



Community Investment Strategy

2017 Funded Projects by Funding Stream and Community
Result



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Community-Based Services

Community Health

Georgina Community Food Pantry

Nourishing Possibilities: This project will assist 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.

georginafoodpantry.ca
905-596-0557

Hong Fook Mental Health Association

Wrap-Around Mental Health Supports and Services for Youth in Ethno-Specific Communities: Through this project, low income Chinese-Canadian youth are provided with wrap-around, linguistically and culturally appropriate mental health supports through a youth mental health literacy program, integrative behavioural group therapy and parental mental health literacy training.

hongfook.ca
416-493-4242

LifeCorps International

LifeCorps Food Share: The agency collects and delivers donated food that includes fresh milk and produce to 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.

foodshare.lifecorps.org
905-738-5433

LOFT Community Services

Community-Based Tobacco Management Intervention for People with Serious Mental Illness (SMI): This project will offer a professionally facilitated no-cost tobacco management program, 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.

loftcs.org
416-979-3028

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.

foodforlearning.com
905-895-4512 ext. 74335

York Region Food Network

Good Food Hub: This project will offer nutritious food programs that benefit 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.

yrfn.ca
905-841-3101



Economic Independence

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 assist 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.

costi.org
416-658-1600

Elsbeth Heyworth Centre for Women

iWURK Vaughan: This project will provide pre-employment training, counselling and networking to 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 create action plans. The project will establish relationships with employers willing to train and hire program participants.

ehcw.ca
905-264-5575

Georgina Trades Training Inc.

Construction Trades Mentorship: The agency will deliver an industry-specific construction training course with hands-on training to 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.

gtti.ca
905-722-6300

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.

gtti.ca
905-722-6300

Job Skills

Job Find Club for Internationally Trained

Individuals: This project offers training to low and moderate income newcomer residents at the five York Region Welcome Centres to assist them to attain financial and economic stability. Training includes business practices, employability skills and introduction to the Canadian workplace culture.

jobskills.org
905-898-5138

Job Skills

Smart Start: This project assists 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.

jobskills.org
905-898-5138



JVS Toronto

Youth Reach II: This project, delivered at various locations, provides one-on-one employment counselling and job development services to low to moderate income youth with a history of conflict with the law to support their search for employment.

jvstoronto.org
905-470-9675

Learning Disabilities Association of York Region

SOAR Mindful Transitions Project: Through workshops and one to one supports the agency will provide academic and vocational support to participants with learning disabilities and those with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and help them to identify career areas of interest that are suited to their individual needs.

ldayr.org
905-884-7933

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 clients.

lcys.ca
905-853-6279

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 Ontario Works participants and low income residents for employment. Once successfully employed, job retention support will be provided.

marchofdimes.ca
905-508-5555

NPower Canada

NPower Canada – YR Campus: This project, funded in part by United Way, will launch low and moderate income York Region youth into sustainable IT careers by providing 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.

npower.org
416-788-9761

STEPS to Recovery

STEPS Training Employment and Preparation Services: This project provides a training and pre-employment program for low and moderate income York Region residents in recovery from drug and alcohol abuse, helping them to achieve economic independence. Participants will be placed into employment.

stepsrecovery.com
905-762-1551



Women's Centre of York Region

Enterprising Careers: The project will provide life skills and career exploration supports to low and moderate income women to help them build networks and achieve financial independence.

wcyr.ca
905-853-9270

Women's Centre of York Region

Stepping Stone: A program of individual supports and workshops for low and moderate income women to increase their ability to sustain themselves and their families and reduce their social isolation. It helps them gain skills and knowledge to build and maintain healthy interpersonal relationships and achieve financial empowerment.

wcyr.ca
905-853-9270

Youth Unlimited

The Shop Employment Initiative: The agency provides unskilled youth and young adults with mentorship, life skills and job training for employment in auto mechanics, small engine repair and carpentry. There is also an opportunity for a paid job experience. The Shop, through vehicle donation, provides training to youth on vehicle repair and service.

youthunlimitedgta.ca
416-383-1477



Housing Stability

Community Legal Clinic of York Region

Eviction Prevention Project: The project provides legal supports to low income tenants with emotional and mental health challenges who are at risk of eviction.

clcyr.on.ca
905-508-5018

Inn From the Cold Inc.

Shelter Program: The agency will help homeless residents with shelter, basic needs supports and services during the winter months. The shelter will open the beginning of January to mid-April and from November to December, seven nights a week.

innfromthecold.ca
905-895-8889

Jewish Russian Community Centre of Ontario

JRCC Furniture Depot: This project will help the agency acquire and provide gently used furniture to low and moderate income York Region households.

jfcc.org
416-222-7105

LOFT Community Services

LOFT Crosslinks Street Outreach & Services

Network: This project will provide a professionally staffed mobile van operating throughout York Region that supports residents 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.

loftcs.org
416-979-3028

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 faith communities with support from volunteers from many communities.

miotc.ca
416-948-6682

The 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.

shhc.org
416-285-8070



Social Inclusion

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 low and moderate income youth who are at risk of becoming homeless and engaging in high risk social activities.

360kids.ca
905-475-6694

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 low and moderate income clients living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

alzheimer.ca/york
905-726-3477

Big Brothers Big Sisters of York

Valuing Diversity – York Region Inclusive

Mentoring Project: Children from culturally diverse, low income, single-parent and newcomer families will be matched with volunteer mentors who are positive role models and reflective of the cultural diversity of the Region.

bbbsy.ca
905-726-2149

Catholic Community Services of York Region

Specialized Family Support Project: The project will deliver accessible, family-centered counselling and group programs to low and moderate income residents and families with the aim of reducing social and economic vulnerability and enhancing personal and family well-being.

ccsyr.org
905-770-7040

Dr. Roz's Healing Place

Vital Intervention Breakthrough Empowerment

Program (VIBE): The project will serve 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.

drrozsh healingplace.com
416-264-4357

Family Services York Region

Families and Schools Together Program (FAST):

This specially designed family support program delivered through partnerships between schools, parents and communities will help increase parent involvement of low income and newcomer families and promote social inclusion, academic performance and student behavior.

fsyr.ca
905-895-2371



Family Services York Region

Outreach Counselling and Support Services for Low and Moderate Income Families: This project provides culturally sensitive counselling support, volunteer training, outreach and group services to low income and newcomer residents that will allow participants and their families to contribute to their community.

fsyr.ca
905-895-2371

Future Possibilities for Kids

Connecting Kids and Communities: This project engages 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.

fpcanada.org
416-923-0777

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, community participation, familiarization with education and support systems, parenting skills, youth programs, seniors and family programs.

humanendeavour.org
905-553-9291

Jericho Youth Services

Bethany and Jackson's Point After School

Programs: A free after school program offered five days a week and on teacher Professional Activity days to children living in co-operative housing. The program includes social and constructive play, physical activity, team building and co-operative activities, homework support and science and craft activities and provides healthy snacks.

jerichoyouthservices.org
905-722-5540

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; an 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.

jfandcs.com
416-638-7800

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.

krasmancentre.com
905-780-0491



Lance Krasman Memorial Centre for Community Mental Health

Peer Support Outreach Worker Program: This project will deliver mental health supports to low and moderate income residents through a peer-based drop-in program offered twice weekly in Newmarket by engaging the services of a dedicated Peer Support Outreach Worker.

krasmancentre.com
905-780-0491

York Region Centre for Community Safety

Integrated and Coordinated Intake: This enhanced multi-agency collaboration project will provide comprehensive and coordinated onsite programs and supports to low and moderate income residents experiencing domestic violence through an integrated intake that will facilitate navigation through the service system.

yrccs.ca
905-836-7601

York Region Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers

Parenting and Personal Development Program: This project assists 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.

roseofsharon.com
905-853-5514

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 from low and moderate income families across York Region.

thepeerproject.com
416-932-1919



Organizational Development

AIDS Committee of York Region

Pathways for Sustaining Inclusive and Accessible

Organizational Practices: This project will strengthen agency capacity by developing a new volunteer service orientation based on the Sustainable Livelihood Framework. It will also provide professional development tools to help the agency recruit and train volunteers and board members.

acyr.org
905-884-0613

Canadian Mental Health Association – York Region

Bounce Back Translation: This project will provide translated program materials, DVDs and telephone supports to assist Syrian refugees and Farsi speaking newcomers access mental health supports, develop coping mechanisms and strategies, and improve resettlement and integration. This project will help reduce hospital admissions of this population.

cmha-yr.on.ca
905-853-8477

Canadian Mental Health Association – York Region

Cultural Competency Training: This project is designed to extend cultural competency training to 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.

cmha-yr.on.ca
905-853-8477

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, helping them move towards economic independence.

clnad.com
905-898-3000

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 increasing demands for locally available and affordable skills development and training, generated by community growth and changes. The strategic plan will include agency governance, leadership development operations, program planning and fundraising strategies.

gtti.ca
905-722-6300

Inn from the Cold Inc.

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.

innfromthecold.ca
905-895-8889



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.

krasmancentre.com

905-780-0491

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.

newmarketfoodpantry.ca

905-895-6823

