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Clause embodied in Report No. 7 of the Community Services Committee, as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on July 30, 31 and August 1, 2002.

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Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program - 2002 Allocations

(City Council at its Special Meeting held on July 30, 31 and August 1, 2002, amended this Clause by adding thereto the following:

"It is further recommended that Council adopt the report dated June 26, 2002, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, embodying the following recommendations:

'It is recommended that:

- (1) the appeal fund of \$20,000.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.' ")

The Community Services Committee recommends the adoption of the report dated June 7, 2002, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

The Community Services Committee reports, for the information of Council, having:

- (1) referred the appeals from the following to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for further review and recommendation thereon directly to Council:
 - Broad African Resource Centre (Organization No. 11);
 - Carefirst Seniors and Community Services Association (Organization No. 15);
 - Education Wife Assault (Organization No. 30);
 - New Experiences for Refugee Women (Organization No. 56);
 - Polish Canadian Co-operation and Culture Inc. (Organization No. 63);
 - Toronto Christian Resource Centre (Organization No. 88);
 - Toronto Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club Gerrard K Club (Organization No. 92);
 - University Settlement Recreation Centre (Organization No. 96); and
 - Whyy Mee Family Counselling Foundation of Toronto (Organization No. 103);

- (2) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to give further consideration to the following, and report thereon directly to Council:
 - Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women (North York) (Organization No. 32);
 - Jane Finch Concerned Citizen Organization (JFCCO) (Organization No. 43); and
 - St. Alban's Boys' and Girls' Club (Organization No. 82); and
- (3) directed that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to include in the 2003 budget submission a more appropriate amount for the Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program.

The Community Services Committee submits the following report (June 7, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services:

Purpose:

This report presents the recommendations for the 110 applicants that applied for municipal support under the 2002 Breaking the Cycle of Violence grants program. Of the 110 applicants, 53 projects are recommended for funding.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

Sufficient funds for the 2002 Breaking the Cycle of Violence (BTCV) grants exist within the approved 2002 Consolidated Grants appropriation. The total approved budget for the 2002 BTCV is \$669,820.00. This report recommends a total of \$649,820.00 to 53 applicants. An amount of \$20,000.00 is reserved for appeals. The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial impact statement.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program allocations, totalling \$649,820.00 to 53 applicants as recommended in Appendices "A" and "B" of this report be approved; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

The Breaking the Cycle of Violence grants program supports non-profit organizations across the City of Toronto for project activities that support community-based efforts to increase community safety and prevent violence. The grants are provided under the general authority for making municipal grants provided in Section 113 (1) of the Municipal Act.

Comments:

The BTCV grants program was developed to add to the wide range of municipal initiatives being undertaken to make Toronto a safe place for people to live, work and play. The grants are intended to increase safety and reduce violence by making it possible for community groups to take on prevention projects in areas of education, outreach, community development, training and support. Grant activities are to be targeted at violence prevention and increasing safety for women and other vulnerable groups, such as youth, seniors, people with disabilities, immigrants, refugees, gays and lesbians.

Program Goals and Priorities:

The objectives of the program are to provide additional resources to community groups for projects that address three main purposes:

- (1) support and develop community capacity for preventing violence and increasing community safety through social development and addressing the causes of violence;
- (2) support safety for the most vulnerable groups in the community, such as women, children, the elderly, refugees and immigrants, visible minorities, people in the disability community, the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered/transexual community and youth; and
- (3) support the prevention of violence within the community as a whole, so that interrelated problems of public and private violence can be addressed.

During the grants program service review in the fall of 1998, community organizations indicated that additional information on grants program priorities should be provided to applicants. During 1999, a priority setting process was undertaken which included community consultation meetings and consideration of related City initiatives such as the Seniors' Task Force report and the work of the Toronto Youth Cabinet. Five priorities were developed through this process.

- youth leadership and prevention projects;
- projects that target abused women and their children;
- projects that engage vulnerable groups and neighbourhoods in violence prevention activities;
- projects for women with disabilities; and
- projects that support prevention and awareness of elder abuse.

Within the context of these priorities, BTCV grants are targeted to those who are most vulnerable and marginalized, and to communities where support is needed to develop skills, capacities and community-based infrastructure to identify and address violence. In 2002, additional information on priorities was provided to assist applicants in relating the priority areas to current community concerns such as violence against Muslim, Arab and Afghani communities, homicide of young men in the Black community, safety concerns of women leaving violent partners and gang violence. A specific information sheet was developed and circulated to draw attention to these issues.

Outreach and Support:

For the 2002 BTCV, organizations were able to access a variety of supports to prepare a BTCV grant application. Between December 2001 and January 2002, there were: three information sessions to provide an overview of the program, priority areas, information on what has been funded in the past and information on completing an application; three application clinics for organizations to consult with a Community Development Officer and address agency-specific questions; and a panel discussion with funded groups to learn from their experiences in developing effective project proposals. In collaboration with other City of Toronto project funding programs, a Project Funding Information Sheet was also developed and circulated to help potential applicants to better understand the function and parameters of project funding.

Application and Review Process:

Community groups submitted 110 proposals totalling \$2,162,192.00. The 2002 application form continued to include a section on organizational information (Part A) that is the same as that used in other City of Toronto grants programs. The application form also included a section related specifically to the project request, including project information, income and expenditure, reserves and surplus information and evaluation plans.

The staff review of applications has included assessing requests against the program criteria, contact with applicants for additional information if needed, consideration of other community resources and programs, and consultation with other service and funding providers. Applicants have been notified of the recommended allocation and have been informed about the appeal process.

2002 Allocation Issues:

A total of 110 applications were received in 2002 (2001:130, 2000:128, 1999:108). The amount of funds requested is \$2,162,192.00, or more than three times the BTCV approved budget of \$669,820.00. Outreach and support activities for applicants resulted in well-targeted proposals, although a smaller number was received in 2002. Applications came from organizations across the City of Toronto, and the rate of turnover in the program is high by design, in order to allow for new organizations to participate in violence prevention projects. In 2002, 79 applicants (70 percent) were from organizations that had not received funding in 2001.

Breaking the Cycle of Violence grants are provided for project support, not core or sustaining funding for organizations' ongoing services. In recommending allocations to repeat applicants, consideration has been given to recommending further funding for activities that need additional time to develop, or for activities that effectively build on previous year's project outcomes. In some cases, where projects appear to be ongoing agency services, applicants have been encouraged to seek out other funding.

Community feedback during the BTCV grants program service review in the fall of 1998 indicated the need to respond to project time lines longer than one year. In 2000, 2001 and 2002, groups have been able to indicate a project timeline of up to two years. This year marks the completion of the first group of two-year projects. The impact of this option will be assessed after these projects have been completed in July 2002 and will be reported on in a BTCV policy and program report in the fall of 2002.

Audit and Risk Management:

The City Auditor has provided a number of recommendations regarding the management of all the City's grants programs. These recommendations are being addressed through the Grants Accountability and Risk Management Framework, approved by Council in January, 2002.

A Risk Management approach to grants administration increases the ability of grant programs to achieve expected results. The Toronto Grants Co-ordinating Committee, an interdepartmental staff committee, is developing specific policies and implementation tools regarding Surplus/reserve policy for project funding, an audit practices checklist for project grants, Risk Management for Project Grants, Common Components, and Performance Measures. These tools will ensure consistent application of common standards across all of the City's grant programs.

The structure and management of the BTCV Program creates an effective risk management framework for allocation of funds in the area of prevention of violence. Within the program criteria, grants are awarded in two categories: Prevention and Demonstration. Prevention grants of up to \$10,000.00, are for projects that utilize violence prevention strategies, and increase an applicant's capacity to address issues within an identified target group, community or neighbourhood. Demonstration grants between \$10,000.00-\$50,000.00 are for service innovations or the development of new approaches to community issues that show promise in breaking the cycle of violence. Organizations with less Developed infrastructures are eligible for Prevention grants (in some cases with a trustee), while Demonstration grants require that organizations provide evidence of incorporation, financial viability and strong management systems for finances and programs.

The assessment process for each applicant includes a review of documents such as project work plans and evaluation plans, progress reports, financial statements, by-laws, and letters patent and audited financial to determine the viability of the applicant organization. This documentation also enables staff to determine if any annual any annual operating surpluses were a result of unexpended BTCV grant funds. When required, projects are contacted or interviewed to obtain further information or clarification on the request. For returning applicants Council approved recommendations are released after receipt of a satisfactory final report for the previous funding period.

2002 Budget:

The 2002 Breaking the Cycle of Violence grant program approved budget is \$669,820.00. This amount reflects the economic factor increase of \$4,820.00 as approved by Council, as well as the transfer of two organizations and the related funding of \$58,000.00 to the Community Services Grant Program budget, previously reported in the August 16, 2001, report "Community Services Grant Program – 2001/2002 Program Update". The 2002 budget for Breaking the Cycle of Violence grants program was increased by \$4,820.00 (.726 percent) to address the impact of economic factors on the program. The funds were used to increase the average size of grant allocations. The average project grant allocation in 2002 is \$12,260.00 (2001: \$11,875.00), an increase of 3.5 percent.

Recommendations for allocations, as outlined in Appendix "A", total \$649,820.00. An amount of \$20,000.00 has been held for appeals.

2002 Allocation Recommendations:

The recommended projects as listed in Appendix "A" and "B" address each of the BTCV priority areas. Factors considered in the development of the 2002 BTCV funding recommendations include: providing support for neighbourhood and community-based project across the City; encouraging co-ordination and sharing of resources and knowledge; encouraging the development and retention of local skills and resources, including proposals that use social development and early intervention strategies with at-risk populations; increasing services to high needs target groups and equity seeking communities; supporting proposals, or components of a proposal to a level where they can be effectively completed; and supporting targeted prevention programs, not ongoing, core administrative costs.

2002 Allocation Summary:

Status with the BTCV program:

Number of new groups: 79 New groups recommended: 38 Number of returning groups: 31 Returning groups recommended: 15

Type of grant requests:

Number of Prevention requests: 66 Prevention grants recommended: 38
Number of Demonstration requests: 44 Demonstration grants recommended: 15

Funded projects by priority area:

Youth leadership and prevention projects - 17

Projects that target abused women and their children - 14

Projects that engage vulnerable groups and neighbourhoods in violence prevention activities - 12 Projects for women with disabilities - 1

Projects that support prevention and awareness of elder abuse - 9

New BTCV Community Gang Prevention Funding Stream:

Through the Ontario Works Incentive program, City Council has approved the addition of a one-time Community Gang Prevention funding stream to be administered through the BTCV program. An amount of \$150,000.00 will be allocated through a Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP) to be directed at specific high-risk communities in Toronto, for projects that will develop the capacity of community groups, organizations, parents and youth to be gang-resistant and reduce the impact of gangs on the community as a whole. The RFGP will be administered jointly with a RFGP for a Gang Intervention and Exit strategy, directed at youth that are gang-involved, that has also been approved for one-time funding for \$150,000.00. The Youth Gang Work Group of the Task Force on Community Safety has been consulted in the development of the program criteria and identification of target communities. The RFGP will be issued in June, with a deadline in early fall. Recommendations will be reported to Community Services Committee and Council for approval, and grants will be allocated for projects taking place between January and December, 2003.

Conclusions:

The Breaking the Cycle of Violence grant program enables a wide variety of community organizations to participate in making Toronto a safer place. The 2002 recommendations provide communities with effective ways to address priority prevention issues.

List of Attachments:

Appendix A: Breaking the Cycle of Violence 2002 Grant Recommendations

Appendix B: Detailed Organization Recommendations

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Appendix A Breaking the Cycle of Violence

2002 Grant Recommendations

Organization Name	2001 Approved Allocation	2002 Amount Requested	2002 Recommended Allocation
1. A Cappella Services for Young Women	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00
2. Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Centre	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,700.00
3. Afghan Association of Ontario	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
4. Africanadian Mediation & Community Services	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
5. The Arab Community Centre of Toronto	\$9,000.00	\$49,462.00	\$10,000.00
6. Arts York Inc.	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,000.00
7. The Association for the Reclamation of Our Children	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
8. Association of Soviet Jewry in Canada	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00
9. Association of Women of India in Canada (AWIC)	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00

	2001 Approved	2002 Amount	2002 Recommended
Organization Name	Allocation	Requested	Allocation
10. Bloor Information and Life Skills Centre	\$0.00	\$9,946.00	\$0.00
11. Broad African Resource Centre (BARC)	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
 Canadian African Newcomer Aid Centre of Toronto (CANACT) 	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
13. Canadian Tamil Youth Development Centre	\$0.00	\$41,844.00	\$38,000.00
14. Canadian Training Institute	\$0.00	\$9,981.62	\$9,000.00
 Carefirst Seniors and Community Services Association 	\$8,900.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
16. Le Centre des Jeunes Francophones de Toronto	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
17. The Centre for Creative Ministries	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$15,000.00
18. Centre for Spanish-Speaking Peoples	\$23,000.00	\$30,363.00	\$23,000.00
19. Christie-Ossington Neighbourhood Centre	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
20. Circle of Care	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
21. Community Centre 55	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
22. Community Information Centre for the City of York	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,500.00
 CultureLink Settlement Services of Metro Toronto 	\$20,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
24. Davenport - Perth Neighbourhood Centre	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,250.00
25. Dejinta Beesha	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
26. Delta Family Resource Centre	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
27. Distress Centres of Toronto	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,500.00
28. Dixon Hall Neighbourhood and Family Centre	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
29. East Metro Youth Services	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
30. Education Wife Assault	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
31. Elizabeth Fry Society of Toronto	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,500.00
32. Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women (North York)	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$8,000.00
 Eritrean Canadian Community Centre of Metropolitan Toronto 	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00
34. Family Service Association of Toronto	\$0.00	\$48,500.00	\$0.00
35. FAS World Toronto	\$7,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$22,000.00
36. 519 Church Street Community Centre	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
37. Gay Partner Abuse Project	\$7,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00
38. Ghanaian Presbyterian Church	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
39. Hispanic Community Centre for the City of York	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
40. Hungarian - Canadian Community Services	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

	2001 Approved	2002 Amount	2002 Recommended
Organization Name	Allocation	Requested	Allocation
41. Iraqi Canadian Society of Ontario, The	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
42. Islamic Social Service and Resource Association	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
43. Jane Finch Concerned Citizen Organization - JFCCO	n/a	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00
44. Korean Canadian Women's Association	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
45. Korean Senior Citizens' Society of Toronto	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,400.00
46. Korean-Canadian Telecare Life Line Inc.	\$6,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00
47. Lao Association of Ontario	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
48. Leave Out Violence (L.O.V.E)	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$25,000.00
49. Malvern Family Resource Centre	\$22,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$22,000.00
50. Metro Toronto Movement for Literacy	n/a	\$10,000.00	\$9,000.00
51. Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
52. National African Inmates and Families Association Inc.	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
53. Native Men's Residence (Na-Me-Res)	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00
54. Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto Inc.	\$0.00	\$47,866.00	\$15,000.00
55. Neighbourhood Link	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
56. New Experiences for Refugee Women	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
57. North York Seniors Centre	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$17,000.00
58. Ontario Association of the Deaf	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
59. Operation Springboard	\$21,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$20,000.00
60. Oromo Canadian Women Association in Ontario	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
61. Parkdale Intercultural Association	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
62. Parkdale Project Read	\$0.00	\$8,990.00	\$0.00
63. Polish Canadian Co-operation & Culture Inc.	n/a	\$49,700.00	\$0.00
64. Project Esperance	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
65. Rainbow Seniors Support (North York)	\$5,000.00	\$9,750.00	\$0.00
66. Reseau de recherche Africaines	n/a	\$49,536.00	\$0.00
67. Rexdale Community Health Centre	\$0.00	\$9,992.00	\$8,000.00
68. Rexdale Women's Centre	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
69. Roma Community & Advocacy Centre	\$0.00	\$27,150.00	\$10,000.00
70. Scadding Court Community Centre	\$3,750.00	\$6,900.00	\$6,900.00
71. Scarborough Arts Council	n/a	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
72. Senior Tamils Centre	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00

	2001 Approved	2002 Amount	2002 Recommended
Organization Name	Allocation	Requested	Allocation
73. Serve Canada Youth Service Organization	\$0.00	\$30,594.00	\$0.00
74. Sierra Leone Canada Watch	n/a	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
75. Silayan Filipino Community Centre	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
76. Sistering - A Woman's Place	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,500.00
77. Somali Immigrant Aid Organization	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
78. Somaliland Women's Organization	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
79. South Asian Family Support Services	\$18,000.00	\$34,001.00	\$0.00
80. South Asian Women's Centre	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
81. South East Asian Services Centre	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
82. St. Alban's Boys' and Girls' Club	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
83. St. Christopher House	\$0.00	\$45,800.00	\$0.00
84. St. Stephen's Community House	\$20,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
85. Syme-Woolner Neighbourhood and Family Centre	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,000.00
86. Tamil Eelam Society of Canada	\$0.00	\$6,150.00	\$6,000.00
87. Toronto Arts for Youth Association	\$14,700.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
88. Toronto Christian Resource Centre	\$9,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
89. The Toronto Friendship Centre	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
90. Toronto Intergenerational Partnerships in Community	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
91. Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Club - TP Loblaw Club	n/a	\$4,820.00	\$0.00
92. Toronto Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club - Gerrard K Club	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
93. Toronto Teen Trak Program	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
94. Tropicana Community Services Organization	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,770.00
95. Ukrainian Canadian Social Services (Toronto) Inc.	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
96. University Settlement Recreation Centre	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
97. Vasantham - A Tamil Seniors Wellness Centre Inc.	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,500.00
98. Vermont Square Parent-Child Mother Goose Program	\$0.00	\$16,500.00	\$0.00
99. Vietnamese Women's Association of Toronto	\$0.00	\$9,860.00	\$0.00
100. Volunteer Centre of Metropolitan Toronto	\$0.00	\$8,936.00	\$0.00
101. Warden Woods Community Centre	\$20,000.00	\$39,327.00	\$0.00

Organization Name	2001 Approved Allocation	2002 Amount Requested	2002 Recommended Allocation
102. West Indian Volunteer Community Support Services	\$24,800.00	\$24,800.00	
103. Whyy Mee Family Counselling Foundation of Toronto	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
104. Willowridge Information and Recreation Centre	\$15,000.00	\$17,540.00	\$15,000.00
105. WoodGreen Community Centre of Toronto	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,500.00
106. Working Women Community Centre	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$35,000.00
107. World Council for African Development	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
108. Youth Assisting Youth	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
109. Youth Encouraging Self-Empowerment	n/a	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
110. YWCA of Greater Toronto	<u>n/a</u>	\$47,885.00	\$0.00

Grand Total

\$421,150.00 \$2,166,193.62 \$649,820.00

(A copy of the Appendix B, Organization Summary Sheets, was forwarded to all Members of Council with the agenda of the Community Services Committee for its meeting on June 24, 2002, and a copy thereof is on file in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall.)

The following persons appeared before the Community Services Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Sue McWatt and Ms. Agnes Wadham, New Experiences for Refugee Women (Organization No. 56);
- Ms. Helen Leung, Executive Director, Carefirst Seniors and Community Services Association (Organization No. 15), and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Mr. Wilson Yu, Director, University Settlement Recreation Centre (Organization No. 96), and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Janet Fitzsimmons, Toronto Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club Gerrard K Club (Organization No. 92);
- Ms. Catherine MacKinnon, Education Wife Assault (Organization No. 30), and submitted a brief in regard thereto;
- Ms. Zofia Lachowicz, President, Polish Canadian Co-operation and Culture Inc. (Organization No. 63), and submitted a brief in regard thereto;

- Ms. Esther Green and Mr. Jeffrey Burns, Director, Whyy Mee Family Counselling Foundation of Toronto (Organization No. 103);
- Ms. Esther Simon, Executive Director, and Ms. Miriam Matimu, Board African Resource Centre (Organization No. 11); and
- Mr. Carmel Hili, Toronto Christian Resource Centre (Organization No. 88), and submitted a brief in regard thereto.

(City Council on July 30, 31 and August 1, 2002, had before it, during consideration of the foregoing Clause, the following report (June 26, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services:

Purpose:

This report presents the recommended allocations from the \$20,000.00 appeal fund.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

Funding of \$669,820.00 for 2002 Breaking the Cycle of Violence grants is available in the approved 2002 Consolidated Grants Budget. An amount of \$649,820.00 has been recommended for allocation to 53 applicants in the June 7, 2002, report to the Community Services Committee, leaving an amount of \$20,000.00 to respond to appeals. The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial impact statement.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the appeal fund of \$20,000.00 be allocated as recommended in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

At its meeting of June 24, 2002 the Community Services Committee considered a report from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services providing recommendations with respect to the 110 requests for project support under the Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program. The report provided recommendations totalling \$649,820.00 to 53 applications. The committee also considered appeals for 12 organizations.

In developing recommendations for allocation of the \$20,000.00 appeal fund, staff reviewed the original recommendations, considered the additional information presented in the deputations and comments from members of the Community Services Committee.

Comments:

Community organizations submitted a total of 110 requests totalling \$2,166,193.62. Fifty-three groups were recommended for support, and 57 were not recommended. A total of 12 appeals were considered: 2 of these had been recommended for a grant; 10 of these had not been recommended for any funds.

Of the 12 groups being considered for the allocation of appeals funds, 5 had received project funding in 2001, and 7 are new applicants. Applicants are considered new if they have not received funding in the previous year, although some new applicants have received project support in years prior to 2001.

During the appeals, some applicants provided information regarding changes in program plans and revised requests. In determining recommendations for allocation of the appeal fund, staff considered the project proposals and the original recommendations as well as the revisions and comments made by groups during the appeals. Requests for consideration on appeal totalled \$207,700.00. Priority was given to requests that had not been recommended in the June 7, 2002 report and where the available funds could contribute most effectively to a specific project.

Three organizations are recommended for allocations from the appeal fund of \$20,000.00 as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report. These recommendations will provide grants to organizations to undertake specific projects directed at women with disabilities and youth. The total number of groups recommended for funding also increases to 56.

Conclusions:

The Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program enables a wide variety of community organizations to participate in making Toronto a safer place to live and work and play. Each year, requests exceed the level of support available for viable projects. Based on a review of the original recommendations and the information presented in the appeals, grants totalling \$20,000.00 are recommended for three organizations as listed in Appendices 1 and 2.

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List of Attachments:

Appendix 1 – Breaking the Cycle of Violence 2002 Appeals Recommendations

Appendix 2 – Breaking the Cycle of Violence 2002 Appeals Summary Sheets)

Appendix 1
2002 Breaking the Cycle of Violence Grants Program – Appeal Recommendations

<u>Approved Amount Recon</u> <u>Organization Name</u> <u>Allocation Requested</u> <u>Allo</u>	ocation <u>Recommendation</u>
11. Broad African Resource Centre \$5,000.00 \$10,000.00 (BARC)	\$0.00 \$0.00
15. Carefirst Seniors and Community \$8,900.00 \$10,000.00 Services Association	\$0.00 \$0.00
30. Education Wife Assault \$25,000.00 \$50,000.00	\$0.00 \$6,000.00
32. Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women \$0.00 \$30,000.00 \$8, (North York)	000.00 \$0.00
43. Jane Finch Concerned Citizen N/A \$10,000.00 \$3, Organization - JFCCO	000.00 \$0.00
56. New Experiences for Refugee Women \$8,000.00 \$8,000.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
63. Polish Canadian Co-operation & N/A \$49,700.00 Culture Inc.	\$0.00 \$0.00
82. St. Alban's Boys' and Girls' Club \$0.00 \$10,000.00	\$0.00 \$7,000.00
88. Toronto Christian Resource Centre \$9,000.00 \$5,000.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
92. Toronto Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club \$0.00 \$10,000.00 - Gerrard K Club	\$0.00 \$7,000.00
96. University Settlement Recreation \$0.00 \$10,000.00 Centre	\$0.00 \$0.00
103. Whyy Mee Family Counselling \$0.00 \$5,000.00 Foundation of Toronto	\$0.00 \$0.00
Total \$55,900.00 \$207,700.00 \$11,	000.00 \$20,000.00

(A copy of Appendix 2, referred to in the foregoing report, is on file in the office of the City Clerk.)