

Clause 17 in Report No. 16 of Committee of the Whole was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of The Regional Municipality of York at its meeting held on November 17, 2016.

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The Community Investment Strategy
Recommendations for 2017 Funding

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations contained in the report dated October 25, 2016 from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services:

1. Council approve the one-year community projects listed in Private Attachment 1 to be funded in 2017 under the Community Investment Strategy.
2. The Commissioner of Community and Health Services be authorized to execute Purchase of Service Agreements with the successful agencies.
3. The Commissioner of Community and Health Services be authorized to allocate any new or related funding that may become available under the Community Investment Strategy to current and new projects and activities that fit the criteria of the Community Investment Strategy; and that the Commissioner be authorized to execute Purchase of Service Agreements with agencies that meet this criterion.

Report dated October 25, 2016 from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services now follows:

1. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. Council approve the one-year community projects listed in Private Attachment 1 to be funded in 2017 under the Community Investment Strategy.
2. The Commissioner of Community and Health Services be authorized to execute Purchase of Service Agreements with the successful agencies.

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3. The Commissioner of Community and Health Services be authorized to allocate any new or related funding that may become available under the Community Investment Strategy to current and new projects and activities that fit the criteria of the Community Investment Strategy; and that the Commissioner be authorized to execute Purchase of Service Agreements with agencies that meet this criterion.

2. Purpose

This report provides an update on the results of the 2017 Community Investment Strategy (Strategy) Call for Proposals process with a list of the projects (see Private Attachment 1) recommended for one-year funding in 2017. The list is private because it relates to the security of the property of the Region.

3. Background and Previous Council Direction

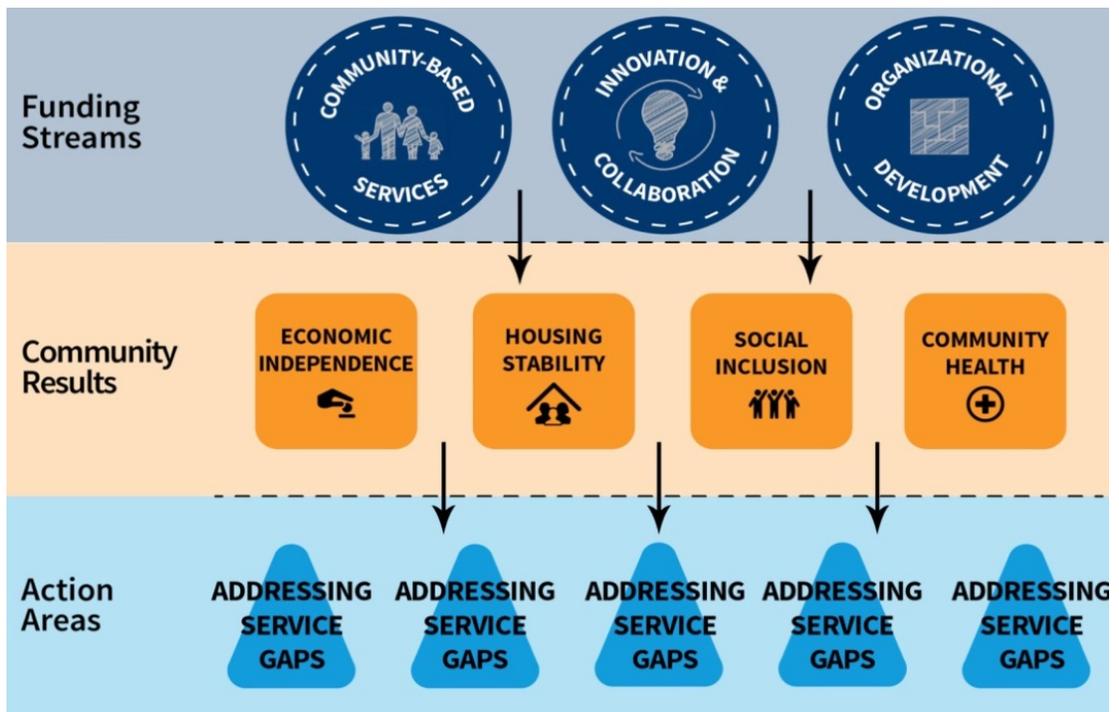
The Community Investment Strategy is a flexible, responsive and proactive initiative that addresses key human service needs in York Region

In February 2013, Council approved the [Community Investment Strategy](#). The Strategy is designed to strengthen community services supporting low and moderate income York Region residents.

In providing funding to eligible community agencies that serve low and moderate income York Region residents, the Strategy enhances the expertise and resources of the non-profit sector and enables it to provide cost-effective services.

Chart 1 shows how the investments of the Strategy are directed:

Chart 1 How Investments are Directed



Through its three investment funding streams the Strategy adopts an integrated and flexible approach to promoting community development. The Community-Based service stream provides much needed supports to low and moderate income York Region residents; the organizational development stream helps build the service capacity of agencies serving residents; and the Innovation and Collaboration stream encourages the development of new collective approaches to addressing key human service challenges.

The Strategy's four community results and related action areas direct funding to the key service needs in the Region.

1. **Community Health:** low and moderate income residents are healthy and able to make healthy choices.
2. **Economic Independence:** low and moderate income residents have and keep jobs that match their skills and have financial stability.
3. **Housing Stability:** low and moderate income residents can live in affordable, adequate and suitable housing.
4. **Social Inclusion:** low and moderate income residents are connected and able to engage in their communities.

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The Action Areas under each of the Community Results identify the specific service gaps in the community where investments are directed. An Action Area under one community result can have positive impacts for other community results.

The allocation of funding is established through an annual two-stage Call for Proposals process with results reported to Council in November each year when funding approval is requested

Table 1 provides an overview of the key steps in the annual Strategy cycle.

Table 1
Timeline of the Community Investment Strategy Funding Cycle

Key Milestone	Timeline
The Call for Expressions of Interest (Stage One)	April – May 2016
The Stage Two Call for Proposals	August – September 2016
Report to Council on projects recommended for Funding	November 2016
Project Implementation and monitoring	January – December 2017
Annual Activity Report to Council	May 2018

4. Analysis and Implications

For 2017 funding, the two-stage selection process began in April 2016

Stage One requested Expressions of Interest from community agencies to assess fit with Regional priorities. The call for Expressions of Interest was issued on April 9, 2016 with the release of application guidelines and an application template. The call was extensively advertised in the community using both traditional marketing methods and social media. An information meeting on the funding process provided further details. A dedicated telephone line and e-mail access were available to agencies that required additional information.

At closing on May 6, 2016, the Region received 93 Expressions of Interest totalling \$8.1 million in funding requests.

Based on reviews and scoring of each application against established criteria, a Selection Committee comprised of subject matter experts from Community and Health Services recommended 57 projects to move forward to Stage Two.

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The Stage Two call for applications opened August 11, 2016 and closed September 7, 2016. At closing, the Region received 56 applications totalling \$5,290,713.

Agencies were supported with additional information at Stage Two through individual e-mail feedback on each Expression of Interest, an information meeting, the opportunity for one-on-one feedback, a dedicated telephone line and direct e-mail access to Community Development staff.

Of 57 applications received, 33 are recommended for funding

Each Stage Two application was assessed on six criteria by a Selection Committee of Regional managers and consultations with other funders in York Region. Thirty-three one-year projects totaling \$3,340,493 are recommended for 2017 funding.

The recommended projects are listed in Private Attachment 1.

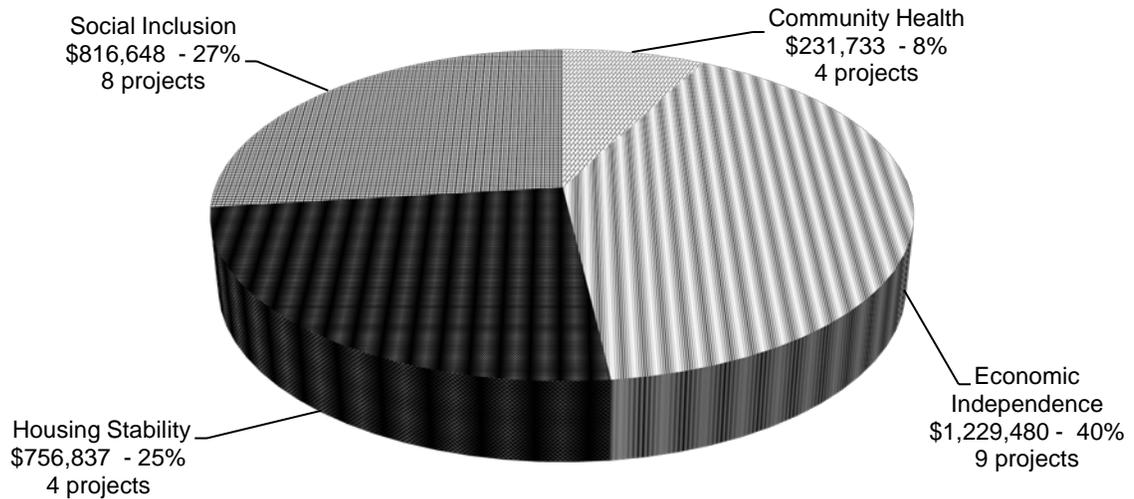
Table 2 outlines the number of recommended one-year projects and allocations under each funding stream. No projects are recommended under the Innovation and Collaboration stream for 2017. At the Expression of Interest stage only one Innovation and Collaboration application scored well enough to proceed to Stage Two. In Stage Two, the application did not score well enough to be recommended for funding.

Table 2
Summary of Recommended 2017 One-Year Projects by Investment Stream

Funding Stream	Recommended Projects	Funding (\$)
Community-Based Service Stream	25	3,034,698
Organizational Development Stream	8	305,795

Funding for the 25 one-year projects in the Community Based Stream is distributed across all four Community Results as shown in Chart 2.

Chart 2
Recommended 2017 One-Year Community-Based Stream Projects by Community Result



5. Financial Considerations

The Community Investment Strategy is managed within the current approved budget of the Community and Health Services Department. The total amount available for 2017 is approximately \$5.5 million, subject to budget approval.

It is recommended that \$3,340,493 be approved for one-year projects listed in Private Attachment 1. Council previously approved multi-year projects to receive funding for three years beginning January 2015, subject to budget approval. Eighteen projects totaling \$2,083,168 (see Attachment 1) will continue to provide service in 2017.

Table 3
Summary of 2017 Funding

Funding Allocation	Recommended Projects	Funding (\$)
Recommended one-year projects	33	3,340,493
2017 multi-year projects	18	2,083,168
Total	51	\$5,423,661

* Annually, an amount of \$85,000 has been allocated to contingencies and agency Professional Development events.

6. Local Municipal Impact

The one-year projects recommended for funding, together with the multi-year projects will provide funding for community services throughout York Region in 2017. Many community agencies that receive Community Investment Strategy funding develop working relations with local community organizations which help enhance and extend services to residents.

7. Conclusion

The Community Investment Strategy continues to support low and moderate income residents in York Region through the provision of services that contribute to the key human service goals of the Region.

The services purchased through the Strategy help promote community health, economic independence, housing stability and social inclusion.

The Strategy also builds upon and extends existing community supports and promotes community involvement through the engagement of community volunteers. Leveraging the expertise of the non-profit sector complements the Region's programs and has extended our ability to create a stronger, more resilient human services system in York Region.

For more information on this report, please contact Lisa Gonsalves, Director, Strategies and Partnerships Branch at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 72090.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

October 25, 2016

Attachment (1)

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2017 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT STRATEGY MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS

No.	Agency Name	Project Name and Description	2017 Funding (\$)	Service Area
1	Big Brothers Big Sisters of York	Valuing Diversity-York Region Inclusive Mentoring Project: The agency will recruit volunteer mentors across a range of ages and cultures to match with children in York Region who are at risk of not achieving their full potential. 185 children (mentees) from culturally diverse, low income, single-parent and newcomer families will be matched with 40 mentors.	78,797	York Region
2	Catholic Community Services of York Region	Specialized Family Support Project: The agency will deliver accessible, family-centered counselling and group programs to low and moderate income residents and families. This service will reduce social and economic vulnerability and enhance personal and family well-being. It is anticipated that approximately 1,400 people will benefit.	147,618	York Region
3	COSTI Immigrant Services	Life Success Strategies: The project will provide life management skills so that participants can obtain and maintain jobs that match their skills. The project will support 90 residents to examine and change their life circumstances through a personal action plan, workshops, assessments, group engagement activities, one-to-one appointments, guest speakers and practical exercises.	104,852	York Region
4	Family Services York Region	Families and Schools Together Program (FAST): This family skills program will continue to support and expand the program that primarily services newcomers through partnerships between schools, parents and communities to prevent social isolation and academic and behavioral problems in children. The program will expand to run in six communities through six cycles each year. It is anticipated that approximately 240 parents and their children will benefit.	94,496	York Region
5	Georgina Trades Training Inc.	S.E.T. for Employment: The project will prepare participants for employment through individualized employment plans, hands-on skills development and links to appropriate training programs to further their skills for employment. It is anticipated that approximately 32 people will benefit.	80,584	Towns of Newmarket, Georgina and East Gwillimbury

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No.	Agency Name	Project Name and Description	2017 Funding (\$)	Service Area
6	Human Endeavour Incorporation	Multi-Community Building Project: The agency will provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services to low income South Asian and Tamil communities. Services will encourage civic engagement and community participation, specifically familiarization with education and support systems, parenting skills, youth programs, seniors and family programs. It is anticipated that over 1,100 people will benefit.	98,240	Cities of Vaughan and Markham
7	Inn From The Cold Inc.	Shelter Program: The agency will help homeless residents with shelter and supports and services during the winter months. The 30 bed shelter will open the beginning of January to mid-April and from November to December, seven nights a week. It is anticipated that approximately 150 people will benefit.	193,861	York Region
8	Jericho Youth Services	Bethany and Jackson's Point After School Programs: A free after school program five days a week and P.A. day programs for children ages six to 12 living in co-operative housing. The program includes social/constructive play, physical activity, team building and co-operative activities, healthy snacks, homework support and science and craft activities. It is anticipated that approximately 40 children will benefit.	81,034	Town of Georgina
9	Jewish Family and Child Service of Greater Toronto	The Family Resource Centre: The Centre offers a range of programs, including a pre-school drop-in program with parenting and public health information, referrals and visits; after-school Homework Club for children from at-risk families; Conversation Café for newcomers, including older adults and grandparents who provide child care; and volunteer opportunities. It is anticipated that approximately 700 people will benefit.	99,505	Township of King, Cities of Markham and Vaughan, Town of Richmond Hill
10	Learning Disabilities Association of York Region	SOAR Mindful Transitions Project: Through workshops and one to one supports the agency will provide participants with learning disabilities and those with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder with academic and vocational support to identify career areas of interest that are suited to their individual needs. It is anticipated that approximately 300 youth will benefit.	45,703	York Region

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No.	Agency Name	Project Name and Description	2017 Funding (\$)	Service Area
11	LifeCorps International	LifeCorps Food Share: The agency collects and delivers donated food that includes fresh milk and produce to 45 agencies across York Region that serve low and moderate income individuals. Food donations are provided by or through the Ontario Association of Food Banks, the National Food Sharing System (operated by Food Banks Canada) and other corporate community partners. It is anticipated that up to 250,000 individuals will benefit from the food delivered.	111,366	York Region
12	Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold	Out of the Cold Program: The program provides emergency winter shelter, meals and support services to residents at-risk of or experiencing homelessness. The shelters are hosted by 13 faith communities with support from over 37 communities. 30 beds are provided each night. Approximately 200 individuals will be provided with safe shelter, and over 3,800 healthy meals will be served to 500 individuals. Approximately 1,200 volunteers will contribute.	294,626	York Region
13	The Lance Krasman Memorial Centre for Community Mental Health	Application Support Worker: The project will provide non-clinical case management and practical supports to assist Ontario Works clients on the Ontario Disability Support Program pending list and non-Ontario Works individuals to successfully complete the ODSP application process. It is anticipated that approximately 60 clients will benefit.	80,898	York Region
14	Women's Centre of York Region	Enterprising Careers: The project will provide low and moderate income women supports to explore career and training options to increase financial independence. The project connects women and helps build networks, which reduces social isolation. It is anticipated that approximately 120 women will participate.	125,373	York Region
15	Women's Centre of York Region	Stepping Stone: The project will offer workshops, life skills, financial literacy, supports and networking for low to moderate income women to help build self-esteem, personal and social community connections and financial empowerment. It is anticipated that approximately 2,850 women will benefit.	158,617	York Region
16	York Region Food for Learning	Food for Learning: Inclusive access to nutritionally balanced breakfast and snack programs will be provided to York Region students through trained community volunteers at schools identified as having a high population of low and moderate income families. It is anticipated that approximately 25,000 children will benefit.	132,221	York Region

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No.	Agency Name	Project Name and Description	2017 Funding (\$)	Service Area
17	Youth Assisting Youth	The Peer Project-One-to-One and Group Mentoring Program: The agency recruits volunteers and York Region police officers to provide one-to-one and group mentoring services and activities to at-risk and newcomer youth between the ages of 6 to 15, from low and moderate income families across York Region. It is anticipated that approximately 50 youth and 90 volunteers will benefit from the one-to-one mentoring, and 240 youth will benefit from group events.	56,786	York Region
18	Youth Unlimited	The Shop Employment Initiative: The agency provides unskilled youth and young adults ages 14 to 24 with mentorship, life skills and job training for employment in auto mechanics, small engines and carpentry, and the opportunity for a paid job experience. The Shop, through vehicle donation, provides training to youth on vehicle repair and service. It is anticipated that approximately 60 youth will benefit.	98,591	York Region
Total Multi-Year 2017 Funding			\$2,083,168	

Note: In November 2014, Council approved 19 projects to receive up to three years of multi-year funding commencing 2015. Based on a mid-year performance review of the multi-year projects, the 18 multi-year projects listed above were confirmed to continue receiving Community Investment Strategy funding in 2016.

One project was moved from multi-year funding to one-year funding because it was not meeting performance targets.

2017 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT STRATEGY RECOMMENDED ONE-YEAR PROJECTS

No.	Agency Name	Project Name and Description	Funding Stream	2017 Funding Recommended (\$)	Service Area
1	360 Kids Support Services	Home Base Vaughan - A youth drop-in centre operating in partnership with the City of Vaughan and the Vaughan Community Health Centre will provide a range of support services including employment support, referrals, life skills workshops, coordination of mental health and addiction services, sexual health and nutrition education, and recreation activities, to over 350 low and moderate income youth who are at risk of becoming homeless and engaging in gang related activities.	Community-Based Services	95,647	York Region
2	AIDS Committee of York Region	Pathways for Sustaining Inclusive and Accessible Organizational Practices - This project will strengthen organizational capacity by extending the Sustainable Livelihood Framework to volunteers. The project will develop new orientation and professional development tools, and will also help the agency to recruit and train volunteers and board members.	Organizational Development	39,000	York Region
3	Alzheimer Society of York Region (AS York)	D.A.Y Program (Daycare for Alzheimer in York) - A comprehensive day program will provide structured and individualized mental health supports, respite, recreational and social day care programs to an estimated 150 low and moderate income clients living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.	Community-Based Services	57,784	Towns of Richmond Hill, Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville
4	Canadian Mental Health Association - York Region	Cultural Competency Training - This project is designed to extend cultural competency training to approximately 150 volunteers and students of the agency preparing them to improve connections with clients of diverse cultures, and bring their experience to various roles and leadership positions in the agency.	Organizational Development	16,000	York Region
5	Canadian Mental Health Association - York Region	Bounce Back Translation - This project will provide translated program materials, DVDs and telephone supports and is expected to assist an estimated 2275 Syrian refugees and Farsi speaking newcomers to help them access mental health supports, develop coping mechanisms and strategies, and improve resettlement and integration. This project will help reduce hospital admissions of this population.	Organizational Development	61,000	York Region
6	Community Legal Clinic of York Region	Eviction Prevention Project - The project provides legal supports to approximately 200 low income tenants with emotional and mental health challenges who are at risk of eviction.	Community-Based Services	260,706	York Region

Attachment 1 (Formerly Private)

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No.	Agency Name	Project Name and Description	Funding Stream	2017 Funding Recommended (\$)	Service Area
7	Community Living Newmarket/Aurora District	Transitional Employment Supports - This project will assist the agency's transition to a new service delivery model that will increase the number of clients served in its Day Supports Program from 50 to a projected 150, helping them move towards economic independence.	Organizational Development	74,738	Towns of East Gwillimbury, King, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Newmarket and Aurora
8	Dr. Roz's Healing Place	Vital Intervention Breakthrough Empowerment Program (VIBE) - The project will serve between 300-400 school aged youth from low and moderate income neighbourhoods through a holistic interactive program that will help them make healthy life choices. In-class programs, after school programs and camps encourage peer mentorship and leadership, literacy development and the opportunity to connect with supports in the surrounding community. The York Regional Police will help to deliver these programs.	Community-Based Services	59,229	City of Markham
9	Elsbeth Heyworth Centre for Women	iWURK Vaughan - This project will provide pre-employment training, counselling and networking to approximately 185 low and moderate income residents of all age groups through job fairs and workshops that cover financial literacy, employability skills, job search techniques labour market information, and goal setting. Participants will create action plans. The project will establish relationships with an additional 50 employers willing to train and hire program participants.	Community-Based Services	53,297	York Region
10	Family Services York Region	Outreach Counselling and Support Services for Low and Moderate Income Families - This project provides culturally sensitive counselling support, outreach and group services, along with a volunteer training component that will allow about 255 participants and their families to contribute to their community.	Community-Based Services	87,725	York Region
11	Future Possibilities for Kids	Connecting Kids and Communities - This project engages about 370 children from low and moderate income households in community service projects to set and accomplish community focused goals and learn about their communities and local issues while developing literacy, numeracy, social and leadership skills.	Community-Based Services	119,900	Town of Richmond Hill and Cities of Markham and Vaughan

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No.	Agency Name	Project Name and Description	Funding Stream	2017 Funding Recommended (\$)	Service Area
12	Georgina Community Food Pantry (Georgina Trades Training Inc. is flow-through)	Nourishing Possibilities - This project will assist an estimated 581 low and moderate York Region income residents to achieve greater food security by developing and implementing an approach to healthy eating that includes a community garden program, community kitchen sessions with nutritious meal preparation, and farm gleaning trips that increase access to healthy farm fresh foods.	Community-Based Services	44,000	Town of Georgina
13	Georgina Trades Training Inc.	Construction Trades Mentorship - The agency will deliver an industry-specific, 10-14 week construction training course with hands-on training to approximately 18 unemployed residents that includes construction trades mentorship on a Habitat for Humanity site. The agency will work in partnership with local employment agencies to help participants secure gainful, skills-based employment.	Community-Based Services	99,850	Towns of Georgina, East Gwillimbury and Newmarket
14	Georgina Trades Training Inc.	GTTI in 2020 - Planning our Second Decade - This project will assist the agency to develop a new strategic plan to guide the agency through to 2020. It will position the agency to better respond to the demands for locally available and affordable access to skills development and training generated by community growth and changes. The plan will include agency governance, leadership development operations, program planning and fundraising strategies.	Organizational Development	26,670	Towns of Georgina, East Gwillimbury and Newmarket
15	Hong Fook Mental Health Association	A Wrap-around Mental Health Supports and Services for Youth in Ethno-specific Communities - Through this project approximately 115 low income Chinese-Canadian youth, grades 7 to 12, are provided wrap-around, linguistically and culturally appropriate mental health supports through youth mental health literacy program, integrative behavioural group therapy and parental mental health literacy training.	Community-Based Services	56,375	Town of Richmond Hill and Cities of Markham and Vaughan
16	Inn from the Cold	Three Year Strategic Plan - The project will develop a strategic plan that will help the agency set goals, have a clearly defined path for the future and enhance the services provided to residents.	Organizational Development	23,387	Town of Newmarket and surrounding communities

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No.	Agency Name	Project Name and Description	Funding Stream	2017 Funding Recommended (\$)	Service Area
17	Jewish Russian Community Centre of Ontario	JRCC Furniture Depot - This project will help the agency acquire and provide gently used furniture to approximately 420 low and moderate income York Region households.	Community-Based Services	105,063	York Region
18	Job Skills	Job Find Club for Internationally Trained Individuals - This project offers training to approximately 134 low and moderate income newcomer residents at the five York Region Welcome Centres to assist them attain financial and economic stability. Training includes business practices, employability skills and introduction to the Canadian workplace culture.	Community-Based Services	149,293	York Region
19	Job Skills	Smart Start - This project assists nearly 85 low and moderate income residents to obtain and retain employment in the food and beverage sector. The program includes industry-specific skills training and financial literacy training in its Life Management Skills component.	Community-Based Services	188,788	York Region
20	JVS Toronto	Youth Reach II - This project, delivered at various locations, provides one-on-one employment counselling and job development services to an estimated 148 low to moderate income youth aged 15 - 23 with a history of conflict with the law to support their search for employment.	Community-Based Services	178,080	York Region
21	Lance Krasman Memorial Centre for Community Mental Health	Organizational Review and Design - This project will address key goals from the agency's current strategic plan by hiring a consultant to complete an organizational review. The aim is to improve community programs and provide supports to increase leadership and volunteer opportunities.	Organizational Development	35,000	York Region
22	Lance Krasman Memorial Centre for Community Mental Health	Peer Support Outreach Worker Program - This project will deliver a peer-based drop-in program twice weekly in Newmarket by engaging the services of a dedicated Peer Support Outreach Worker who will provide services to approximately 700 residents through five groups per week.	Community-Based Services	74,880	Towns of East Gwillimbury, Georgina and Newmarket

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No.	Agency Name	Project Name and Description	Funding Stream	2017 Funding Recommended (\$)	Service Area
23	Literacy Council York-Simcoe	Essentials Skills Development Program - The agency provides facilitated, self-paced training and workshops in basic and intermediate computer skills, including experience with computer-based applications to increase labour market opportunities for approximately 250 clients.	Community-Based Services	88,883	York Region
24	LOFT Community Services	LOFT Crosslinks Street Outreach & Services Network - This project will provide a professionally staffed mobile unit operating throughout York Region that supports about 1500 unique individuals of all ages dealing with homelessness, poverty, mental health and addiction issues; supplying life-saving and harm reduction supports and supplies, sexual health education and referrals to other services.	Community-Based Services	300,058	York Region
25	LOFT Community Services	Community-Based Tobacco Management Intervention for People with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) - This project will offer a professionally facilitated no-cost 12-week tobacco management program to at least 40 clients, including no-cost nicotine replacement therapy to low income residents with serious mental illnesses. Sessions will include cognitive-behavioural and harm reduction strategies. Clients will be provided with transit tickets, healthy refreshments and physical activity strategies to improve their quitting success.	Community-Based Services	65,108	York Region
26	March of Dimes Canada	Customer Service and Retail Program - This project provides training in customer service, financial literacy, résumé writing, job search, interview techniques and job supports to prepare approximately 120 Ontario Works participants and low income residents for employment. Once successfully employed, job retention support will be provided.	Community-Based Services	175,500	York Region
27	Newmarket Food Pantry	Board Development and Strategic Planning - This project will help the agency engage professional assistance to review and recommend updates to the governance structure and policies of the organization improving agency operations and service to the community. It will also help the agency meet the requirements of the new Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act.	Organizational Development	30,000	Towns of East Gwillimbury and Newmarket

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No.	Agency Name	Project Name and Description	Funding Stream	2017 Funding Recommended (\$)	Service Area
28	Npower Canada	Npower Canada - YR Campus - This project, funded in part by United Way, will launch approximately 120 low and moderate income York Region youth ages 18 – 29 into sustainable IT careers by providing 14 weeks of sector-specific technical and soft skills training. The project will also provide wrap-around supports, job search assistance, direct job placement and post-hire job retention supports.	Community-Based Services	125,000	York Region
29	STEPS to Recovery	STEPS Training Employment and Preparation Services - This project provides a training and pre-employment program for 65 low and moderate income York Region residents in recovery from drug and alcohol abuse, helping them to achieve economic independence. It is anticipated that 47 participants will be placed into employment.	Community-Based Services	170,789	York Region
30	The Housing Help Centre (formerly Scarborough Housing Help Centre)	Information and Case Management - This project will assist low and moderate income residents in accessing and retaining habitable housing, and educate them about their housing rights and responsibilities. The project will deliver workshops, one-to-one case management, referrals, and tenant mitigation services to stabilize tenancy. Over 1600 residents will benefit from this project.	Community-Based Services	91,010.	York Region
31	York Region Centre for Community Safety (Sandgate Women's Centre is flow-through)	Integrated and Coordinated Intake - This enhanced multi-agency collaboration project will provide comprehensive and coordinated onsite programs and supports to a minimum of 415 low and moderate income residents experiencing domestic violence through an integrated intake that will facilitate navigation through the service system.	Community-Based Services	98,751	York Region
32	York Region Food Network	Good Food Hub - This project will offer nutritious food programs that benefit estimated 800 low and moderate income residents and raise awareness of the need for increased access to affordable and nutritious food. Project activities will include community kitchen sessions, a breakfast program, gleaning, delivering workshops, the provision of a seed/kitchen library, and the Good Food Box program.	Community-Based Services	66,250	York Region

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No.	Agency Name	Project Name and Description	Funding Stream	2017 Funding Recommended (\$)	Service Area
33	York Region Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers	Parenting and Personal Development Program - This project supports approximately 285 low income young mothers through drop-in programs, workshops and one-on-one support that includes counselling, in order to increase parenting skills, encourage personal development and coping skills and to provide connections to supports in the surrounding community.	Community-Based Services	222,733	York Region
		Total Recommended: 33 projects		\$3,340,493	