

WHAT IS THE SOCIAL HOUSING INNOVATION FUND?

Better solutions that meet new requirements

The Social Housing Innovation Fund is intended to help housing providers develop solutions to meet new challenges.

- ✓ Do you have an innovative solution to a problem or requirement?
- ✓ Are you interested in working with others to make your dollars go further?
- ✓ Do you want to implement an accessible project, training or initiative?
- ✓ Do you need some funding to implement an idea to enhance your site, business, board or community?

Categories:

- Accessibility
- Green Initiatives
- Recreation and Leisure Space
- Community Programs and Initiatives
- Capacity Building

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

A separate application form must be completed for each project (with supporting documents).

Completed and signed applications, with required supporting documents, must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on April 17, 2026 by email (completed digital PDF, not a scanned copy or photocopy) to:

housingproviderinfo@york.ca

The applicant shall ensure it does not provide personal information to York Region, including within the records and reports contemplated in this application, and if selected, will be responsible for obtaining any necessary participant consents to carry out its obligations.

Records in the custody or control of York Region are subject to access to information provisions under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). This means information your organization provides to York Region may be requested and, unless an exemption applies, disclosed under MFIPPA. If disclosure could affect your interests, York Region will notify you and consider your representations when determining the access decision.

Late submissions or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Funding is subject to budget approval by Regional Council.

Additional terms and conditions may be imposed by York Region. To receive funding, chosen applicants will be required to enter into a funding agreement with York Region setting out all terms and conditions applicable to the funding.

York Region may, in its sole discretion, reject an application or withdraw a chosen applicant for any reason and without liability.

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing the form, contact your Program Coordinator.

SECTION 1 – HOUSING PROVIDER INFORMATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Housing Provider

Building address

Street number

Street address

Apartment number

City/Town

Postal code

Contact name

Phone number

Email

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Accumulated Surplus - current balance	\$	as of
Capital Reserve - current balance	\$	as of

SECTION 2 – PROJECT INFORMATION *(one project per application)*

Accessibility: Upgrades or retrofits that improve accessibility for residents and/or guests. Projects can meet the needs of those with varying abilities including hearing, vision, physical, cognitive and mental health.

Green Initiatives: Energy-efficient upgrades or retrofits that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve quality and sustainability, improve the quality of life for households and save money. Green initiatives must apply for relevant energy rebates.

Recreation and Leisure Space: Indoor or outdoor space that may include recreation (active or leisure) that promotes social inclusion as well as overall health and well-being. Accessibility must be considered when developing space.

Community Programs and Initiatives: Activities or programs promoting community building, skill development, social inclusion and wellness.

Capacity Building: Partnerships for sharing costs for activities or initiatives that help build capacity (strengthen organization, save money or plan for the future).

Category	Estimated Total Cost (including HST)	Housing Provider Contribution 50% or 25% (accessibility)	Funding requested plus non-recoverable HST
		\$	\$
Total funding requested for this project			\$

If you are unable to contribute (50% of project or 25% for accessibility) to the cost of the project, please explain.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Key considerations:

Does the project involve a partnership?	Yes	No
Has accessibility been considered?	Yes	No
Will the project benefit the whole community?	Yes	No
Is the project to accommodate an individual household?	Yes	No
Will the project reduce operating costs?	Yes	No
Does the proposed work promote recreational and leisure use of the space?	Yes	No
Will the proposed work enhance existing/new programs?	Yes	No
Does the project promote overall health and well-being?	Yes	No
Will the project build community involvement of residents and neighbours?	Yes	No
Can this project be sustained after this funding?	Yes	No

Please describe the project, the reason for the project and the expected outcomes.

What is the project you are proposing?

Based on your demographics and current situation, why is the project needed?

Who will benefit from the project?

How will you know the project is successful?

How will the project be sustained (financially and/or in-kind) beyond the first year?

ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED

Summary of feedback received from the community

Project estimates

Work plan

Supporting documents such as energy audits, consultant’s report, utility bills, details of components to be replaced including model and capacity (if applicable)

SECTION 3 – BOARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This Social Housing Innovation Fund application was approved by the Board of Directors on _____ Date (mm/dd/yy)

The applicant warrants that all information provided in this application are true and accurate to the best of the applicant’s knowledge.

Signing Officer Name	Title	Signature