

Appendix B

2016 Identify N' Impact (INI)

Summary of Projects Recommended for Funding

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Application #1: 21-15 Youth Group
15 Canlish Rd, Unit 31, Toronto ON, M1P 4M9

Group Overview: The "21-15" Youth Group provides peer-to-peer mentoring, youth leadership development and life skills training for local youth in Toronto Community Housing. The group seeks to build awareness of community concerns and support youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious violence and crime (MVP youth) through early intervention strategies using social media platforms and online engagement tools. The group is located in Ward 37 - Scarborough Centre.

Project Description: This project aims to create a video web series with approximately five 30 minute episodes highlighting Toronto's Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIAs) and the multiple barriers youths face on a daily basis. Project activities include implementing a youth-led community-based survey to identify gaps and common issues MVP youths face in NIAs, creating an implementation plan for the web series, filming and recording footage. The goal of the project is to provide an outlet for youth to have voice in community planning, media training, skills development, peer-to-peer mentorship and leadership development.

INI Instagram Video Pitch: https://www.instagram.com/p/BLrYzQHDQH0/?taken-by=21_15productions

Organization Ward: Ward 37- Scarborough Centre

Neighbourhood Improvement Area: Kennedy Park, Ionview

Population Served: Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)

Number of Project Participants: 50

Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Funding Recommendation: This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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Application #2: **Champions**
34 Goodall Drive, Toronto, ON, M1B 5E3

Group Overview: Champions provides afterschool training and supports to racialized and marginalized youths in a culturally sensitive environment. The organization focuses on providing youths most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth) with confidence to build positive relationships. The group's primary mission is to encourage community members to take pride in their neighborhoods and emphasize trust and solidarity against youth crime and violence. The group is located in Ward 42 – Scarborough-Rouge River.

Project Description: This project aims to promote anti-violence resolution and healthy lifestyle balancing approaches through the learning of tangible transferable life skills. Project activities include martial arts training, job training and workshops, and strategies to promote anti-violence conflict resolution approaches where youth learn to manage and channel their emotions in a positive manner. A graduation event will showcase the youth's martial arts and personal development skills acquired through the project. Youth will also create and present a three Step Safety Action Plan to the community with the aim to implement these strategies in the Malvern community.

INI Instagram Video Pitch: https://www.instagram.com/p/BLg_IHngVp6/?taken-by=torontotyees

Organization Ward: Ward 42- Scarborough-Rouge River

Neighbourhood Improvement Area: None

Population Served: Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)

Number of Project Participants: 10

Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount
\$9,924.00	\$9,924.00

Funding Recommendation: This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$9,924.00. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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Application #3: **Harari Youth Committee of Toronto**
3503 Danforth Ave, Toronto, ON, M1L 1E3

Group Overview: Harari Youth Committee of Toronto was formed to address the needs of first generation Canadian-Harari-Ethiopian youth in Toronto. Its goals include creating a positive space through community building, programming and self-development initiatives, and instilling a sense of identity among youth. The group is located in Ward 35 – Scarborough Southwest.

Project Description: This project aims to provide mentoring programs, personal growth initiatives, cultural workshops, and social nights to address challenges existing in the Harari community. These project initiatives primarily target youths in the Neighbourhood Improvement Areas. Project activities include organizing a community open discussion with elders about issues within their diaspora, creating a safe and open space for youth within the community, and establishing a girls and women group to encourage gender specific open dialogue on issues impacting women, on relationships and marriage, and career planning.

INI Instagram Video Pitch: <https://www.instagram.com/p/BLwhbr2gE2u/?taken-by=torontotyes>

Organization Ward: Ward 35- Scarborough Southwest

Neighbourhood Improvement Area: Ionview, Kennedy Park, Oakridge

Population Served: Racialized and newcomer youth

Number of Project Participants: 85

Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount
\$8,040.00	\$8,040.00

Funding Recommendation: This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$8,040. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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Application #4: Les Dancesoeurs
7 Four Winds Dr. Unit 10, Toronto, ON, M3J 1K7

Group Overview: Les DanceSoeurs uses African/Caribbean folklore to instill resilient values in youth within Toronto's growing diaspora. The founders are Canadian-born young women, who rediscovered their roots after visiting their parents' homeland. The group is committed to creating meaningful socio-economic change for youth through art, specifically by leading, developing and sustaining the culture of dance. The group is located in Ward 8 - York West (8).

Project Description: This project aims to deliver socially conscious performing arts programs to 'hard to reach' youths by engaging them in the co-design of eight-week sessions for participants in the Jane/Falstaff and Mount Dennis neighbourhoods. Youth participants aged 13-17 will select a theme of interest (e.g. racism, gun violence, poverty) to build a performance. Older youth aged will serve as group leaders within the project. Throughout the eight weeks, youth will develop the selected theme through script writing, visual and performance art, culminating in a community performance. The project goal is to establish safe spaces for youth facing multiple barriers to express themselves through the arts, while fostering a sense of inclusion, confidence and well-being.

INI Instagram Video Pitch: <https://www.instagram.com/p/BLxgyHYAm4/>

Organization Ward: Ward 8 - York West

Neighbourhood Improvement Area: York University Height, Black Creek, Glenfield-Jane Heights

Population Served: Youth with multiple barriers: living in precarious family situations/in the care of the Children's Aid Society; with mental health and/or addictions issues; and, youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth).

Number of Project Participants: 60

Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Funding Recommendation: This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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Application #5: **N.Y.C. (Neptune Youth Community)**
145 Neptune Drive, Unit #207, Toronto, ON, M6A 2Y4

Group Overview: Neptune Youth Community (N.Y.C.) was created to engage community-based agencies and residents in the Neptune community to address local youth and community safety issues. N.Y.C. works to ensure that the agencies serving youths can meaningfully involve and engage them in the planning, decision-making and implementation of activities that address important social issues. The group is located in Ward 15 Eglinton-Lawrence.

Project Description: This project aims to increase the facilitation, leadership, research and management skills among youths most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth). Project activities are in two stages. First, a safe workshop space will be developed, run and facilitated with local youth with the support of community agencies. These workshops will help the youth develop and organize meetings with Toronto Police 32 Division's Community Officers, with the goal to improve relations between youth and police in the Neptune community. Youth will present learnings from their engagement to local community agencies and the Toronto Police Services with the goal of improving relations and access to support services for youth.

INI Instagram Video Pitch: <https://www.instagram.com/p/BLsWtALBk0U/?taken-by=neptuneyouthcommitte>

Organization Ward: Ward 15 - Eglinton-Lawrence

Neighbourhood Improvement Area: None

Population Served: Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)

Number of Project Participants: 16

Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Funding Recommendation: This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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Application #6: PAERE
1527 Victoria Park Ave, Toronto, ON, M1L 2N5

Group Overview: PAERE re-imagines the human experience and empowers their partners and their clients through innovative technology and accessibility strategies. PAERE was founded out of the need for new approaches to innovating technologically that empowers people, their stories, and their different experiences. The group is located in Ward 37 – Scarborough Centre.

Project Description: This project aims to empower black artists and highlight black history in Toronto by making it available through a new medium. Through the development of social media tools, participants will gain knowledge of Toronto's little known Black history, including important landmarks which are now gone. Project activities include the launch of the digital arts and history museum, a city-wide amazing race campaign, social media training, and a series of workshops. The digital arts and history museum will be available for use in workshops provided by program partners in vulnerable communities.

INI Instagram Video Pitch: https://www.instagram.com/p/BLv_VZJArzM/?taken-by=torontotyes

Organization Ward: Ward 37- Scarborough Centre

Neighbourhood Improvement Area: None

Population Served: Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)

Number of Project Participants: 500

Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount
\$9,850.00	\$9,850.00

Funding Recommendation: This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$9,850.00. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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Application #7: South Etobicoke Youth Assembly (SEYA)
185 Fifth St, Toronto, ON, M8V 4G8

Group Overview: South Etobicoke Youth Assembly is a youth-led talent showcase that focuses on social justice issues in the community. The group seeks to address topical issues including transphobia, homophobia, community policing and carding, racism, and poverty that affect youth and their families. South Etobicoke Youth Assembly also provides a vehicle and platform for youth most vulnerable to serious violence and crime through leadership development and creative expression, using young artists and mentors, while building community pride. The group is located in Ward 6 –Etobicoke-Lakeshore.

Project Description: This project aims to empower and build confidence in marginalized youth in South Etobicoke to grow and develop resiliency and a greater sense of social justice through the arts. Project activities include workshops, day camps, advocacy, and an annual fashion and talent show in a safe, non-judgemental, supportive environment. The project will highlight the voices of youth in South Etobicoke, which include racialized youth, queer and transsexual youth, and low-income youth, among others. A 2017 talent show will highlight youth talents and advocacy on issues such as racism, policing, homophobia, transphobia, poverty and challenges facing local youths.

INI Instagram Video Pitch: <https://www.instagram.com/p/BLxLQJ5AVCi/?taken-by=torontotyees>

Organization Ward: Ward 6- Etobicoke-Lakeshore

Neighbourhood Improvement Area: None

Population Served: Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)

Number of Project Participants: 60

Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Funding Recommendation: This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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Application #8: Visions of Science Network for Learning
585 Dundas St. E Suite #300, Toronto, ON, M5A 3B7

Group Overview: Visions of Science Network for Learning Inc. (VoSNL) is a charitable organization that aims to advance the educational achievements and career aspirations of youth from low-income and marginalized communities through meaningful engagement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields and research. The group provides ongoing support, inspiration, and meaningful STEM learning opportunities for local youth with the view that science can enable youth to overcome barriers and be better prepared to succeed and positively contribute to their communities and society. The group is located in Ward 28 – Toronto Centre-Rosedale.

Project Description: This project aims to pilot the implementation of a “STEM Community Leaders” program for youth from low-income communities across the City of Toronto to increase the number of racialized youth in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Project activities include leadership development sessions, community engagement, workshop facilitation, and knowledge transfer and exchange. The project also aims to showcase their efforts by launching a social media campaign. Participants will also have access to mentors and teachers with experience in science and technology.

INI Instagram Video Pitch: <https://www.instagram.com/p/BL019BpAH5r/?taken-by=torontotytes>

Organization Ward: Ward 28- Toronto Centre- Rosedale

Neighbourhood Improvement Area: City wide

Population Served: Racialized youth

Number of Project Participants: 60

Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Funding Recommendation: This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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Application #9: Young Decision Makers Youth Group c/o The Students Commission of Canada
23 Isabella St, Toronto, ON M4Y 1M7

Group Overview: Young Decision Makers Youth Group was formed to engage and empower youth across Toronto by giving youth a voice in decision making, allowing them to put their ideas into action. The group is located in Ward 27- Toronto Centre- Rosedale.

Project Description: The project aims to target MVP youth (youth most vulnerable to serious violence and crime) between ages 12 to 24 on the topic of justice in Canada, particularly on issues faced by racialized youth in Toronto and those who have been most impacted by racism in the justice system. Project activities will include discussion on topics like: systematic racism, knowing your legal rights, and police and youth relationships. The activities will be implemented through a five-step cycle of decision making which focuses on studying an issue, discussing an issue, making decisions, informing policy makers, and taking action. The group aims to engage youth on different platforms such as social media, the arts and through workshops. The purpose of this engagement is to create young decision makers who can make change in their own communities.

INI Instagram Video Pitch: <https://www.instagram.com/p/BLrX8kAAM9x/?taken-by=torontotyees>

Organization Ward: Ward 27- Toronto Centre- Rosedale

Neighbourhood Improvement Area: City wide

Population Served: Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)

Number of Project Participants: 150

Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Funding Recommendation: This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.

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Application #10: Young Diplomats Ethiopian Youth Development Group
204 - 1245 Danforth Avenue, Toronto, ON, M4J 5B5

Group Overview: Young Diplomats Ethiopian Youth Development Group is a youth-led non-profit organization that empowers Toronto's Ethiopian and Eritrean youths by offering support and opportunities that promote positive youth development. The group aims to nurture youth to overcome the social, economic and cultural challenges face as members of a racialized, immigrant, low-income community. The group is located in Ward 30- Toronto Danforth.

Project Description: This project aims to provide Ethiopian and Eritrean youth with opportunities to explore their identity as Ethiopian/Eritrean-Canadians and develop life skills through a leadership program. The Leadership intensive program is a week-long community-based leadership-training program (in addition to the existing summer camp program) offered to 10-15 Ethiopian and Eritrean youth who are completing high school and/or entering post-secondary education. The intensive program will run three times per year and teaches youth to analyze and internalize the meaning of leadership in mainstream society and in ethnic communities through mentorship, group discussions, workshops, and interactive activities in a focused setting. The project goal is to equip and empower youth to become future leaders and change makers for their generation, and role models for the next.

INI Instagram Video Pitch: <https://www.instagram.com/p/BLub0acA31Y/?taken-by=torontotyes>

Organization Ward: Ward 30- Toronto Danforth

Neighbourhood Improvement Area: City wide

Population Served: Youth most vulnerable to involvement in serious crime and violence (MVP youth)

Number of Project Participants: 150

Requested Grant Amount	Recommended Grant Amount
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Funding Recommendation: This application is recommended for one-year funding of \$10,000. As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and provide additional documents including a revised budget and/or work plan.