

## 2022 Community Investment Fund Activity Report

The Community Investment Fund provides time-limited and targeted funding to support local projects and initiatives delivered by not-for-profit community agencies and other partners. These initiatives target gaps in the delivery of human services, complement or enhance Regional programs and deliver on policy priorities set by Regional Council. The Community Investment Fund focuses on supporting projects that address the needs of residents from marginalized and vulnerable groups that would most benefit from programs and services. Additional information about the Community Investment Fund can be found by visiting the program's [webpage on York.ca](#).

Approximately **\$6.6M** was available to support community organizations in York Region. This included **\$1M** approved in 2022 to support initiatives that addressed pandemic-related needs. 40 organizations were supported to deliver **48** programs.

### INVESTMENT OUTCOMES IN 2022 ARE STRUCTURED AROUND SIX PRIORITIES.

- 1 COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
**\$760K** invested so residents are healthy and able to make healthy choices
- 2 ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE**  
**\$1.1M** invested so residents have and keep jobs that match their skills and have financial stability
- 3 HOUSING STABILITY**  
**\$1.7M** so residents can live in affordable, adequate and suitable housing
- 4 SOCIAL INCLUSION**  
**\$960K** invested so residents are connected and able to engage their communities
- 5 PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND RECOVERY**  
**\$1M** invested and **26** programs supported
- 6 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING**  
**\$80K** invested to strengthen the capacity of Community Action Tables to mobilize and carry out their collective actions

Other funding was used to support other critical and emergency human services needs, such as support for response to the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis

# ENABLED MORE THAN **76K** INTERVENTIONS WITH RESIDENTS, INCLUDING:



## 5.9K

people supported to find or retain their housing and improve their well-being



## 900

women and children received services to prevent and respond to family violence



## 63K

people in vulnerable situations accessed emergency food



## 2.4K

people received training and **307** secured a job



"You have done so much for us. We would not have been able to remain housed without you. Thank you especially for the referral for the clean-up of our home in time for the inspection of the landlord."

**Regional Council approved**

## \$1M

**in one-time additional funding to support pandemic response and recovery.**



"Prior to this course, I was full of fear and self-doubt. When I get into this headspace, I become overwhelmed and am unable to concentrate and procrastinate. You have given me hope, confidence and the tools I needed to move forward."



**5K**

people supported to manage mental health and addiction challenges



**1.5K**

newcomers received settlement services to support their social and economic integration and well-being



**43%**

Community Safety and Well-Being Plan actions completed or are underway



**4.9K**

accessed services to reduce isolation and engage with their communities

**180**

community and social services stakeholders, community members or peers participated in Community Action Tables across York Region to support community development, safety and well-being.



"I am honoured to be part of the Georgina Community Action Table and a recipient of community funding, especially as a minority living in Georgina for over 20 years. My inputs are greatly valued especially around mental health wellness and could not be happier to be with this amazing team doing amazing work for our community. I feel the work Georgina CAT is doing has the potential to change the pathway for future generations to be more resilient, supportive, and inclusive if all the great plans are executed and carried through. This work can be very impactful to our Georgina Community."



"I felt isolated. I didn't have any contact with peers who were going through the same situation. It does make quite a difference for an individual to contact his peers and go through what they have gone through and give each other support. I now feel like I have the information I need to be able to cope."

**WE ARE BUILDING STRONG, SAFE, CARING COMMUNITIES,  
WHERE EVERYONE THRIVES**