

# Addressing community challenges

YORK REGIONAL COUNCIL  
ALLOCATED AN ADDITIONAL  
**\$12.8 million**  
AS PART OF THE **2023 BUDGET**  
to provide further support to residents  
impacted by homelessness, mental health  
and housing.



IN TOTAL  
**\$51 million**  
WILL BE ALLOCATED TO  
FUND THIS IMPORTANT  
WORK OVER THE NEXT  
FOUR YEARS

Rapidly rising housing costs, lack of affordable supply and a need for support services focusing on preventing and addressing homelessness and supporting residents' mental health are increasing.

FOR 2023, THE **\$12.8 MILLION** FUNDING WILL BE ALLOCATED TO:



**\$4.1M**

**HOMELESSNESS  
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

Enhance overall system capacity  
for direct care and shelter



**\$5.5M**

**HOUSING**

Expand housing supply  
to reduce the wait list



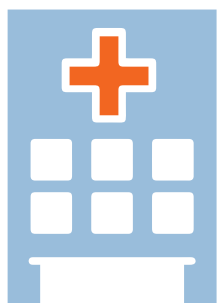
**\$3.2M**

**STRATEGIES AND PARTNERSHIP  
(COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND)**

Continue to support residents  
with increasingly critical  
social needs



# Why is it needed?

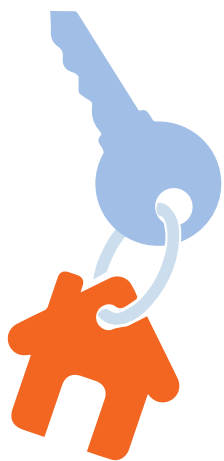


From 2011 to 2020, opioid-related harms significantly increased, with emergency department visits per 100,000 residents growing by

**209%**

From 2021 to 2022, the number of applicants seeking special priority status on York Region's subsidized housing wait list due to domestic abuse or human trafficking increased by

**173% FROM 128 TO 349**



From 2017 to 2022, the number of frequent 911 callers (individuals that called five times or more in a year) increased by

**22% FROM 734 TO 894**



In 2020, York Regional Police Mental Health Support Team responded to

**7,062**

mental health-related calls  
**A 40% INCREASE FROM 2016**



From 2018 to 2023, the number of individuals receiving Ontario Works financial assistance increased by

**48% FROM 10,651 TO 15,771**

Housing is one of the most important social and economic determinants of health. When housing is unaffordable, residents have less money to spend on other needs and are less resilient to crisis.