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York Region to purchase \$3.6 million in social services from community-based agencies in 2009

Low income and vulnerable residents assisted by investment in necessary social services

NEWMARKET – To assist the working poor and other vulnerable residents throughout 2009, York Regional Council has approved the purchase of programs and services from community-based social services agencies under the Community Development and Investment Fund (CDIF) strategy. The Regional Municipality of York will invest \$3.6 million toward 45 projects provided by 33 community agencies.

"Every year over 35,000 residents from across York Region directly benefit from community services purchased through the CDIF Strategy," said York Region Chairman and CEO Bill Fisch. "This new investment will do even more to help residents find and keep employment, reduce child poverty and prevent homelessness and it helps those who are homeless get back on their feet."

What is new this year is that some projects will receive annual funding, under a renewable funding stream of the CDIF strategy. This will ensure that key services are enhanced and achieve improved efficiencies. Consistent funding levels will also allow the agencies that deliver the services to attract and retain high calibre staff. Under this funding stream, 11 projects worth a total of \$1.4 million per year will be funded for up to three years beginning this month.

In addition, a total of 34 community service projects worth more than \$2.2 million will receive funding under the CDIF one-year project funding stream.

"The CDIF strategy addresses the causes and not the symptoms of some of the challenges faced by low income and vulnerable residents across the Region," said Town of Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Brenda Hogg, Chair of the Region's Community Services and Housing Committee. "These important community-based programs reduce the need for more costly social and community services at a later point in time."

In September, York Region invited community service agencies to propose services for 2009 under the three priority funding areas: homelessness programs, family and children's services and employment supports.

The services funded range from employment supports such as skills training and testing to housing support services that help young parents and the homeless to secure and maintain affordable housing. Other projects are designed to give children and youth positive role models through activities that include mentoring, counselling and goal-setting that develop important life skills.

Under the CDIF strategy, York Region manages community funding initiatives that include both provincial and regional funds. These are administered through CDIF to enhance efficiencies and optimise services to residents.

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Attachment – 6 pages, "CDIF Purchase of Service Projects for 2009"

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CDIF Purchase of Service Projects for 2009

No.	Agency and Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
One Year Funding Projects			
1	Big Brothers Big Sisters of York - Making Our BIG Family BIGGER	Create an electronic database and develop a communication strategy to re-engage with past participants to increase capacity to generate revenue, and increase volunteer base in order to increase services.	\$41,367
2	Blue Door Shelters - Development Co-ordination for Homeless Women's Shelter	Development of a model and preferred site/property on which to establish an emergency homeless shelter to serve single women in York Region and embark on steps to secure the chosen site.	47,600
3	Blue Door Shelters - Enhancement for the YR Youth Shelter	This project aims to improve service delivery with the creation of a functional and ergonomically efficient work environment providing privacy for homeless clients and improve the health and safety of staff. The Shelter serves about 200 homeless and at risk youth annually.	3,971
4	Blue Door Shelters - Service Delivery Improvement	To improve service delivery to homeless residents and those at risk of being homeless in York Region by building staff competencies through training to meet the changing needs of clients. To also develop a standardized performance management system to assist in the recruitment and retention of qualified staff. The agency serves over 1,000 clients annually.	48,000
5	Canadian Mental Health Association - Community Development Project	Using a community development model, the project will facilitate both inter- and intra-community activities in Housing York Inc. (HYI) to enhance residents' abilities to support each other and their communities, creating an environment for positive change. This project has been serving three HYI communities of about 765 residents.	86,000
6	Community Alliance for York Region Education - Co-ordinating Early Learning and Parenting Supports	To provide services for low income families that improve the learning and social development of children and skills of parents. An Early Learning Specialist will provide monthly professional learning opportunities for staff from agencies delivering programs for young children to share with parents and will conduct site visits geared to the agencies and families at each multi-service site. The coordination of early learning, child care and parenting programs in low income communities will be supported.	63,812
7	Community Alliance for York Region Education - SLAPSHOT	Provide low income, newcomer children 8 to 12 years old living in Markham with a 4 week hockey program aimed at improving leadership skills, socialization, nutrition and health. On and off-ice activities in school gyms and arenas after school will give 100 low income, newcomer children a unique experience and help link them and their families with the community.	40,900

No.	Agency and Project Name	Project Description	Funding (\$)
8	Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women - South Asian Case Management Project	To connect low income South Asians living in Vaughan to existing individual and family services. This will reduce social isolation and help support integration into the community.	56,050
9	Family Services York Region - Families and Schools Together	Bring together low income families including recent immigrants, selected by local school personnel, to participate in 8 week sessions of specific, fun, research-based activities aimed at strengthening families, empowering parents and building supportive communities. The intent is to help children to succeed at home, at school, and in the community.	78,875
10	Future Possibilities Canada - Ready, Set, Goal	To deliver an increasing number of life skills & leadership development programs to York Region children & youth ages 8 to 14 from low income families attending Performance Plus schools. Future Possibilities for Kids (FPK) "KIDS" set & accomplish unique "Goals of Contribution" of benefit to themselves and their communities, guided by adult mentors.	80,000
11	Georgina Trades Training Inc.- Sector Specific Credentials to Gain Employment	A pilot project to provide an integrated systemic approach to employment credentials for people entering occupations in the motive power, construction and service sectors. This program will combine literacy/numeracy assessment and upgrading, developing employability skills, acquiring job-related certifications, developing basic computer skills and building awareness of the job market.	46,400
12	Girls Incorporated of York Region - Operation Smart	Improve child and youth outcomes by helping families with financial barriers gain access to the economic opportunities, formal and informal supports, and community-based services that they need to raise their children.	15,540
13	Inn From The Cold Inc - Inn from the Cold Inc	To continue with the emergency overnight shelter program, providing food, and clothing as needed. Continue to work with other housing support groups offering transitional housing and expand our program to include employment search support. The temporary shelter is open from December to March, 4 nights a week, plus nights when the temperature drops to -15 degrees or lower. This agency served approximately 780 homeless during the last winter.	58,638
14	Jewish Family & Child Service - Family Resource Centre	Strengthens families and reduces the depth of child poverty by providing low income families, many of whom are newcomers, with culturally appropriate programs that facilitate settlement, reduce isolation, create linkages to the community, support parenting/care giving and provide accessible social, learning and recreational activities for children. The project addresses service gaps and reduces overlap by collaborating with partnering agencies in the creation and delivery of programs.	60,000
15	Jewish Family & Child Service - Youth Volunteer for Youth	An educational and recreational program that will engage high school and university newcomer students in supporting, leading and mentoring children and youth of newcomer and economically-challenged families. Training for youth counsellors and tutors will occur. The program will take place at the Jewish Family & Child Family Resource Centre. The program will benefit approximately 205 persons.	16,000
16	Job Skills - New Beginnings for	To assist 80 unemployed or low income residents who are foreign-educated to develop the skills and abilities they need to compete for employment within the Canadian labour market. The project will help	130,000

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	Newcomers	clients develop a return-to-work action plan, Essential Skills Assessment and training in job-specific English, Canadian Workplace Expectations and Norms, as well as a job placement and follow-up.	
17	Junior Achievement of Central Ontario York Region - Student Success in York Region	To deliver Junior Achievement programs Grade 7 'Dollars with Sense' and Grade 8 'Economics of Staying in School' to students of 60 middle schools in York Region to develop critical business and life skills.	65,000
18	JVS Toronto - YouthReach	To assist youth who are in conflict with the law to overcome barriers and achieve employment and/or educational success. Project will serve almost 100 youth.	95,760
19	Krasman Centre - Application Support Worker	This program will assist homeless individuals who are on the long-term Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) waiting list and those at risk of homelessness due to ODSP decision delays. The worker will provide practical and emotional support, service referral and system navigation to the homeless and those at risk due to their uncertain income support status.	75,000
20	Krasman Centre - Prevention/Drop-in Worker	To provide practical, [preventative] support to people who are accessing the drop-in centre and who identify as homeless or at-risk of homelessness. A worker will be recruited who has had personal experience with homelessness or immediate risk, and therefore this project also serves as employment.	34,500
21	Literacy Council York-Simcoe - Employment and Empowerment	To provide literacy and essential skills upgrading, computer training and soft skills enhancement to improve the opportunity for under- and unemployed adult residents of York-Simcoe to gain or maintain employment.	52,582
22	Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold/ Inn from the Cold Inc - Out of the Cold	To alleviate poverty in York Region and relieve the demand for shelter beds by providing emergency overnight shelter, meals, clothing, basic health care and harm reduction services to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness during the winter season, November to April, four nights per week. Seven York Region Faith-Based Communities in Thornhill, Vaughan and Markham are participating. 250 volunteers provided this service to over 1,200 individuals last season.	155,095
23	Rehabilitation for the Disabled/Ontario March of Dimes	To deliver an Employment Services program to marginalized client groups in York Region (i.e. Ontario Works recipients, persons with disabilities, new immigrants), while addressing the retention need of the Retail Grocery sector employers. The program will provide participants with skills, knowledge and on-the-job work experience, and job placement.	120,043
24	Salvation Army Sutton Youth Shelter - YouthReach	To expand services to homeless and at-risk youth by offering workshops, training, life skills, access to computer lab and greater access to housing and employment support services. The Sutton Youth Shelter opened in March 2006 with 16 emergency and 10 transitional beds for youth between ages 16 and 24.	52,000
25	Skills for Change - Employment Preparation for Foreign Trained	Assist internationally trained accountants and bookkeepers to upgrade their technical and interpersonal skills, learn about Canadian work culture, labour market and job search strategies, certification and licensing process of their professions in Ontario, gain Canadian work	134,564

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	Accountants and Bookkeepers	experience and obtain meaningful employment.	
26	The Cross-Cultural Community Services Association - Culinary Operations and Management Training	Provide job-specific skills training, as well as employment support, to 80 York Region residents that will enable them to find employment in the restaurant industry within four months of their completion of the training. Members of the Ontario Chinese Restaurants Association will hire all qualified graduates.	98,971
27	The Training Renewal Foundation - Coffee and Vending Employment	Provide pre-employment and skills training to prepare Ontario Works candidates for careers as Coffee and Vending Services Workers. In partnership with YR Community and Health Services, Alfa Cappuccino Imports, the Coffee and Vending Service Association and the Canadian Automatic Merchandising Association, qualified unemployed OW recipients will receive pre-employment preparation, theoretical and hands-on skills training, work experience placements and employment.	46,425
28	Women's Centre of York Region - Bridging the Gap	Identify and give practical supports that bridge the gaps in support between the community services and programs for women at risk of homelessness. The principles of this program are: a focus on women, an element of choice, a learning or knowledge-based component, and effective community partnerships.	94,983
29	YMCA of Greater Toronto - Expansion of YMCA After School program	Expand service from 3 days to 5 days in the after school program for children aged 6 to 12 years at Brayfield Manor, Mulock Gardens, and Ja'Fari Islamic Housing Cooperation. It will support parental employment while providing after school opportunities for children in a safe environment.	54,395
30	YMCA of Greater Toronto - PlayOn	Provide children and youth ages 6 to 16 years, living in low income cooperative housing communities, with the opportunity to participate in a recreational Drop-In Program, Try It You May Like It Skill Sessions, Character Development and YMCA Youth Leader Corp.	78,030
31	York Professional Care & Education - Communication Enhancement	To achieve more effective communication with families and the Region of York through Internet access at each child care site in York Region operated by the agency.	27,078
32	York Region Alliance to End Homelessness/Sage Centre - YRAEH Infrastructure Development	To enhance organizational infrastructure and sustainability of York Region Alliance to End Homelessness (YRAEH) to allow for a coordinated community response to homelessness in YR. The project will complete the YRAEH strategic planning process and write a business plan, develop a communications strategy, redesign the website and implement a formal membership strategy.	57,635
33	York Region Food Network - Co-ordinated Food Access	Coordinate food access for homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness by coordinating the efforts of agencies and groups that provide food services and procure additional food resources through solicitation and distribution of food and funds. This will be achieved through procuring food through existing and new channels, coordinating a stronger community response and working with partners to provide new food programs.	75,250
34	Youth Assisting Youth - York Region Group	Ensure prompt entry into a comprehensive, group-mentored recreation program for at-risk and newcomer children on Youth Assisting Youth's	50,700

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	Mentoring Project	(YAY) waiting list for a one-to-one mentor. A focus on engaging these youth in positive activities at school and in the community will turn them away from gangs, drugs and violence and help them to stay out of the youth justice system.	
	Total - 34 One Year Projects		\$2,241,164
Renewable Projects			
1	Big Brothers Big Sisters of York - Mentoring across Ages and Cultures	Engage teens and seniors of all cultures as mentors across York Region focussing on unique community and cultural needs of low income and newcomer families.	\$52,101
2	Blue Door Shelters - Community Housing Support Worker	The objective of this project is to assist individuals, families and youth living in emergency homeless shelters and attending programs operated by this agency in their search to obtain and maintain housing in York Region.	174,000
3	Catholic Community Services of York Region - Multi-cultural Family Support Project	To provide affordable, culturally appropriate, brief, issue specific, multi modal family and parenting supports, with existing community networks, to help low income and new immigrant families meet their children's needs while maintaining work and school attendance.	109,850
4	Citizens for Affordable Housing/Housing Help Centre - Housing Help Centre	Assist individuals/families to find housing by providing them with a list of available units, making referrals to services and programs, and to provide information/education on housing topics. Landlords have an opportunity to list their units free of charge and to become educated and informed on the Tenant Protection Act.	108,081
5	Citizens for Affordable Housing/Housing Help Centre - ID Clinic	Provide Identification Clinics across York Region where staff works with individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and those with low or no income to get necessary identification to access services (e.g., housing, employment, financial resources) and make referrals for urgent needs.	206,701
6	Loft Crosslinks Housing & Support Service - York Region Street Outreach Program	The York Region Street Outreach Program will provide basic, potentially life saving mobile services to approximately 2,400 individuals in York Region that are homeless/at risk of becoming homeless, street involved and/or have mental illness. This project will also increase service to seven days/week and add consistent trips along the east-west corridor.	280,000
7	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers - Housing Support	The objective of this project is to provide young parents in York Region with the information and skills necessary to secure and maintain affordable housing and to problem solve practical solutions to these obstacles.	65,000
8	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers - Young	The objective of the project is two-fold: 1. To link young families to Young Parent programs offered by Rose of Sharon in early years locations in their community; 2. To give young mothers access to individual and group counselling, and self help training, to help support	134,396

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	Families Outreach	them through the early transition to parenting. The project focuses on new immigrant mothers in York Region and young mothers in rural communities.	
9	Salvation Army Sutton Youth Shelter - Employment and Educational Support Project	The objectives are to meet the essential employment and educational needs of homeless and at-risk youth ages 16 - 24 in our community. This program will include job-specific training and pre-employment support services as well as an in-house tutoring educational program. This will encourage independence, stability and contribution within the community. An estimated 600 to 700 cases are estimated for 2009.	83,500
10	Salvation Army Sutton Youth Shelter - Housing & Community Supports	The objectives of this project are to offer life-skill programs and support to youth who have become homeless. By acquiring skills in obtaining and maintaining affordable, secure housing, the youth will begin to develop economic independence, self-confidence, and respect, and will become participating community members.	66,000
11	York Region Food For Learning/Family Day Care Centre - Food for Learning	This project will provide nutritionally balanced breakfasts and snacks to the students of York Region in an inclusive, non-stigmatizing environment, thereby enhancing their classroom learning as well as their social, mental and physical health.	120,371
	Total - 11 Renewable Projects		\$1,400,000

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The Regional Municipality of York purchases \$2.8 million in community services

NEWMARKET – York Regional Council, through the Community Development and Investment Fund (CDIF), will fund 33 community service projects to assist low income and vulnerable residents of York Region in 2010. The projects, ranging from Employment supports, Family and Children’s services to Homelessness services, will receive a total of \$2.8 million.

“The services purchased by the Region under CDIF assist residents find and keep work, and provide families with options that allow parents to stay in the workforce and reduce child poverty,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Bill Fisch. “Other services supported through this fund actively prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless or help those who are homeless re-establish themselves.”

Since 2003, the focus of the CDIF Strategy has been on purchasing high priority services from community agencies that provide programs and services which meet one or more of the three priority funding areas of child and family supports, homelessness prevention programs and employment supports.

“Many community-based agencies rely on CDIF to provide them with the funding necessary for the staffing and other resources needed to implement programs and services in the community,” said Town of Markham Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, Chair of the Region’s Community and Health Services Committee. “During this challenging economic time, now more than ever, these services are needed to support our most vulnerable residents.”

In 2008, approximately 50,000 residents benefited from services and programs purchased through CDIF, and service levels are expected to be the same for 2009.

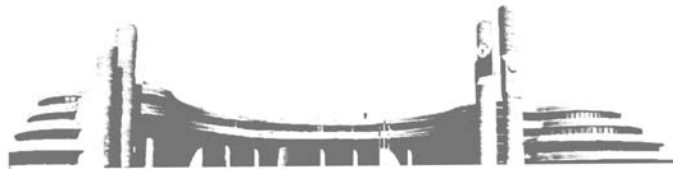
This year, more than 50 proposals for funding totalling almost \$6 million were submitted in response to the Region’s request for proposals. Each proposal was evaluated based on a range of established criteria, including the agency’s service delivery capability, effectiveness and track record of sound financial management and benefits in the priority areas. Examples of 2010 CDIF investments include:

- Citizens for Affordable Housing (System Navigation) – Provides assistance to York Region residents who are homeless or at risk for being homeless who do not meet eligibility criteria for the services of other agencies. This will prevent persons from falling through the cracks in the system.
- Jewish Vocational Services of Metropolitan Toronto (Action Towards Self Sufficiency and Employment) – A service that provides psychological and vocational assessments and action planning towards employment to individuals in housing need due to unemployment.
- Family Services of York Region (Families & Schools Together) – A project that delivers a number of eight-week sessions for low income families and recent immigrants to encourage participation in activities that strengthen the family bond as well as develop links between families, their schools and the community.

Please see the attached Media Backgrounder for a complete list of the 33 programs and services to be purchased in 2010 through CDIF and how residents will benefit from them.

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CDIF Purchase of Service Projects 2010

NEWMARKET – Below is the complete list of the 33 programs and services to be purchased in 2010 through CDIF and how residents will benefit from them. For more information on these specific programs and services, please contact the organization directly.

Project/Service Name	Description	Funding Allocation
Blue Door Shelters – Child and Youth Support for New Leeder Family Shelter	Provide families in the Leeder Family Shelter with the supports they need to deal with serious upheavals in the lives of children and youth. Having Child and Youth Workers on-site will provide regular programming and allow families to address trauma-related issues faced by homeless children and youth and will also help families to negotiate local systems such as educational, community sports, and others.	\$89,500
Canadian Mental Health Association – York Region - Community Development Project	This project will build the capacity of Housing York Inc. communities. Using a community development and empowerment approach, provide training to identified leaders and facilitate both inter and intra community activities, creating an environment for positive change.	\$86,000
Citizens for Affordable Housing - System Navigation	Provide York Region residents who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and those with low or no income with help getting their needs met that are not being met by other service providers. These are individuals/families that ‘fall through the cracks’ as a result of not meeting the eligibility requirements/mandates of other social service agencies.	\$75,000
Community Alliance For York Region Education (CAYRE) – Early Learning & Parenting Supports	To provide services for low income families that improve the learning and social development of children and skills of parents. An Early Learning Specialist will provide monthly professional learning opportunities for staff from agencies delivering programs for young children to share with parents and will conduct site visits geared to the agencies and families at each multi-service site.	\$67,000
Community Alliance For York Region Education (CAYRE) – Slapshot	Provide 200 low income newcomer children age eight to 12 years old living in Markham and Vaughan with a six- week hockey program aimed at improving leadership skills, socialization, nutrition and health. On and off-ice activities in school gyms and arenas after school will give a unique experience that, due to financial or other family circumstances, they would not otherwise have.	\$57,500
Family Services York Region – Families & Schools Together	Bring together low income families, including recent immigrants, selected by local school personnel to participate in eight-week sessions of specific fun, research-based activities designed to systematically strengthen the family’s bond to each other, their school and the community.	\$78,875

Future Possibilities for Kids (FPK) Growing Leaders For Today and Beyond	Offers a six-month, outside of school program to deliver an increasing number of leadership and life skills development programs to approximately 270 children and youth (eight to 14 years of age) who live in underserved low income communities. Guided by adult volunteers, participants set "Goals of Contribution" that will benefit themselves and their community. The program also offers Run Kid Coaching workshops (to learn and socialize) for Parents to complement the Ready, Set, Goal! & Kid Council programs.	\$90,000
Georgina Trades Training Inc – Get S. E. T. for Employment	Provides residents who are recently laid-off, unemployed or underemployed literacy and numeracy assessment and upgrading, employability skills, job related certifications, basic computer skills and builds awareness of the job market through job site visits, tours and job shadowing.	\$52,656
Girls Incorporated of York Region – “Peersuasion”	Facilitates drop-in programs for 150 girls aged nine to 16 years outreaching to those from low income and minority backgrounds as well as girls with disabilities. The program will model healthy behaviour and help girls deal with the influences of peers, build communication skills, and learn to recognize and respond to stress in healthy ways.	\$15,840
Inn From the Cold Inc. – Winter Emergency	To continue with the emergency overnight shelter for the homeless four nights a week from December to March, plus nights when the temperature drops to minus 15 degrees or lower. The project will expand to include employment search support.	\$90,294
Jericho Youth Services – Bethany After School Program	Support for a 30-week, three day a week after school program at the Bethany Coop Housing complex for children aged six to 12.	\$12,648
Jewish Family & Child Service – The Family Resource Centre	A program that supports families by providing low income families, many of whom are newcomers, with culturally appropriate programs that reduce isolation, create linkages to the community, support parenting/care giving and provide accessible social, learning and recreational activities for children.	\$70,000
Jewish Family & Child Service – Youth Volunteer for Youth	An educational and recreational program that will engage high school and university newcomer students in supporting, leading and mentoring children and youth of newcomer and economically-challenged families.	\$16,000
Job Skills – Smart Start	A pre-employment project to help a minimum of 80 unemployed, low income residents of York Region to develop industry-specific skills and obtain certifications necessary to compete for employment in the food and drink or customer service sector.	\$167,108
Junior Achievement Of Central Ontario – Student Success In York Region	To deliver Junior Achievement programs to vulnerable middle school students in York Region to help them develop critical business and life skills.	\$65,000
Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitan Toronto (JVS) Toronto – Action Towards Self Sufficiency and Employment	To offer psychological and vocational assessments and action planning towards employment to 18 individuals in core housing need due to unemployment.	\$100,264

Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitan Toronto (JVS) Toronto - Learning Life Skills	Offer Ontario Works and low income clients with a significant history of barriers to employment who need life skills, an opportunity to address obstructive behaviours, create a set of priorities or short-term goals to work towards including attainable goals in relation to job searching and/or training.	\$102,958
Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitan Toronto (JVS) Toronto – Youth Reach II	To assist 160 youth with a history of conflict with the law to overcome barriers and achieve employment and/or educational success.	\$159,728
Krasman Centre – Drop-In Support Worker	This program will provide practical support (with a focus on prevention) to people who use the drop-in centre and who are also homeless or at risk of homelessness.	\$36,000
Krasman Centre – ODSP Application Support Worker Program	The Application Support Worker will help people who are on the long-term Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) waiting list to navigate the system and its requirements and receive a decision concerning their application for the ODSP.	\$77,000
Learning Disabilities Association of York Region – “SOAR/Transitions”	Provide opportunities to at-risk youth 16 to 20 years of age to learn about learning disabilities, develop transitional skills, learning styles, strategies to use in everyday life and how to advocate for themselves.	\$26,400
Literacy Council York Simcoe – Skills for Employment	To provide literacy and essential skills upgrading, computer training and soft skills enhancement to improve the opportunity for under- and unemployed adult residents of York-Simcoe to gain or maintain employment.	\$59,000
Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold – Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold Program	To alleviate poverty and relieve the demand for shelter beds by providing emergency overnight shelter, meals, clothing, basic health care, harm reduction, and employment training services to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness during the winter season.	\$128,365
Pathways for Children, Youth and Families of York Region – Home Base Youth Drop-In Centre	A youth drop-in centre in Richmond Hill that will provide services to approximately 1,200 homeless or at-risk youth by providing them with counselling, case management, employment services, housing services, social recreation, food, clothing, life skills, experiential learning, creative expression, and other resources.	\$330,000
Pathways for Children, Youth and Families of York Region – Housing Support Services	To provide Housing Supports to 100 homeless or at-risk York Region youth that will help them to secure housing. The project will provide assessments, co-ordinate community resources, negotiate with landlords, and help youth to secure financial resources for independent living.	\$77,796
Rehabilitation Foundation for the Disabled (Ontario March of Dimes) – The Grocery Store Project	To deliver an Employment Services program to 175 marginalized client groups in York Region while addressing the retention need of retail grocery sector employers. Participants will gain skills, knowledge, on-the-job experience and job placement assistance.	\$128,333

Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers – New Parenting and Personal Development Program	A project to provide parenting education and enhance skills of young mothers involved with the Children's Aid Society. It will also provide personal development and support to the target population, and provide counselling services to young mother's whose children have been apprehended. The project will benefit 30 clients and their children.	\$43,400
Social Services Network – Focus on Family Literacy	A two-part program for parents and grandparents in York Region's multicultural community delivered primarily by members of that community who will plan, deliver, and lead the family life education program which will improve the family's learning, social development and parenting skills.	\$65,000
Steps Society for Permanent Recovery – S.T.E.P.S. (Steps Training, Employment and Preparation Service)	Helps low income York Region residents who have dealt with their addiction to drugs and/or alcohol to overcome personal and emotional barriers, maintain their recovery and help prepare them to be able to choose a career and/or find employment.	\$136,750
Training Renewal Foundation – York Food Service Employment Training (YFET)	Provide skills training, team building and customer service to prepare Ontario Works and low income candidates for employment in the roadhouse cuisine and catering sectors of the foodservices industry. Participants are trained as line cooks, prep cooks, kitchen helpers, food servers and for future managerial positions.	\$47,425
Women's Centre of York Region – Bridging the Gap	This project will offer a variety of services to help low-income women bridge the gap between financial vulnerability and sustainability. The project will also provide short-term supports to meet family needs and also longer term resources to allow the development of sustainable livelihoods.	\$126,959
YMCA of Greater Toronto – PlayOn and Play IT Forward	This project will deliver two programs to a total of 160 children: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PlayON after school recreation program for children six to 12 years of age in five social housing sites - The Play IT Forward program, delivered in four social housing locations to empower youth 13 to 18 years of age with leadership opportunities and sports skill training. Youth will then plan and deliver sports and recreational events for children in the community 	140,131
Youth Assisting Youth – Group Mentoring Project	A project that utilizes York Region Police volunteers and youth mentors to engage approximately 190 marginalized York Region youth in free, comprehensive group mentoring programs, providing them with a sense of belonging and moving them away from gangs, drugs and violence.	51,250
Total		\$2,870,180