

2018 Appeal Recommendations – Community Projects & Events Investment Funding Program

Date:	June 14, 2018
To:	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration
From:	Manager, Community Funding, Social Development, Finance and Administration

SUMMARY

This report recommends the allocation of appeals funds of \$100,500 for the 2018 Community Projects & Events grant stream from the Community Investment Funding program.

Nine (9) applications were recommended for appeals by the Community Funding Review Panel. All nine eligible groups deputed in person on May 31, 2018 at City Hall. A total of five (5) organizations are recommended for funding by the Community Funding Appeals Panel. As per Council approved direction to include more perspectives in grant decision making, this year, the Panel was comprised of resident representatives from three SDFA resident advisory committees. This included Alison Canning from the Resident Advisory Committee, Hamdi Jimale from the Toronto Youth Cabinet, and Charis Newton from the Toronto Seniors Forum. Grants staff from Social Development, Finance and Administration who were involved in the review and assessment of the application and grants administration processes were not involved in the Appeal Panel's decision-making process.

The five (5) organizations recommended for appeals funding for one year are as follows:

- VHA Home HealthCare - \$45,000
- Elizabeth Fry Toronto - \$25,500
- Flemingdon Community Support Services - \$10,000
- Centre for Immigrant and Community Services - \$10,000
- York Hispanic Centre - \$10,000

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Community Funding Appeals Panel recommends that:

1. The Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration allocate \$100,500 from the 2018 Community Projects & Events Funding Program Appeal fund to five organizations as outlined in Appendix A of this report.

Financial Impact

An amount of \$112,800 was held for the purposes of addressing Community Projects & Events appeals. These funds are available within the 2018 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

On May 22, 2018 City Council approved the 2018 Allocations Recommendations: Community Investment Fund and Community Service Partnerships Fund that included the combined total of \$112,800 amount held for appeals for the 2018 Community Projects & Events grant program.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.CD28.3>

On December 16, 2013 City Council approved the formation of an Appeals Panel comprised of representatives from the community sector, non-granting City divisional staff, and the Toronto CPIP Coordinating Committee to replace the CPIP Appeals Committee comprised of City Councillors. City Council also delegated authority to Division Heads responsible for the administration of Community Partnership and Investment Programs to include approval of recommendations from Appeals Panels.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.EX36.12>

On March 28, 2017 City Council approved the introduction of Community Projects & Events as part of the new Community Investment Funding framework to advance Council approved social development strategies and support City divisional service plans. The report also recommended the inclusion of community representatives on grant review, allocation and appeals panels to increase transparency and accountability in grants processes.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.CD18.5>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The purpose of the appeals process is to provide groups with an opportunity to provide additional information on their proposal, and to clarify the proposal's strengths and relationship to the funding program criteria.

COMMENTS

On March 28, 2017 City Council approved the new Community Investment Funding (CIF) framework. The approved framework included refinements to the Appeals process. A significant change was made to the Appeals process: Appeals are available only to applicants who have been invited to the full application stage, whose proposals meet most funding criteria, and are recommended by the review panel.

All nine (9) Community Projects & Events applicants who were recommended for appeals by the Community Funding Review Panel were sent notifications by email of the opportunity to appeal on May 9. Applicants were given the option to appeal either in person or in writing. Each group was also offered the opportunity to discuss the comments made by the Community Funding Review Panel so that they could address questions or concerns during their appeal. As previously noted, all nine chose to present their appeal in person.

Groups presented their case for support during a 5 minute presentation. Groups provided information on a variety of reasons why their request should be reconsidered, including:

- Descriptions of the project and how it meets community need;
- Explanation of how the project would create community impact and positive change for the participants;
- Information about how the proposed projects meet the program criteria;
- Information on the use of the funds requested.

The allocation recommendations are presented in Appendix A.

Appeal recommendations were for appellants that provided information demonstrating they were 1) clearly eligible and focused on the funding program priorities; and 2) could be funded at a level suitable for effective implementation of the project.

Information about all approved Appeals allocations will be posted on the City of Toronto web site and the report emailed to all registered appellants. The appeal allocations included in this report will support the Community Projects & Events grant program goals.

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Date

ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A: Appeal Allocation Recommendations - 2018 Community Projects & Events Investment Funding Program
- Appendix B: Summary of Projects Recommended for Funding via Appeals Process

**Appendix A: Appeal Allocation Recommendations - 2018 Community Projects & Events
Investment Funding Program**

Program Stream	Applicant Group Name	Ward*	2018 Amount Requested	2018 Appeals Recommendation
Events	Canadian Tamil Youth Development Centre	38	10,000	0
Events	Centre for Immigrant and Community Services	41	10,000	10,000
Events	Flemingdon Community Support Services	26	10,000	10,000
Events	House of Adea	36	8,760	0
Events	York Hispanic Centre	12	10,000	10,000
Projects	Afghan Women Counselling & Integration Community Support Organization	35	64,594	0
Projects	Arts4All Creative Society	17	31,000	0
Projects	Elizabeth Fry Toronto	28	25,500	25,500
Projects	VHA Home HealthCare	22	45,000	45,000
Grand Total				\$100,500

*Wards represent the mailing addresses of the applicant group. Project service locations vary considerably

**Appendix B: Summary of Projects Recommended for Funding via Appeals Process -
2018 Community Projects & Events Investment Funding Program**

Centre for Immigrant and Community Services	Social Development Strategy Alignment	Total Project Costs	Total In-Kind Contributions Leveraged	2018 Amount Requested & Recommended
	Toronto Poverty Reduction Strategy	\$10,000	\$31,246	\$10,000
<p>Brief Description: The organization will hold 4 Good Food Markets and an end-of-season Community Garden Fair to increase access and education around nutritious food, and to build healthy community and intercultural engagement around urban agriculture for immigrants and newcomers in the Agincourt-Scarborough neighbourhood. Local youth will be recruited and will receive training to run the markets.</p> <p>Funding Term: This application is recommended for one-year funding.</p> <p>Estimated participants: 220</p> <p>Neighbourhood(s) Served: Agincourt South-Malvern West</p> <p>Populations Served: Newcomers, youth, seniors and women</p>				

Flemingdon Community Support Services	Social Development Strategy Alignment	Total Project Costs	Total In-Kind Contributions Leveraged	2018 Amount Requested & Recommended
	TSNS 2020	\$10,000	\$1,760	\$10,000
<p>Brief Description: Via a resident-led, multi-cultural event, this group will reduce isolation and promote better cross cultural communication in Flemingdon Park. A diverse group of residents will be provided with opportunities to meet their neighbours, showcase their talents, and learn new skills.</p> <p>Funding Conditions: As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee and must provide a revised workplan.</p> <p>Funding Term: This application is recommended for one-year funding.</p> <p>Estimated participants: 300</p> <p>Neighbourhood(s) Served: Flemingdon Park</p> <p>Populations Served: Diverse residents</p>				

York Hispanic Centre	Social Development Strategy Alignment	Total Project Costs	Total In-Kind Contributions Leveraged	2018 Amount Requested & Recommended
	Toronto Seniors Strategy TSNS 2020	\$10,000	\$8,100	\$10,000
<p>Brief Description: The group will organize a Latin American Seniors Heritage Celebration Day, providing seniors with the opportunity to promote their culture through artistic participation with traditional dancing, singing, poetry and theatre. This event will be entirely planned by seniors and will combat isolation while providing opportunities for intergenerational dialogue and learnings.</p> <p>Funding Conditions: As a condition of funding, the organization must work with a trustee.</p> <p>Funding Term: This application is recommended for one-year funding.</p> <p>Estimated participants: 400</p> <p>Neighbourhood(s) Served: Keelesdale-Eglinton West</p> <p>Populations Served: Seniors, youth, newcomers, racialized persons, women</p>				

Elizabeth Fry Toronto	Social Development Strategy Alignment	Total Project Costs	Total In-Kind Contributions Leveraged	2018 Amount Requested & Recommended
	Toronto Poverty Reduction Strategy Human Trafficking	\$25,500	\$9,450	\$25,500
<p>Brief Description: The organization will develop and test a psycho-educational resource handbook for counselors working with trafficked victims. Elizabeth Fry will work with other members of the Toronto Counter Human Trafficking Network on this project and to ensure the dissemination of the finished tool.</p> <p>Funding Term: This application is recommended for one-year funding.</p> <p>Estimated participants: 500</p> <p>Neighbourhood(s) Served: City-wide project</p> <p>Populations Served: Trafficked victims and counselors</p>				

VHA Home HealthCare	Social Development Strategy Alignment	Total Project Costs	Total In-Kind Contributions Leveraged	2018 Amount Requested & Recommended
	Toronto Poverty Reduction Strategy Toronto Seniors Strategy	\$45,000	\$5,000	\$45,000
<p>Brief Description: The Toronto Hoarding Support Services Network will enhance its current website to: (1) increase the capacity for community and knowledge exchange between Network partners and other potential collaborators; (2) expand the general public's knowledge on hoarding and hoarding-related behaviours/resources.</p> <p>Funding Term: This application is recommended for one-year funding.</p> <p>Estimated participants: 5,000</p> <p>Neighbourhood(s) Served: City-wide project</p> <p>Populations Served: People who hoard and service providers working with this group</p>				