions and not-for-profit organizations and provide service stabilization for organizations in priority neighbourhoods.

The term "service development" describes 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.

COMMENTS

Allocation recommendations:

Each year a targeted call for applicants is supported by Community Development and Agency Review staff to identify applicants that are a strong fit with the program's strategic focus. This

year, 17 projects applied for funding. Of these, nine are returning initiatives that had been approved for multi-year funding in previous years. The returning projects are recommended for another year of support based on their demonstrated progress on their updated multi-year plans and budgets.

The six recommended new initiatives are working toward the following outcomes:

- **Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council (TASSC)** - improve and enhance the social, economic and cultural base of the City's Aboriginal community through outreach, building partnerships and working towards sustainability.
- **Scarborough Residents Unite** - develop an organizational infrastructure to strengthen resident engagement, outreach and build capacity to develop a strategic plan for Scarborough Village.
- **Weston-Mount Dennis Pro Tech Media Centre** – embed a successful digital media centre in Urban Arts. The program introduces youth to potential careers in new media while providing computer literacy skills and creating opportunities for self-expression.
- **Youth Arts Action (YAA!)** – use arts to promote community connectivity and capacity building among youth in Lawrence Heights through arts.
- **Grace Hartman/Wilcox Creek Co-op Advisory Committee** – increase capacity of community members and develop a sustainability plan to continue the work of residents in these two housing co-operatives in northeast Scarborough.
- **Queen's Plate Resident Steering Committee** - build capacity of the steering committee and improve coordination of resources in this northwest neighbourhood of Rexdale.

Two requests –Regent Park Social Development Planning Table and Rexdale Community Hub – demonstrated a strong fit with the program's neighborhood improvement priorities. Due to lack of available funding they have not been recommended. However, SDFA is committed to enhancing the capacity of these initiatives and will pursue both monetary and non-monetary investments to strengthen the work in these communities.

Below is a chart detailing the 14 recommended allocations by neighbourhood:

2014 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
Steeles-L'Amoreaux	1

2014 Allocations by Neighbourhood	# of Recommended Allocations
Malvern	2
Rexdale	1
Weston-Mt. Dennis	2
Scarborough Village	1

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.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: 2014 Service Development Investment Program Allocation Recommendations

Appendix B: 2014 Service Development Investment Program Project Summaries and Decline Chart

Appendix A
Service Development Investment Program
2014 Funding Recommendations

<u>No.</u>	<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>2013 Allocation Amount</u>	<u>2014 Requested Amount</u>	<u>2014 Recommended Allocation</u>
1.	1652 Keele Street Community Alliance	\$22,840.00	\$40,000.00	\$25,400.00
2.	Dorset Park Neighbourhood Association	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
3.	EEKP Community Project	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
4.	Firgrove Learning and Innovation Community Centre	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$20,000.00
5.	Grace Hartman Wilcox Creek Coop Advisory Committee	n/a	\$34,500.00	\$30,000.00
6.	G.E.T. (Grassroots Education and Training) Schooled/ArtReach Toronto/Tides Canada	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
7.	Malvern Stakeholder Group	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
8.	Queen's Plate Resident Steering Committee	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$30,000.00
9.	Regent Park Social Development Planning Table	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
10.	Rexdale Community Hub	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
11.	Scarborough Access Centre/Tides Canada	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
12.	Scarborough Residents Unite	n/a	\$41,968.48	\$30,000.00
13.	Steeles L'Amoreaux Strength in Partnership	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
14.	Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$30,000.00

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15.	Weston-Mount Dennis Pro Tech Media Centre	n/a	\$40,000.00	\$17,000.00
16.	Youth Action Network	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
17.	Youth Arts Action YAA	n/a	\$50,200.00	\$30,000.00
Total			\$726,668.48	\$452,400.00