

CDIF Purchase of Service Projects for 2011

One Year Projects

No.	Agency and Project Name	Description	Funding Allocation
1.	Big Brothers Big Sisters of York Quality and Efficiency Through Focus	To increase the number of children served by 25% and to increase the Volunteer Co-ordinator's hours by one day per week.	\$47,780
2.	Community Alliance For York Region Education (CAYRE) Slapshot	To provide 200 low income children 9 to 13 years old living in Markham and Vaughan with a 6 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 these children a unique experience that due to financial or other family circumstance they would not otherwise have.	\$60,000
3.	Citizens for Affordable Housing System Navigation	To provide York Region residents who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, and those with low or no income, a source of integrated information, referral and short-term case management that brings individuals and services together to meet vital needs. This service is available to those clients who fall through the cracks in the system as a result of not meeting a service provider's intake criteria or mandate.	\$115,620
4.	Family Services York Region Families & Schools Together (FAST)	To bring together low income families selected by local school personnel to participate in 8 week sessions of specific research-based social activities designed to systematically strengthen the family's bond to each other, their school, and the community.	\$87,509
5.	Future Possibilities (Canada) Inc. Growing Leaders	To increase the Ready Set Goal program by 20% and the KidsCouncil by 52% to deliver leadership and life style development programs to a larger number of York Region children and youth age 8 to 14 years. Participants attending Performance Plus schools are coached by adult volunteers towards building the skills they need to accomplish community-oriented goals.	\$109,475
6.	Georgina Trades Training Inc Set for Success	To increase the employability of unemployed, underemployed and recently laid off individuals through an individual assessment to determine the upgrading and skill development needed to improve employability.	\$60,550
7.	Girls Incorporated of York Region Economic Literacy	To provide girls, ages 9 – 14, with basic economic skills used in making decisions about saving, sharing and earning.	\$20,888
8.	Human Endeavour Maple Community Project	To promote greater civic engagement, community and leadership development in Maple by educating and empowering marginalized members of the South Asian community regarding social and economic well being by improving their learning, social and parenting skills.	\$69,612
9.	Inn From the Cold Inc. Winter Emergency Shelter	To provide emergency overnight shelter in York Region for five nights per week and on nights that fall below -15 degrees Celsius from January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011. Basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, and transportation will be provided. Clients will be directed to other partnering community agencies and services.	\$93,000
10.	Jericho Youth Services Bethany After School Program	To deliver an after school recreation program for 30 weeks, 3 days per week at Bethany Co-op to approximately 36 children. Program activities include: a healthy snack, homework support, story telling, games, crafts, music, and outdoor activities.	\$17,150
11.	Jewish Family & Child Service The Family Resource Centre	To continue promoting the healthy growth and development of children by supporting and empowering their parents and caregivers in a culturally sensitive and inclusive manner through an expanded and enriched drop-in program, clothing depot, parent/caregiver education, support and referral services, and social, recreational, and early learning activities for children.	\$95,000
12.	Job Skills Smart Start	To assist 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.	\$169,908

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13.	Junior Achievement of Central Ontario Student Success In York Region	To increase the financial literacy, employability and graduation rate of 3,600 youth in vulnerable neighbourhoods in York Region as identified by York Region District School Board and York Catholic District School Board.	\$98,750
14.	JVS Toronto PRESS	To offer specialized services that will reduce the risk of homelessness and move 22 multi-barriered clients towards self-sufficiency by provide psycho-vocational assessments, action planning and intensive individual supports for up to four months to address barriers.	\$125,490
15.	JVS Toronto Youth Reach II	To provide 160 youth with a history of conflict with the law, employment training through one-to-one employment counselling and job development services. Youth will set goals, connect to services, seek employment, and receive job maintenance support where applicable to help them establish a connection to school and/or employment.	\$159,728
16.	Krasman Centre Drop In Support Worker	To provide practical support (with a focus on prevention) to people who use the drop-in centre and who identify themselves as homeless or being at risk of homelessness. A full-time worker with personal experience of homelessness will be recruited.	\$37,080
17.	Krasman Centre ODSP Application Support Worker Program	To assist 60 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 ODSP.	\$75,000
18.	Learning Centre for Georgina Georgina Outreach Office	To create a partnership that meets the needs of 50 additional single pregnant or parenting young mothers who wish to improve their literacy skills to obtain gainful employment or to pursue additional training.	\$80,000
19.	Learning Disabilities Association of York Region SOAR / Building Transition Opportunities	To provide opportunities to 144 at risk youth aged 14 and older to learn about learning disabilities, develop transitional skills, learning styles, strategies to use in everyday life, and how to advocate for themselves.	\$27,664
20.	Literacy Council York-Simcoe Skills Enhancement for Employment	To provide employment skills to under or unemployed adult residents so that they can gain or maintain employment. The project targets a minimum of 200 clients.	\$65,176
21.	Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold Out of the Cold	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.	\$151,830
22.	Pathways for Children, Youth and Families of York Region Home Base Youth Drop-in Centre	A youth drop-in centre in Richmond Hill that provides services to 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. Approximately 800 to 1000 youth will benefit.	\$343,045
23.	Pathways for Children, Youth and Families of York Region Housing Support Services	To provide 100 homeless or at-risk youth within York Region access to Housing Supports that will help them in securing housing. The project objectives are to: provide assessments, co-ordinate community resources, negotiate with landlords, and help youth to secure financial resources for independent living.	\$77,050
24.	Rainbows for all Children Canada Increase Rainbows Community and School Based Sites	To establish 8 new community and school based sites to offer peer support groups for children, adolescents and adults experiencing loss, issues due to separation, divorce, death or other life altering crisis.	\$30,742
25.	Rehabilitation Foundation for the Disabled (Ontario March of Dimes) The Retail and Grocery Customer Service Training Program	To deliver an Employment Services program to 175 individuals from marginalized client groups in York Region, (i.e. Ontario Works recipients and other income support recipients, persons with disabilities and new immigrants), while addressing the retention need of retail grocery sector employers. The project will provide participants with skills, knowledge, on the job experience and job placement.	\$133,458
26.	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers Mothers Matter	To provide six 8 week group program and individuals counselling for 30 mothers with child welfare involvement or at risk for child welfare involvement.	\$45,000
27.	Skills for Change Maintenance Electro Mechanic Program (MEMP)	To provide internationally-trained tradespeople with hands-on training, preparation for the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities exam and employment preparation that will lead to full time paid employment.	\$110,000

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28.	Social Services Network Focus on Family Literacy	To provide a 2-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.	\$67,600
29.	STEPS Society for Permanent Recovery S.T.E.P.S (Steps Training, Employment and Preparation Service)	To assist approximately 144 low income York Region residents who have dealt with their addiction to drugs and/or alcohol to overcome personal and emotional barriers through this program, maintain their recovery and help prepare them to be able to choose a career and/or find employment.	\$160,000
30.	Women's Centre of York Region Bridging the Gap	To offer a variety of services to help bridge the gap between financial vulnerability and sustainability. Programs focus on women, an element of choice, knowledge-based component and effective community partnerships and provide short term resources for women to provide for their families and develop sustainable livelihoods.	\$137,820
31.	YMCA of Greater Toronto PlayOn and Play It Forward	To deliver the PlayOn program in 8 social housing sites and the Play It Forward program in 7 social housing sites for 32 weeks. PlayON is an after school recreational drop in program for children 6 – 12 years of age that is fun, safe and develops their leadership, communication, problem-solving and conflict resolution skills.	\$152,575
32.	Youth Assisting Youth Group and Special Interest Mentoring	To engage 230 low income and at-risk children in recreational and educational activities as they wait to be matched with a mentor. Activities include martial arts, photography, boxing, cooking and nutrition, judo and sporting events. York Regional Police (YRP) volunteers act as group mentors and facilitate several program components.	\$51,250
Total One Year Projects			\$3,075,750

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Renewable Projects

No.	Agency and Project Name	Description	Funding Allocation
1.	Big Brothers Big Sisters of York Mentoring across Ages and Cultures	Engage teens and seniors of all cultures as mentors across York Region focusing 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 the 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 the Region of York.	\$174,000
3.	Catholic Community Services of York Region Multicultural 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	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 about the Tenant Protection Act.	\$108,081
5.	Citizens for Affordable Housing Identification (ID) Clinic	Provide Identification Clinics across York Region where staff work 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 per week and add consistent trips to the East-West corridor.	\$280,000
7.	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers Housing Support	The objective of the project is two-fold: 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 To operate a consistently managed and well coordinated Food and Supplies Depot for young mothers to access and supplement their income and to use in emergencies.	\$65,000
8.	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers Young Families Outreach	The objective of the project is two-fold: To link young families to Young Parent programs offered by Rose of Sharon in early years locations in their community To give young mothers access to individual and group counselling and self-help training to help support them through the early transition to parenting. The project focuses on new immigrant mothers and young mothers in rural communities.	\$134,396
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.	\$83,500
10.	Salvation Army Sutton Youth Shelter Housing & Community Supports	The objectives of the project are to offer life skills program and support to youth who have become homeless. By acquiring skills in obtaining and maintaining affordable, secure housing, they 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 Services 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 Renewable Projects			\$1,400,000