

# COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION FUNDING

## KEY ACTIONS FACT SHEET



### HOW IT WORKS

The York Region Community Violence Prevention Funding supports the implementation of the Region's Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan by building community capacity to undertake proactive and targeted community-based and culturally appropriate initiatives. Actions supported by the funding are linked to the priority areas of mental well-being, housing stability and economic stability to reduce underlying risk factors that can lead to youth crime, harm and victimization (including involvement in gangs and gang violence).

In alignment with the CSWB Plan, the funding supports the four identified geographic focus areas within the Regional Municipality of York:

1. Northern Georgina
2. Central Newmarket
3. South-central Markham; and
4. South-central Richmond Hill (including the City of Vaughan)

Projects funded by the Community Violence Prevention Funding supports all youth residents, especially those ages 6-26 years who are Indigenous, Black, young women, LGBTQ2S+, immigrant and/or refugee youth.

After two years, a program evaluation and impact assessment will be conducted to inform ongoing program needs.

Projects supported by Community Violence Prevention Funding should be informed by consultations and/or needs assessments with youth, and can include:

- Trauma-informed programming
- Employment development and supports
- Community engagement activities
- Indigenous services and/or programming
- Supports focused around Black youth
- Gender based programming
- Hate motivated incident awareness/prevention
- Leadership development programming
- Mental health programming and supports

Agencies and grassroots organizations may apply for up to \$100,000 per funding request. Residents may apply for up to \$4,000. Funding is available for up to 1 year, with the potential for renewal through the monitoring and reporting process of the agreement. The total available budget for this funding is approximately \$2 million from now until March 2026.



### BENEFITS

- Enables actions, including those from the Community Action Tables, to be successfully planned and implemented
- Builds capacity in grassroots groups who may not have had access to funding previously
- Increases proactive and culturally appropriate supports and activities

### CAN GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS APPLY?

Organizations without legal not-for-profit or charitable status and annual audited financial statements will be required to work with a trustee organization to access funding.