

June 21, 2018

**To:** Chris Brillinger, Executive Director, Social Development, Administration and Finance

**From:** Carolyn Doyle, Agency Review Officer, Community Funding Unit

**C.C.:** Costanza Allevato, Director, Community Resources  
Barbara Powell, Manager, Community Funding  
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**Re:** **Delegated Authority to Approve Grants for 2018 Neighbourhood Grants Program**

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Please find below the request for delegated approval for the Spring, 2018 Neighbourhood Grants Program:

- Approve grants to 63 resident-led groups recommended by the Resident Advisory Panel and Neighbourhood Planning Tables (Appendix A);
- \$143,902 to Social Planning Toronto (SPT) to disburse to the 63 recommended resident-led groups;
- \$89,810.33 to Social Planning Toronto (SPT) for dedicated staff to deliver a capacity building program to grant recipient groups, its resident leaders, and potential applicants, and to provide all trusteeship services to the Neighbourhood Grant recipient groups from 2017 and 2018.

Staff recommends the total disbursement of \$233,172.33 for Neighbourhood Grants from the 2018 Neighbourhood Grants cost centre. A total budget of \$250,000.00 is available.

#### **Delegated Authority Approval by Council**

On March 28, 2017<sup>1</sup> City Council approved delegated authority to the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to approve, issue and enter into agreements for neighbourhood -grants to selected proponents and report back to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on awards made to the selected grant recipients.

#### **Neighbourhood Grant Program & Process**

Neighbourhood Grants of \$1,000 - \$3,000 are for use by resident-led groups to support Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy 2020 (TSNS 2020) Actions in local communities.

A total of 98 applications were received for Neighbourhood Grants and 63 are recommended for funding. Of the 63 applications recommended, 20 were recommended by the Resident Advisory Panel and 43 were recommended by the Neighbourhood Planning Tables. In the neighbourhood where no official Neighbourhood Planning Tables (e.g. Emerging Neighbourhoods) or the Neighbourhood Planning Table was unable to review the applications, a central review process through the Resident Advisory Panel took place. A Neighbourhood Grant Resident Selection Panel was composed of four members recruited from TSNS 2020 Neighbourhood Advisory Committee. Recommended project ideas include:

- Democracy Fairs with pop-up voting areas for residents
- Sporting, physical activity and community wellness events
- Art and music festivals to celebrate youth cooperation and diversity
- BBQs and community festivals for community cohesion
- Gardening and cooking learning events
- Senior appreciation and volunteer events to honour their contribution to communities

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<sup>1</sup> <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.CD18.5>



A total of 28 of the 31 Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIAs) and 7 of the 8 Emerging Neighbourhoods (ENs) are recommended for funding. The following are the distribution of the 63 projects recommended for approval:

- 13% or 5 NIA/EN have three grant recipients recommended
- 46% or 18 NIAs/ENs have two grant recipients recommended
- 31% or 12 NIAs/ENs have one grant recipient recommended
- 10% or 4 NIAs/ENs does not have any grantee recommended

#### Refinements to the Program:

Staff are committed to incorporating changes to ensure the grant program is meeting the needs of resident-led groups and ensuring deeper involvement of Neighbourhood Planning Tables:

- Increased role of neighbourhoods in making grant recommendations by piloting a 'dot-mocracy' selection process held at Neighbourhood Tables;
- Strengthened place-based program responsiveness by engaging SPT to hire two Local Champions alumni to liaise with funded resident-led groups in their own communities. The Neighbourhood Grant Ambassadors not only provide greater accessibility to supports, they also take on communications duties and promote and coordinate capacity building trainings for resident-led groups in NIAs; and,
- Implementing a formal evaluation to the Neighbourhood Grants program using outcome and process indicators. The evaluation is aimed to ensure the program is accessible and supportive of its target audience, residents of NIA/ENs who apply for and receive Neighbourhood Grants. A Masters of Public Health student from University of Toronto has been engaged to carry out the evaluation.

#### Neighbourhood Grant Capacity Builder/Administrative Partner

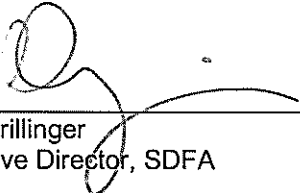
Social Planning Toronto, the Neighbourhood Grant capacity builder/administrative partner is conducting capacity building training workshops to support grant recipients, provides trusteeship services, informs the evaluation of the grant program, provides reporting and administers grant funds, produce a promotional video, manage and implement the Celebration Event at City Hall with anticipated attendance of 200 grant recipients and their mentors, Neighbourhood Planning Table representatives, and stakeholders with an interest in the Neighbourhood Grants program such as Toronto Atmospheric Fund and United Way of Greater Toronto and York Region. A video promoting the program Social Planning Toronto's contract has been renewed until December 31, 2018 wherein they will continue to provide the similar services.

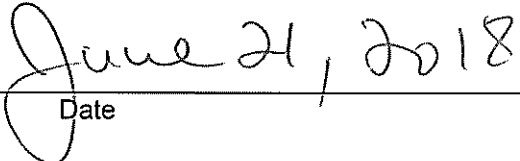
#### Grant Recommendations for Approval:

1. Neighbourhood Grants: 63 resident-led groups with grants of \$1,000 to \$3,000 each for a total of \$143,902. The list of recommended groups are provided in Appendix A.
2. Capacity Building: A grant of \$89,810.33 to Social Planning Toronto for dedicated staffing for the following deliverables from January, 2018 – December, 2018:
  - Disbursing \$1,000 - \$3,000 Neighbourhood Grants to approved resident-led groups from across the City;
  - Developing and implementing capacity building workshops to resident-led groups approved for Neighbourhood Grants over the term of the grant. Training workshops include guidance on topics such as applications, budgeting, reporting requirements, project and volunteer management.
  - Assist in gathering information to support a process and outcome evaluation.

It is anticipated that these Grants will help resident-led groups inspire their neighbourhoods with events to be held between July and December, 2018.

Approved by:

  
Chris Brillinger  
Executive Director, S DFA

  
Date



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1	28	Regent Park	Regent Park Sewing and Catering Group	Community Bazaar for the community and grassroots members in Regent Park, Moss Park and St. James Town.	\$2,350
2	28	Regent Park	People Matter	A "Democracy Fair" held inside the Taste of Regent Park. Activities, including a pop-up voting area, will focus on core values related to democracy.	\$2,514
3	35	Kennedy Park	Kennedy Eglinton Youth Advisory Group	A Youth Job/Volunteer fair that will allow youth aged 13 – 25 from the East Scarborough area to network with the various employers/organizations and to discover volunteering opportunities.	\$2,500
4	35	Kennedy Park	Kennedy Park Development Group	Financial Literacy Campaign intended to provide basic knowledge of finance and money to families and residents through three workshops.	\$2,500
5	39	L'Amoreaux	Fresh Start Food Bank	A volunteer appreciation ceremony held to honour the hard work of Glendower Community volunteers. The ceremony will feature an award presentation, dinner, and entertainment.	\$1,500
6	39	L'Amoreaux	Neighborhood Cook and Connect Group	A one month healthy eating & safe cooking program. It will run weekly and promote heritage healthy recipe among multi-cultural participants, healthy eating awareness, inter-generational connection and cross-cultural integration.	\$1,000
7	39	L'Amoreaux	Silversprings youth group	Community BBQ for residents of Wayside, Glendower, and Silversprings. The group will address safety issues in the community such as	\$2,500

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8	37	Ionview	Ionview Community	Fall festival to show gratitude to Canada with a Thanksgiving theme. There will be a pumpkin festival and simple outdoor games/activities.	\$1,666
9	37	Ionview	1021 Residents	Community Wellness Day in the Ionview community. This event will connect residents to nature and share wellness resources through celebrating local biodiversity.	\$1,666
10	37	Ionview	Scarborough Wellness Group	A youth-led intergenerational basketball tournament to support community engagement and healthy lives.	\$1,666
11	12	Beechborough-Greenbrook	K.E Residence (Keele Eglinton Residence)	"SLAM JAM" will include a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, food and drinks and a Vendor section to showcase local businesses.	\$3,000
12	11	Weston	The Weston Residents Initiative	Fall Festival to promote community involvement and engagement in partnership with various local organizations.	\$3,000
13	11	Weston	Weston Coalition For Community Success	An event for community members and newcomers that showcases the importance of arts and culture in the Weston community. It will focus on dance, drumming, music and creative arts.	\$1,709
14	37	Eglinton East	Gilder United Youth through Dedication and Education (GUYDE) Centre	GUYDE Centre plans to host a back to school safety fair. The event will provide safety tips on ways to remain safe such as: sidewalk safety, fire-walk safety, and danger zones.	\$3,000

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15	37	Eglinton East	Beautiful Minds	The H.E.A.R.T. program will be for youth between the ages of 13-25 and centre around mental health through the arts.	\$1,575
16	15	Englemount-Lawrence	Neptune Renewal Group (eNeRGy)	Community Fitness and Wellness weekend that will promote health and wellness as families return to their yearly school routines.	\$2,500
17	42	Malvern	Friends of Frontline	Day-long event held in Neilson Park which will include outdoor activities that promote the benefits of physical, social and mental wellbeing for seniors and youth.	\$2,800
18	11	Mount Dennis	Mount Dennis Vertical Gardeners	An entry level introduction to gardening through the creation, design and building of a small scaled vertical garden structure within a community space in Mount Dennis.	\$1,500
19	11	Mount Dennis	Trimbee Court Residents Association	Host a variety of events so that residents will be less isolated, develop new skills, engage in a healthy lifestyle, and beautify the community.	\$2,950
20	11	Rockcliffe-Smythe	Friends Grow	Seeds of Summer, Food for All is a series of three events in Marie Baldwin community gardens celebrating the connection between land and people. Events include planting and growing food as well as celebrating the diverse cultures of First Nations and newcomers.	\$3,000
21	14	South Parkdale	Neighborhood Connect	A welcome back to school fair in collaboration with Queen Victoria school. The fair will provide information to residents on accessing services and increasing awareness of these services.	\$1,666

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22	14	South Parkdale	Parkdale Ladies Leadership Group	Community BBQ with food and games for all ages on a Friday Evening. The goal of the BBQ is to unite the community and bring them together to know what is going on.	\$1,666
23	14	South Parkdale	Tibetan Seniors Engaging Group of Parkdale (TSEGP)	'Meet & Greet Wellness Day' (MGWD) is designed on the Toronto Strong Neighborhood Strategy 2020 theme of 'Healthy Lives' and will facilitate a meeting ground for all seniors from Parkdale to share information on healthy living, well-being and positive space for seniors.	\$1,666
24	39	Steeles	Seniors Against Isolation With Music	"Seniors' Musical Friendship Concert" is a concert with music, dance and songs demonstrating the heritage of Chinese folk music, songs and dance. This concert is created as a community festival to celebrate seniors and for younger generations to demonstrate their talents on stage.	\$2,101.22
25	39	Steeles	Dancing Group	A Group Dancing Festival will be held in August, targeted towards seniors and in celebration of the Chinese Traditional Elder Festival.	\$2,800
26	10	Westminster-Branson	Better Food for Bathurst- Finch (B. F. B. F.)	A one-day event to demonstrate how common food items (e.g., rice, potatoes, cabbage etc.) can be used to make nutritional meals. Different ethnic groups, community chefs, and newcomers will be invited to show different rice recipes.	\$1,682
27	10	Westminster-Branson	Westminster - Branson NVC	A series of three workshops to teach community members the principles and techniques of Nonviolent Communication.	\$1,318



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28	10	Westminster-Branson	Mothers in North York	Back to school project consisting of 2 day events with professional speakers from the educational field. This Back-to-School Lecture Circuit aims to bridge the gap between Immigrant parents, teachers, and the school system.	\$2,000
29	15	Yorkdale-Glen Park	Latina Moms in Canada	The event 'Empowering Latina Moms' will be an afternoon where Spanish-speaking moms will gather to hear a guest speaker talk about being a Latina mom in Canadian culture.	\$1,990
30	37	Dorset Park	Ujamaa Youth Organization	The event will use sports as a mechanism of social mobility, and hopes instill in youth the importance of health and wellness and at the same time, the importance of life skills when it comes to sports and their everyday life.	\$3,000
31	40	Dorset Park	Happy Women's Club	Happy women's club celebration is a 4 week program for women living in the Dorset park community. It is four weekly events where the women can come together to celebrate and learn new skills.	\$1,950
32	7	Downsview-Roding-CFB	Chalkfarm Community (2018 NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANTS)	The Decade for People of African Descent is an event where people within the community can come together and learn to sew/create an African head wrap.	\$2,500
33	9	Downsview-Roding-CFB	Friends of Roding Park	A series of two events held in Roding Park. The first event will be a neighbourhood yoga session in the park and second event will be an art event called "Painting in the Park". The aim is to deliver stress management options utilizing Yoga and	\$2,500

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34	8	Black Creek	York West	<p>Painting so that community can use Roding Park as an outlet to de-stress and connect with nature.</p> <p>An event that brings neighbours together to share a meal that will represent the many cultures that live in the neighborhood of York North.</p>	\$2,500
35	8	Black Creek	Driftwood Parkette Community Group	The purpose of this event is to celebrate the first year of harvest and the official completion of the new community garden.	\$2,500
36	8	Glenfield-Jane Heights	Painting For Life	Therapeutic painting sessions to individuals who suffer from mental illnesses such as depression.	\$2,500
37	9	Glenfield-Jane Heights	THE SHEPPARD WATCH	A community workshop aimed at teaching youth how to repair their bicycles.	\$2,500
38	8	York University Heights	W.I.S.E	This event is aimed to inspire, motivate, and to empower woman to have positive and healthier living. Activities include women guest speakers, healthy snacks/lunch, a Zumba session and childcare for attendees.	\$2,500
39	8	York University Heights	Women Making Impact (WMI)	A one day leadership and mentorship conference that celebrates, recognizes, and inspires women in the Black Creek neighborhood in leadership positions.	\$2,500
40	17	Weston-Pellam Park	Recovery Rocks	Pelham Park Recovery Rocks CPR Training to train residents in CPR skills. It will also include training to teach people healthy living.	\$2,000
41	17	Weston-Pellam Park	The Starters	An event called "iLead Day" to share information on skills, education, and opportunities for the youth in the community.	\$3,000

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42	1	Thistletown-Beaumont Heights	NORTH ETOBICOKE RESIDENT COUNCIL (NERC)	The event is a North Etobicoke Santa Claus Parade aimed to get many children to participate in the event and have a jolly great day.	\$1,500
43	1	Thistletown-Beaumont Heights	Rise In STEM	STEM-focused conference for youth at Father Henry Carr Secondary School and other high school students, who are interested in pursuing STEM-related careers. It aims to improve the academic and learning experience for youth in the community through a one day workshop-style event where they are able to interact with STEM professionals and speakers.	\$2,665
44	1	Mount Olive-Silverstone-Jamestown	Panorama Community Garden Group	A day-long activity comprising of a BBQ event followed by a Movie in the park.	\$2,875
45	7	Humber Summit	Humber Summit - Promoting Positive Communities (PPC)	A Community Entrepreneurship Exhibit in Humber Summit Community for newcomers to showcase and promote their entrepreneurship skills.	\$3,000
46	2	Elms-Old Rexdale	CAPE	Mini Olympics - This event will inspire families to interact with one another, encourage game interaction with their peers and promote fitness well-being, and focus on children's mental health development building a better future.	\$3,000
47	2	Kingsview Village-The Westway	The Kingsview and Westway Youth Group	A community based barbecue which will feature multiple activities including a talent show, sports competitions, henna and face painting.	\$3,000
48	35	Taylor Massey	Community's Women Garden Club	The group of community women aim to beautify the neighborhood through this community garden	\$2,500

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49	35	Taylor Massey	Bangla School and Community Wellness Initiative	by providing the gardeners with tools and services to strengthen and upgrade their gardens. A two part event that will include a workshop on good parenting and a parent-child event with activities such as drawing, storytelling and singing together.	\$2,500
50	35	Oakridge	Clairlea-Birchmount community support group	Help new immigrants and their families by providing information on how to access services	\$2,500
51	35	Oakridge	Community Advisory Group	The Community Advisory Group (CAG), plans to host a health and wellness expo for the Southwest Scarborough Community. It will be a day of activities and information sharing as well as entertainment and demonstrations from various health organizations.	\$2,500
52	12	Rustic	Rustic NIA	A combined sporting event for residents in the neighbourhood. The event will include tennis and bocce.	\$2,000
53	38	Scarborough Village	Urban Link	The event plans to bring guest speakers to educate the group and the larger community on topics of interest including home ownership, business start-up, debt management, and health promotion.	\$1,225
54	38	Woburn	Change Buddy	A family BBQ event to help parents and kids learn more about the Change Buddy Club. The event will be held in a public park. There will be a bouncy castle, sack races, face painting and other activities.	\$3,000

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55	43	West Hill	Playing for Keeps Ambassadors	A talent show for children and young adults showcasing music, dancing, fashion show, arts and crafts talents.	\$2,000
56	43	West Hill	KGO Kicks	Photography workshops for children so they may learn how to use photography to learn more about their community. The target participants will also use the skills they learn to do a photo exhibition to showcase to the community their work.	\$2,900
57	34	Victoria Village	iBall Canada	A ten day event of FUNDamental basketball skill development for approximately 30 Youth in Victoria Village. Guest Speakers from a variety of professions will discuss, deliberate and dream with Youth about achieving personalized goals on and off the court.	3000
58	34	Victoria Village	The Smiling Club	The seniors of Glenyan Manor's Smiling Club plans to organize a Chinese Moon Festival with singing, dancing and food. The event will take allow isolated and lonely seniors to engage with their neighbours and community.	2000
59	26	Thornccliffe Park	Thornccliffe Wellness Cafe Group	Civic Education workshops so marginalized residents can be more informed and participate in Municipal decision making processes. It aims to build the skills of residents to participate in and influence municipal decisions and advocate for change in Thornccliffe.	2000
60	26	Thornccliffe Park	Youth Wellness Network in Thornccliffe	A three-day workshop on self-care for young women (youth) to learn about mental health and	2000

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61	26	Thornccliffe Park	(YWWT) - Self-Care Workshops Parenting Group (Thornccliffe Park Art Hub)	engage in fun activities and meaningful discussions around wellness. A one day art festival for children, youth and parents that will take place at the Jenner Jean-Marie Community Center. The event will start with a Disney artist guest speaker presentation, followed by some interactive art activities such as origami, paintings and cartooning.	1000
62	26	Flemingdon Park	United Against Domestic Violence	A series events including a movie and discussion, workshops, and a community walk. The aim is to raise awareness against domestic violence.	2000
63	26	Flemingdon Park	iBall Canada	A ten day event of FUNDamental basketball skill development for approximately 30 Youth in Flemingdon Park. Guest Speakers from a variety of professions will discuss, deliberate and dream with Youth about achieving personalized goals on and off the court.	3000

**Grand Total      63**

**\$ 143,902**