

Clause No. 1 in Report No. 3 of the Commissioner of Community and Health Services was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of The Regional Municipality of York at its meeting held on November 13, 2014.

Council also received and made public the two private attachments to this report.

1
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT STRATEGY PROJECTS
RECOMMENDED FOR 2015 FUNDING

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Council approve the community projects listed in *Private Attachment 1* to be funded for one year in 2015 under the Community Investment Strategy.
2. Council approve multi-year funding for the community projects listed in *Private Attachment 2* to be funded in 2015, 2016 and 2017 under the Community Investment Strategy, subject to budget approval.
3. The Commissioner of Community and Health Services be authorized to execute the agreements with the successful agencies, subject to review by Legal Services.
4. The Commissioner of Community and Health Services be authorized to allocate any new or related funding that may become available under the Community Investment Strategy to projects and activities that fall within the framework of the Community Investment Strategy; and that the Commissioner be authorized to execute Purchase of Service Agreements with agencies that meet this criteria.

2. PURPOSE

This report provides an update on the results of the 2015 Community Investment Strategy call for proposals process and provides a description of the projects recommended for 2015 funding in *Private Attachment 1* and *Private Attachment 2*. The attachments are private because they relate to the security of the property of the Region.

3. BACKGROUND

Council approved the Community Investment Strategy in February 2013

The goal of the Community Investment Strategy (Strategy) is to support the delivery of quality community services that address human service priorities as outlined in Regional strategies. The funding provided under the Strategy strengthens the capacity of York Region human services system and promotes innovative and collaborative programs and service delivery models.

The Strategy is specifically targeted to strengthen community services supporting low and moderate income residents living in York Region. This is accomplished through three funding streams:

1. **Community-Based Services:** investing in community-based social service programs/services that directly address human service gaps in York Region and align with Regional community investment results.
2. **Innovation and Collaboration:** supporting new initiatives that present multi-faceted solutions through new, evolving and non-traditional models for working together and/or delivering social services.
3. **Organizational Development:** investing in professional development activities that strengthen an agency's capacity to provide services.

The Strategy has four Community Results aligned with corporate strategies. Under each Community Result specific Action Areas are included to address key service gaps for low and moderate income residents. The Community Results are:

1. **Community Health:** low and moderate income residents are healthy and able to make healthy choices.
2. **Economic Independence:** low and moderate income residents have and keep jobs that match their skills and have financial stability.
3. **Housing Stability:** low and moderate income residents can live in affordable, adequate and suitable housing.
4. **Social Inclusion:** low and moderate income residents are connected and able to engage in their communities.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The updated Community Investment Strategy is now in the second year of implementation

The Region first established a community investment strategy in 2002. In 2013, the Strategy was updated to include additional community results and a new two-stage call for proposal process.

The two-stage process is now in the second year of implementation. A communication plan was implemented to ensure agencies were aware of the call for proposal process. Stage One asked agencies to submit an Expression of Interest; communication included:

- An email blast was sent to approximately 147 agencies announcing the first stage of the call was available
- Advertisements were placed in all York Region Media Group newspapers and in ethnic newspapers
- Two information sessions were held in the spring of 2014, and a total of 114 individuals attended representing 91 agencies
- Information about the process was posted on the Region's Web site
- A dedicated community investment phone line and email account was available for agencies seeking clarification
- Technical assistance for agencies was also available from the Supplies and Service Branch

The Expression of Interest resulted in 110 proposals submitted

The first stage included an Expression of Interest (EOI) that opened on April 10, 2014 and closed on May 8, 2014. Each EOI briefly outlined the agency; described the project; identified the amount of funding needed; and demonstrated eligibility and fit with Regional strategies, the Community Results and Action Areas. Throughout this stage agencies were able to ask questions and seek clarification as they prepared their applications.

Upon closing, 110 EOIs were received requesting over \$12 million in funding. There is approximately \$6 million in funding available for 2015. A Selection Committee comprised of Community and Health Services Department staff reviewed the EOIs against the outlined eligibility and evaluation criteria. More than 60 EOIs were recommended to proceed to Stage Two. In general, those that did not move forward to Stage Two did not include a strong link to the four Community Results, did not clearly explain the gap in human services for low and moderate income residents or were not clear on their project goals.

The two-stage process provides agencies not moving to Stage Two additional time to research and apply for other funding.

To assist these agencies with future applications they were provided with feedback on their EOI at the time of notification and a more detailed feedback session is available upon request. Agency feedback indicates that they like the two-stage process and appreciate the feedback and the opportunity to ask questions.

One-year and multi-year funding are available for 2015

For 2015, agencies were invited to apply for one-year or multi-year funding. One-year funded projects must be delivered within the 12 month period between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015.

Multi-year funding is available for up to three years. Investment periods are based on available funds, the scope of each successful application, how well the application addresses the gap in the community and how clients will benefit.

Sixty-three applications were received in Stage Two, requesting over \$6.9 million in funding

In Stage Two, agencies provided a fuller description of their project including a detailed work plan and budget; specifics on the target population; how their project addresses service gaps in York Region; and how the project aligns with the Community Results and Action Areas. Upon closing, 63 eligible applications were received requesting over \$6.9 million. Of the 63 applications, 52 are recommended for 2015 funding totalling \$6,106,109. The 52 projects are outlined in *Private Attachment 1*.

The applications were evaluated by the same Selection Committee as in Stage One, as well as other funders including Ontario Trillium Foundation and United Way of York Region. The applications that fit most closely with the Community Result Action Areas and had the overall strongest scores are recommended for funding.

Of the 52 projects recommended for funding, 19 are recommended for multi-year funding, totalling \$2,080,457 (see *Private Attachment 2*).

Regional staff will meet with multi-year funded agencies during 2015 to assess project performance and discuss deliverables expected for 2016. A 2016 budget will be developed for each project, based on agreed service targets and any changes such as a cost of living increase or program expansion. Similar steps will be undertaken in 2016 to determine recommended funding amounts for 2017.

Using a cost of living allowance estimate of 2.5%, the estimated allocation for 2016 is \$2,132,468 and for 2017 is \$2,185,780.

Decisions on funding amounts for multi-year projects in 2016 and 2017 will be made by the Commissioner of Community and Health Services based on the list of projects to be approved in *Private Attachment 2* and available funding.

Pending Council approval, all agencies will be advised of the outcome of their Stage Two application. Those agencies with projects that were not successful in receiving funding in Stage Two will be provided with an opportunity to receive feedback and, where possible, include referrals to other sources of funding.

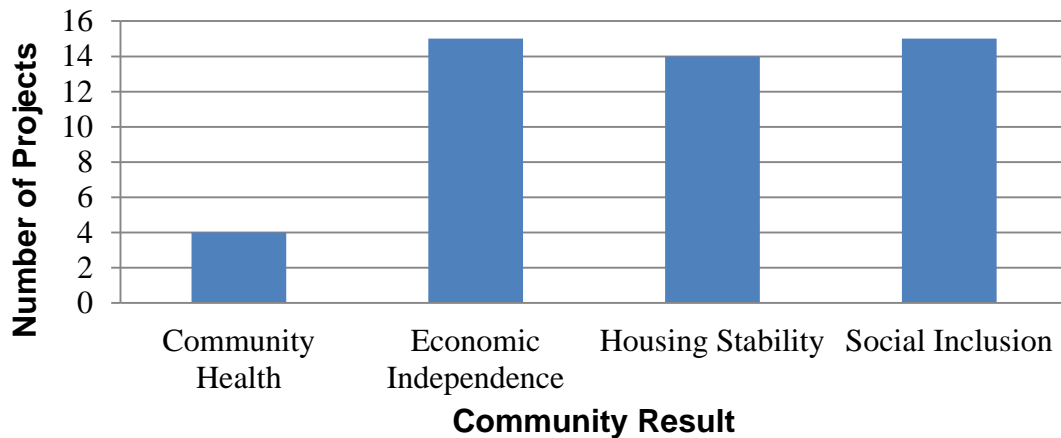
Funding enables residents to access a variety of services

The 52 projects recommended for funding will contribute to each of the Community Results and to regional economic vitality helping low and moderate income residents with access to basic needs and to find and keep housing and employment. Forty-eight are Community-Based Services projects representing 95 per cent of the allocated funding.

Table 1 shows 2015 projects recommended under the Community-Based Services Stream by Community Result.

Table 1

Recommended Community-Based Services Projects by Community Result



Fourteen projects will focus on residents experiencing or at-risk of homelessness and will provide access to supports and services that include outreach and drop-in programs, education supports and case management to help them find and stay housed. Fifteen programs will foster economic independence and low and moderate income residents will have the opportunity to gain basic life skills, gain practical experience in a simulated or actual workplace, improve employment prospects and improve their financial literacy skills. As well, four programs will focus on community health initiatives providing

community meals, food security and food skills development and help to address the needs of a growing and diverse population. In addition, 15 projects that support social inclusion provide residents with programs that develop their skills and enable them to make a valuable contribution to the community.

The Strategy also provides funding for new collaboratives that offer innovative approaches to service delivery, engage new partners and build the capacity of the sector. Two collaboratives are recommended representing two percent of funding.

Under the Organization Development Stream, two agencies are recommended representing two percent of funding specifically to strengthen their organization through planning, organizational policy and procedure development and capacity building activities. These projects will not only support agency development but will also help to build a strong human services sector.

In many cases, the services provided by these agencies prevent low and moderate income residents from needing more costly or long-term services.

Link to key Council-approved plans

The Community Investment Strategy contributes to the Region's 2011 to 2015 Corporate Strategic Plan, specifically, to expand investment in programs provided by community partners to provide more community services. The Strategy also directly aligns with the Departmental Multi-Year Plan, York Region Immigration Settlement Strategy and the Human Services Planning Board, Making Ends Meet in York Region.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2015 Community Investment Strategy budget has \$6,108,487 available to allocate to one-year and multi-year projects as included in *Private Attachment 1* and *Private Attachment 2*. The multi-year projects included in *Private Attachment 2* will be evaluated annually for year two and year three commitments based on project objectives and available funding.

The Community Investment Strategy is the only funding program that the Region has to support community-based services for York Region residents, and the strengthening of the community service system in York Region. The Strategy has seen increasing demand for funding and an increase of eligible requests. Available funding for 2015 is only 49 per cent of requests received at Stage One, Expression of Interest. To meet increasing demand, an additional \$200,000 is requested for 2016. Additional funding under the Strategy would enable more projects to receive funding and build a larger network of supports in the community.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The social, economic and demographic landscape of local municipalities has changed significantly over the years. The Community Investment Strategy provides a framework to address the emerging needs in each municipality through the provision of funding to agencies to build capacity, to create new and innovative partnerships and to deliver services to address the needs of low and moderate income individuals and families across the Region.

7. CONCLUSION

The Community Investment Strategy supports community health, economic independence, housing stability and social inclusion for low and moderate income York Region residents.

The Strategy builds on 10 years of community investment experience and provides a framework for not-for-profit agencies to effectively address emerging needs in York Region.

For more information on this report, please contact Lisa Gonsalves, Director, Strategies and Partnerships Branch at ext. 72090.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

2015 Community Investment Strategy Projects

No:	Agency Name	Funding Steam	Project Name and Description	Recommended Funding	Service Area
1	105 Gibson Centre (operated by Toronto Chinese Community Church)	Organizational Development	Enhancing Centre Potential, Reach and Impact: The project will develop organizational policies and procedures, assess training needs and recommend training programs to meet priority skills and gaps, conduct a feasibility study and needs assessment to enable strategic program and service development, develop a sustainable community feedback mechanism and determine the benefit of incorporation.	\$65,180.00	York Region
2	360°kids Support Services	Community Based Services	Home Base Richmond Hill: A youth drop-in centre that provides services such as food, clothing, counselling, mentoring, referrals, life and social skills groups, employment and housing supports to youth between the ages of 13 and 24 who are identified as homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. It is anticipated that 900-1,000 youth will benefit.	\$358,700.00	York Region
3	360°kids Support Services	Community Based Services	Home Base Vaughan: Through a partnership with The City of Vaughan and Vaughan Community Health Centre the agency will hire 2.5 FTEs to provide youth with assistance to find housing, to search for employment, provide food, clothing, counselling, recreation and life skills training and referrals to other support services. It is anticipated that 350-400 youth will benefit.	\$91,120.00	York Region
4	360°kids Support Services	Community Based Services	Housing Support Worker: The Housing Support Worker will provide housing support services to youth who are identified as homeless or are at risk of homelessness across York Region. The worker assists youth to complete assessments, create action plans, search for safe accommodation, maintain housing in the long term, and links clients to additional supports. It is anticipated that 130 youth will benefit.	\$78,800.00	York Region
5	360°kids Support Services	Innovation and Collaboration	S.T.A.Y Supportive Transitional Apartments for Youth: The agency will make three beds in a transitional housing unit available for female youth (16-24) who are leaving a situation of human trafficking or sexual exploitation. The youth will work with staff and partnering services to develop a plan to regain power and control over their lives and address their physical, emotional and mental health. It is anticipated that approximately 12 female youth will benefit. Both York Regional Police and Children's Aid Society of York Region are partners in this project.	\$77,743.00	York Region
6	Alzheimer Society of York Region	Community Based Services	A Brand New D.A.Y (Daycare Alzheimer York): A comprehensive day program providing structured, individualized, mental health supports, respite, recreational and social day care program for people living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. The project will provide D.A.Y. program subsidies for low and moderate income residents. It is anticipated that approximately 500 clients will benefit.	\$55,000.00	Thornhill, Town of Newmarket and Town of Stouffville
7	Big Brothers Big Sisters of York	Community Based Services	Valuing Diversity, York Region Inclusive Mentoring Project: The agency will recruit volunteer mentors across a range of ages and cultures to match with children in York Region who are at risk of not achieving their full potential. Approximately, 185 children (mentees) from culturally diverse, low-income, single-parent and newcomer families will be matched with 40 mentors.	\$75,000.00*	York Region

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8	Blue Door Shelters	Community Based Services	Community Housing Support Program: The agency will employ two Housing Support Workers for the emergency shelters who will conduct interviews with clients, assess housing needs, provide transportation and accompaniment on housing searches, complete any required subsidized or supportive housing applications, assist with individual skills development and coaching, provide information and referrals as needed, liaise with landlords, create and maintain housing availability lists and advocate on behalf of clients. It is anticipated that approximately 1,000 individuals will be assisted, 500 will be successfully housed.	\$162,650.00	York Region
9	Blue Door Shelters	Community Based Services	Intensive Case Management: Assisting People with Complex Needs: Intensive case management will be provided to low income shelter clients who have complex needs. The 2.5 full time case managers will provide clients with system navigation, develop individualized support plans aimed at stabilizing clients. It is anticipated that approximately 150 people will be assessed and 125 people will be assisted with individualized case plans.	\$112,800.00	York Region
10	Catholic Community Services of York Region	Community Based Services	Specialized Family Support Project: The agency will deliver accessible, family-centered counselling and group programs to low and moderate income residents and families. This service will reduce social and economic vulnerability and enhance personal and family well-being. It is anticipated that approximately 1,650 people will benefit.	\$140,505.00*	York Region
11	Character Community Foundation of York Region	Community Based Services	Slap Shot Hockey Program for Low Income/Newcomer Children: The project is a seven week after school hockey program specifically developed for low income and newcomer children in grades 4-6 in York Region. With the assistance of peer mentors, children learn the benefit of physical activity as well as important skills in leadership, character, socialization, teamwork, conflict resolution, nutrition and health. Two pilot sessions are planned for 2015 in schools in East Gwillimbury and Georgina. 250 low income and newcomer children will participate in 10 York Region schools.	\$81,550.00	City of Markham, Town of Richmond Hill, City of Vaughan
12	Citizens for Affordable Housing, York Region	Community Based Services	Housing Help Centre: The agency assists people finding and maintaining affordable and appropriate housing. The agency's core areas of work include: housing access, housing stabilization and eviction prevention. It is anticipated that approximately 1,200 clients will benefit.	\$136,310.00	York Region
13	Citizens for Affordable Housing, York Region	Community Based Services	Identification Clinic (ID Clinic): The ID Clinic operates community clinics and mobile clinics across York Region to enable low and moderate income residents to obtain identification which enable them to access other services. It is anticipated that approximately 500 applications for identification will be completed.	\$204,230.00	York Region
14	Community Legal Clinic of York Region	Community Based Services	Eviction Prevention Project: The project provides critical and immediate legal supports to low income tenants with emotional and mental health challenges threatened with eviction. It is anticipated that approximately 145 clients will benefit.	\$186,115.00	York Region

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15	COSTI Immigrant Services	Community Based Services	Life Success Strategies: The project will provide life management skills so participants can obtain and maintain jobs that match their skills. The project will support 120 low to moderate income residents and 90 Ontario Works recipients to examine and change their life circumstance through a personal action plan, workshops, assessments, group engagement activities, one-to-one appointments, guest speakers and practical exercises.	\$99,800.00*	York Region
16	Dr. Roz's Healing Place	Community Based Services	Vital Intervention Breakthrough Empowerment Program (VIBE): The project will enhance personal development and growth for youth through programs and workshops. The project assists parents and caregivers to develop strong relationships with their children. It is anticipated that approximately 300-400 people will benefit.	\$56,375.00	City of Markham
17	Family Services York Region	Community Based Services	Counselling and Support Services for Low and Moderate Income Families: The project provides culturally sensitive counselling support, outreach and group services, along with a volunteer training component that will allow participants to contribute to their community. It is anticipated that approximately 250 people and their families will benefit.	\$83,500.00	York Region
18	Family Services York Region	Community Based Services	Families and Schools Together Program: The family skills program (FAST) will continue to support and expand the program that primarily services newcomers through partnerships between schools, parents and communities to prevent social isolation in newcomer families and academic and behavioral problems in children. The program will expand to run in six communities through six cycles each year. It is anticipated that approximately 240 parents and their children will benefit.	\$89,942.00*	York Region
19	Future Possibilities for Kids	Community Based Services	Connecting Kids and Communities: The project engages children from low to moderate income households in community service projects to learn about their communities and local issues while developing literacy, numeracy, social and leadership skills. It is anticipated that approximately 485 children will directly benefit.	\$114,240.00	City of Markham, Town of Richmond Hill, City of Vaughan
20	Georgina Trades Training Inc.	Community Based Services	S.E.T. for Employment: The project will prepare participants for employment through individualized employment plans, hands-on skills development and links to appropriate training programs to further their skills for employment. It is anticipated that approximately 32 people will benefit.	\$76,700.00*	Town of Newmarket, Town of Georgina and Town of East Gwillimbury
21	Healthy Start, Healthy Future	Organizational Development	Reducing Isolation in Newcomer Parents: The agency will complete a needs assessment and feasibility study on the replication of the Life With A Baby Program. The program will be offered to multi-cultural communities for low to moderate income residents, in order to reduce social isolation among new parents. It is anticipated approximately 500 families will benefit.	\$46,750.00	York Region

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22	Human Endeavour Incorporation	Community Based Services	Multi-Community Building Project: The agency will provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services to low income South Asian and Tamil communities. Services will encourage civic engagement and community participation, specifically familiarization with education and support systems, parenting skills, youth programs, seniors and family programs. It is anticipated that over 1,100 people will benefit.	\$93,506.00*	Maple, City of Vaughan and City of Markham
23	Inn From The Cold Inc.	Community Based Services	Comprehensive Employment Program: The agency will offer a series of three, twelve week programs that match the skill level of each participant to employment. The first half of the twelve week course is classroom-based life skills such as computer literacy and financial management. The second half is learning hands-on skills – kitchen, wood working, maintenance or gardening. It is anticipated that approximately 75 to 90 hard to serve clients will benefit.	\$97,600.00*	York Region
24	Inn From The Cold Inc.	Community Based Services	Shelter Program: The agency will help homeless residents with shelter and supports and services during the winter months. The 30 bed shelter will open the beginning of January to mid-April and from November to December, seven nights a week. It is anticipated that approximately 150 people will benefit.	\$184,520.00*	York Region
25	Jericho Youth Services	Community Based Services	Bethany and Jackson's Point After School Programs: A free after school program five days a week from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and programs on P.A. days for children ages 6 to 12 living in co-operative housing. The program includes social/constructive play, physical activity, team building and co-operative activities, healthy snacks, homework support and science and craft activities. It is anticipated that approximately 40 children will benefit.	\$77,130.00*	Town of Georgina
26	Jewish Family and Child Service of Greater Toronto	Community Based Services	The Family Resource Centre: The Centre offers a range of programs, including a pre-school drop-in program with parenting and public health information, referrals and visits; after-school Homework Club for children from at-risk families; Conversation Café for newcomers, including older adults and grandparents who provide child care; and volunteer opportunities. It is anticipated that approximately 700 people will benefit.	\$94,710.00*	Township of King, City of Markham, Town of Richmond Hill and City of Vaughan
27	Jewish Russian Community Centre of Ontario	Community Based Services	JRCC Furniture Depot: Through community partnerships and donors the agency provides gently used furniture free to low and moderate income families. Each household (four individuals) is eligible for 15 pieces of furniture. It is anticipated that approximately 420 households (1,600 individuals) will benefit.	\$125,000.00	York Region
28	Job Skills-Employment & Business Programs & Supports	Community Based Services	Smart Start Program: The project will assist low and moderate income residents to obtain and retain employment in the food and beverage sector. It provides industry-specific skills training and financial literacy training in its Life Management Skills component. It is anticipated that approximately 85 people will benefit.	\$160,692.00	York Region
29	Job Skills-Employment & Business Programs & Supports	Community Based Services	Job Find Club for Internationally Trained Individuals: A Job Find Club that will assist unemployed or underemployed residents attain financial or economic stability. The three week model will add an additional week to include Canadian Workplace Culture, Business Practices and Employability Skills.	\$133,652.00	York Region

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30	JVS Toronto	Community Based Services	YouthReach II: The project will provide one-on-one employment counselling and job development services to youth in conflict with the law to support their search for employment. It is anticipated that approximately 148 youth will benefit.	\$169,500.00	York Region
31	Learning Disabilities Association of York Region	Community Based Services	SOAR Mindful Transitions Project: Through workshops and one to one supports the agency will provide participants with learning disabilities and those with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder with academic and vocational support to identify career areas of interest that are suited to their individual needs. It is anticipated that approximately 300 youth will benefit.	\$43,500.00*	York Region
32	LifeCorps International	Community Based Services	LifeCorps Food Share: The agency collects and delivers donated food that includes fresh milk and produce to 45 agencies across York Region that serve low and moderate income individuals. Food donations are provided by or through the Ontario Association of Food Banks, the National Food Sharing System (operated by Food Banks Canada) and other corporate community partners. It is anticipated that up to 250,000 individuals will benefit from the food delivered.	\$106,000.00*	York Region
33	Literacy Council York-Simcoe	Community Based Services	Essential Life Skills Development Program: The agency will provide facilitated, self-paced training and workshops in basic and intermediate computer skills and experience with computer-based applications to increase labour market opportunities for clients. It is anticipated that approximately 250 participants will receive a training plan.	\$84,600.00	York Region
34	LOFT Community Services	Community Based Services	LOFT Crosslinks Street Outreach & Services Network: The street outreach van will operate seven days a week, from 2 pm to 9 pm throughout York Region providing services to homeless and at-risk individuals. Services are provided through the work of a multi-disciplinary team that includes Mental Health Workers, Outreach Workers, an Addiction Counsellor, a Youth Worker and Registered Practical Nurses. It is anticipated that over 5,000 client contacts will occur.	\$285,600.00	York Region
35	March of Dimes Canada	Community Based Services	Customer Service and Retail Training Program: The project will provide training in customer service, financial literacy, résumé writing, job search and interview techniques to prepare low income and Ontario Works participants for employment, once successfully employed, job retention support will be provided. It is anticipated that approximately 120 participants will successfully complete the program.	\$168,269.00	York Region
36	Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold	Community Based Services	Out of the Cold Program: The program provides emergency winter shelter, meals and support services to residents at-risk of or experiencing homelessness. The shelters are hosted by 13 faith communities with support from over 37 communities. Thirty beds are provided each night. Approximately 200 individuals will be provided with safe shelter, and over 3,800 healthy meals will be served to 500 individuals. Approximately 1,200 volunteers will contribute.	\$280,429.00*	York Region

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37	Scarborough Housing Help Centre	Community Based Services	Information and Case Management to Assist Low and Middle Income Earners in Accessing Affordable Housing in the York Region: The project will improve access to housing and stabilize tenancies through education on tenant rights and responsibilities, engaging landlords and matching tenants to potential landlords. Workshops are provided in English, Chinese, Tamil, Farsi and Korean. It is anticipated that approximately 375 newcomer families will benefit.	\$86,700.00	York Region
38	Social Services Network for the York Region	Community Based Services	Peer Mentorship Café: The agency will provide support and assistance to diverse communities including South Asian residents, seniors and baby boomers to engage in community life through participation in various workshops presentations and planned activities. It is anticipated that approximately 100 individuals will benefit.	\$83,800.00	York Region
39	Steps to Recovery	Community Based Services	S.T.E.P.S Training Employment & Preparation Services: The project supports residents who are recovering addicts and alcoholics through a pre-employment program that incorporates pertinent life strategies, self and vocational assessments and job development skills. It is anticipated that approximately 80 people will be accepted, 60 will complete and 20 will benefit from job placement, educational upgrading or skills training.	\$159,594.00	York Region
40	The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada-Sutton Youth Shelter	Community Based Services	Employment, Education and Specialized Supports: The project will provide pre-employment supports, employment skills and employment retention services as well as educational tutoring, school advocacy, GED study support and in-house educational programming, financial literacy, anger management and conflict resolution for homeless and at-risk youth. It is anticipated that 125 youth will benefit.	\$108,700.00	York Region
41	The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada-Sutton Youth Shelter	Community Based Services	Wrap Around Housing and Community Supports: The project will support youth in the Sutton emergency and transitional housing units to locate and access affordable and suitable housing in the community. Wrap around supports will assist youth in retaining and maintaining appropriate accommodation and provide ongoing contact that links the client to available support and community services as needed. It is anticipated that approximately 300 youth will benefit and 100 youth will be housed.	\$121,600.00	York Region
42	The Lance Krasman Memorial Centre for Community Mental Health	Community Based Services	Application Support Worker: The project will provide non-clinical case management and practical supports to assist Ontario Works clients on the Ontario Disability Support Program pending list and non-Ontario Works individuals to successfully complete the ODSP application process. It is anticipated that approximately 60 clients will benefit.	\$77,000.00*	York Region
43	The Lance Krasman Memorial Centre for Community Mental Health	Community Based Services	Homelessness Prevention Drop-In Worker: The project will prevent homelessness through practical support, community referrals, service access and emotional support to people with mental health challenges who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness. It is anticipated that approximately 550 people will benefit.	\$37,933.00	York Region

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44	Vaughan Community Health Centre	Community Based Services	Youth Life Skills Training Program: The agency will provide life and employment skills training to youth ages 16-24, to enhance skills in communication, conflict resolution, teamwork and financial literacy. It is anticipated that approximately 15 to 20 youth will benefit from nine sessions.	\$22,432.00	City of Vaughan
45	Women's Centre of York Region	Community Based Services	Enterprising Careers: The project will provide low and moderate income women supports to explore career and training options to increase financial independence. The project connects women and helps build networks, which reduces social isolation. It is anticipated that approximately 120 women will participate.	\$119,375.00*	York Region
46	Women's Centre of York Region	Community Based Services	Stepping Stone: The project will offer workshops, life skills, financial literacy, supports and networking for low to moderate income women to help build self-esteem, personal and social community connections and financial empowerment. It is anticipated that approximately 2,850 women will benefit.	\$151,000.00*	York Region
47	York Region Centre for Community Safety	Innovation and Collaboration	Justice, Health and Social Service System Navigation: The project is a collaborative of 22 agencies that support victims of domestic violence and their children in one co-located hub. Comprehensive programs delivered onsite respond effectively to the local needs of service users with multiple high risks with improved access to services. Funding will enable the collaboration to create an agreed vision for domestic violence and enable a whole systems approach. It is anticipated that approximately 250 people will benefit.	\$96,900.00	York Region
48	York Region Food for Learning	Community Based Services	Food for Learning: Inclusive access to nutritionally balanced breakfast and snack programs will be provided to York Region students through trained community volunteers at schools identified as having a high population of low and moderate income families. It is anticipated that approximately 25,000 children will benefit.	\$125,850.00*	York Region
49	York Region Food Network	Community Based Services	Community Food Hub: The agency will deliver a weekly breakfast drop-in program, community kitchen, good food boxes, reclaimed food donations, workshops and volunteer opportunities, that will develop food skills and increase community engagement. It is anticipated that approximately 250 people will benefit.	\$57,617.00	York Region
50	York Region Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers	Community Based Services	Parenting & Personal Development Program: The project will support low income young mothers through drop-in programs, workshops and individual counselling, in order to increase parental competency, develop interpersonal and coping skills and to provide one-on-one support. It is anticipated that approximately 285 women and 300 children will benefit.	\$212,000.00	York Region
51	Youth Assisting Youth	Community Based Services	The Peer Project, One-to-One and Group Mentoring Program: The agency recruits volunteers and engages York Region police officers to provide one-to-one and group mentoring services and activities to at-risk and newcomer youth between the ages of 6-15, from low and moderate income families across York Region. It is anticipated that approximately 50 youth and 90 volunteers will benefit from the one-to-one mentoring, and 240 youth will benefit from group events.	\$54,050.00*	York Region

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52	Youth Unlimited	Community Based Services	The Shop Employment Initiative: The agency provides unskilled youth and young adults ages 14-24 with mentorship, life skills and job training for employment in auto mechanics, small engines and carpentry, and the opportunity for a paid job experience. The Shop, through vehicle donation, provides training to youth on vehicle repair and service. It is anticipated that approximately 60 youth will benefit.	\$93,840.00*	York Region
Total Recommended				\$6,106,109.00	

* Projects recommended for multi-year funding are also listed on Private Attachment 2.

**Multi-Year Projects: Three Years 2015/2016/2017
Community Investment Strategy**

No:	Agency Name	Project Name and Description	2015 Funding Recommendation
1	Big Brothers Big Sisters of York	Valuing Diversity-York Region Inclusive Mentoring Project: The agency will recruit volunteer mentors across a range of ages and cultures to match with children in York Region who are at risk of not achieving their full potential. 185 children (mentees) from culturally diverse, low-income, single-parent and newcomer families will be matched with 40 mentors.	\$75,000.00
2	Catholic Community Services of York Region	Specialized Family Support Project: The agency will deliver accessible, family-centered counselling and group programs to low and moderate income residents and families. This service will reduce social and economic vulnerability and enhance personal and family well-being. It is anticipated that approximately 1,650 people will benefit.	\$140,505.00
3	COSTI Immigrant Services	Life Success Strategies: The project will provide life management skills so that participants can obtain and maintain jobs that match their skills. The project will support 120 low to moderate income residents and 90 Ontario Works recipients to examine and change their life circumstance through a personal action plan, workshops, assessments, group engagement activities, one-to-one appointments, guest speakers and practical exercises.	\$99,800.00
4	Family Services York Region	Families and Schools Together Program: The family skills program (FAST) will continue to support and expand the program that primarily services newcomers through partnerships between schools, parents and communities to prevent social isolation in newcomer families and academic and behavioral problems in children. The program will expand to run in six communities through six cycles each year. It is anticipated that approximately 240 parents and their children will benefit.	\$89,942.00
5	Georgina Trades Training Inc.	S.E.T. for Employment: The project will prepare participants for employment through individualized employment plans, hands-on skills development and links to appropriate training programs to further their skills for employment. It is anticipated that approximately 32 people will benefit.	\$76,700.00
6	Human Endeavour Incorporation	Multi-Community Building Project: The agency will provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services to low income South Asian and Tamil communities. Services will encourage civic engagement and community participation, specifically familiarization with education and support systems, parenting skills, youth programs, seniors and family programs. It is anticipated that over 1,100 people will benefit.	\$93,506.00
7	Inn From The Cold Inc.	Comprehensive Employment Program: The agency will offer a series of three, twelve week programs that match the skill level of each participant to employment. The first half of the twelve week course is classroom-based life skills such as computer literacy and financial management. The second half is learning hands-on skills – kitchen, wood working, maintenance or gardening. It is anticipated approximately that 75-90 hard to serve clients will benefit.	\$97,600.00
8	Inn From The Cold Inc.	Shelter Program: The agency will help homeless residents with shelter and supports and services during the winter months. The 30 bed shelter will open the beginning of January to mid-April and from November to December, seven nights a week. It is anticipated that approximately 150 people will benefit.	\$184,520.00
9	Jericho Youth Services	Bethany and Jackson's Point After School Programs: A free after school program five days a week from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and P.A. day programs for children ages six to 12 living in co-operative housing. The program includes social/constructive play, physical activity, team building and co-operative activities, healthy snacks, homework support and science and craft activities. It is anticipated that approximately 40 children will benefit.	\$77,130.00
10	Jewish Family and Child Service of Greater Toronto	The Family Resource Centre: The Centre offers a range of programs, including a pre-school drop-in program with parenting and public health information, referrals and visits; after-school Homework Club for children from at-risk families; Conversation Café for newcomers, including older adults and grandparents who provide child care; and volunteer opportunities. It is anticipated that approximately 700 people will benefit.	\$94,710.00

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No:	Agency Name	Project Name and Description	2015 Funding Recommendation
11	Learning Disabilities Association of York Region	SOAR Mindful Transitions Project: Through workshops and one to one supports the agency will provide participants with learning disabilities and those with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder with academic and vocational support to identify career areas of interest that are suited to their individual needs. It is anticipated that approximately 300 youth will benefit.	\$43,500.00
12	LifeCorps International	LifeCorps Food Share: The agency collects and delivers donated food that includes fresh milk and produce to 45 agencies across York Region that serve low and moderate income individuals. Food donations are provided by or through the Ontario Association of Food Banks, the National Food Sharing System (operated by Food Banks Canada) and other corporate community partners. It is anticipated that up to 250,000 individuals will benefit from the food delivered.	\$106,000.00
13	Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold	Out of the Cold Program: The program provides emergency winter shelter, meals and support services to residents at-risk of or experiencing homelessness. The shelters are hosted by 13 faith communities with support from over 37 communities. 30 beds are provided each night. Approximately 200 individuals will be provided with safe shelter, and over 3,800 healthy meals will be served to 500 individuals. Approximately 1,200 volunteers will contribute.	\$280,429.00
14	The Lance Krasman Memorial Centre for Community Mental Health	Application Support Worker: The project will provide non-clinical case management and practical supports to assist Ontario Works clients on the Ontario Disability Support Program pending list and non-Ontario Works individuals to successfully complete the ODSP application process. It is anticipated that approximately 60 clients will benefit.	\$77,000.00
15	Women's Centre of York Region	Enterprising Careers: The project will provide low and moderate income women supports to explore career and training options to increase financial independence. The project connects women and helps build networks, which reduces social isolation. It is anticipated that approximately 120 women will participate.	\$119,375.00
16	Women's Centre of York Region	Stepping Stone: The project will offer workshops, life skills, financial literacy, supports and networking for low to moderate income women to help build self-esteem, personal and social community connections and financial empowerment. It is anticipated that approximately 2,850 women will benefit.	\$151,000.00
17	York Region Food for Learning	Food for Learning: Inclusive access to nutritionally balanced breakfast and snack programs will be provided to York Region students through trained community volunteers at schools identified as having a high population of low and moderate income families. It is anticipated that approximately 25,000 children will benefit.	\$125,850.00
18	Youth Assisting Youth	The Peer Project-One-to-One and Group Mentoring Program: The agency recruits volunteers and York Region police officers to provide one-to-one and group mentoring services and activities to at-risk and newcomer youth between the ages of 6-15, from low and moderate income families across York Region. It is anticipated that approximately 50 youth and 90 volunteers will benefit from the one-to-one mentoring, and 240 youth will benefit from group events.	\$54,050.00
19	Youth Unlimited	The Shop Employment Initiative: The agency provides unskilled youth and young adults ages 14-24 with mentorship, life skills and job training for employment in auto mechanics, small engines and carpentry, and the opportunity for a paid job experience. The Shop, through vehicle donation, provides training to youth on vehicle repair and service. It is anticipated that approximately 60 youth will benefit.	\$93,840.00
Total			\$2,080,457.00
2.5% estimated cost of living allowance in 2016			\$2,132,468.00
2.5% estimated cost of living allowance in 2017			\$2,185,780.00