


2021 Community Investment Fund Results

The Community Investment Fund supports non-profit agencies to deliver community services for York Region residents living with low and moderate income under four Community Result Areas. These services adapted and remained critical to the 2021 pandemic response.

 * Regional Council approved **\$1 million** in one-time additional funding to address increased community needs and service gaps due to COVID-19.

Community Results	Funding	Residents Served
Community Health	\$ 1,502,065	47,427
Economic Independence	\$ 1,774,089	1,334
Housing Stability	\$ 1,089,973	4,202
Social Inclusion	\$ 1,923,395	6,089
TOTAL	\$6,289,522	59,052

 The COVID-19 Coordination (3C) initiative, a joint partnership with United Way Greater Toronto, continued to provide collaborative responses through three community working groups addressing emergency food access, homelessness and seniors services.

155 community and social service stakeholders, community members or peers participated in four Community Action Tables across York Region to support safety and well-being.

  **208** community agency staff attended five professional development sessions, with a session being dedicated to mental health supports.

HOUSING STABILITY
Residents live in affordable, adequate and suitable housing



COMMUNITY HEALTH
Residents are healthy and make informed healthy choices



SOCIAL INCLUSION
Residents are connected and able to engage in their communities



ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE
Residents have and keep jobs that match their skills to support financial stability



 **ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE**

After completing their programs, **261** enrolled in further education (trade school/college)

950 completed internships and skills training **252** found a job

 All employment projects added mental health and well-being supports for participants as they are transitioning back to either hybrid or in-person training, employment and supports

 **SOCIAL INCLUSION**

477 people participated in intergenerational programs **90%** of program participants reported feeling respected and welcomed in the programs
90% of program participants reported increased confidence self-esteem or well-being

 COVID-19 Relief funding supported a **17%** expansion in social inclusion programs for an additional **375** people to participate


 **COMMUNITY HEALTH**

3,069 residents received mental health and well-being supports Approximately **101,000** breakfasts, snacks and food resources served to children and residents
95% of participants reported being healthier

 Over **\$60,000** of the Community Investment Fund was re-allocated to two new agencies to support production of food hampers for an additional **1,308** residents.

 **HOUSING STABILITY**

911 people were educated on landlord and tenant rights **100** people living with mental health challenges were assisted with the application process for the Ontario Disability Support Program
498 people maintained or retained housing

 **84** people, at-risk of experiencing domestic violence, received legal support through COVID-19 Relief funding and **39** people retained housing through community mediation funded by the provincial Social Services Relief Fund