

2

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT 2012 ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

The Community and Health Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report dated March 27, 2013, from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council receive this report for information.

2. PURPOSE

This report provides an update on the activities and results of the 2012 Community Investment program, a program that merges the former Community Development and Investment Fund (CDIF) and the New Agency Development Fund (NADF). Over \$6.5 million was allocated to 109 projects that provided services to more than 88,000 York Region residents.

3. BACKGROUND

Since 2002, the Community and Health Services Department has funded community services and programs for low income residents of York Region using provincial and municipal funds. In 2008, CDIF was expanded to include a three-year renewable funding stream. This stream provided stability and service continuity to established programs. In that same year, NADF was launched as a separate fund to help new and emerging agencies establish themselves.

Both CDIF and NADF have:

- provided assistance to low income York Region residents
- been responsive to emerging community needs
- supported the development of the human service system
- encouraged increased collaboration between agencies
- increased voluntarism by residents in the community

In February 2013, Council approved the new Community Investment Strategy through the adoption of Clause No. 4 of Report No. 1 of the Community and Health Services Committee. The new Strategy replaced both CDIF and NADF, and combines the service delivery focus of CDIF and the capacity building of NADF, to ensure that both community-based services and the development of agency capacity continue to be

addressed. A third stream of funding that focuses on innovation and collaboration has also been added to expand the scope of the Region's community investments.

The three funding streams under the new Community Investment Strategy are:

- **Community-based Services:** This stream invests in community-based social service programs/services that directly address human service gaps in York Region and align with Regional community investment results.
- **Innovation and Collaboration:** This stream supports new initiatives that present multi-faceted solutions through new, evolving and non-traditional models for working together and/or delivering social services.
- **Organizational Development:** invests in supports that strengthen an agency's development.

This will be the last activity report that addresses CDIF and NADF achievements. Beginning in 2014, community investment activity reports will reflect the new Community Investment Strategy and its three funding streams.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

An established call for proposal process was used to select projects for funding

A call for proposal process has been used for community investments since 2003. The process allows the Region to fund projects that most closely match its priorities in a manner that is fair, transparent and accountable.

The CDIF call for proposals for projects to receive funding in 2012 was released on August 4, 2011 for both One-Year and Renewable proposals, and the NADF call for proposals was released on September 15, 2011.

A communications plan was developed for both calls for proposals that included:

- An email blast to agencies announcing the Calls for Proposals
- Advertisements in all York Region Media Group newspapers and in eight ethnic newspapers
- Information sessions
- Information posted on the Region's website

Proposals received for each call were evaluated by Selection Committees comprised of York Region staff and representatives of external funders including the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the United Way of York Region.

Table 1 shows the number of projects funded, funding allocations, and residents served by both CDIF and NADF in 2012. A complete list of projects is included in *Council Attachment 1* to this report.

Table 1
Community Investment Projects and Residents Served in 2012

Funding and Priority Area	Funding Allocation (\$)	Number of Projects	Residents Served in 2012
CDIF One-Year Projects			
Employment Supports	870,797	8	676
Family and Children's Services	1,924,168	23	44,945
Homelessness Programs	1,383,411	53	17,717
Total CDIF One -Year Projects	4,178,376	84	63,338
CDIF Renewable Projects			
Employment Supports	380,776	4	443
Family and Children's Services	302,004	3	1,931
Homelessness Programs	1,251,342	8	16,063
Total CDIF Renewable Projects	1,934,122	15	18,437
NADF Projects	429,458	10	6,912
Total	6,541,956	109	88,687

Community Investments complement the Region's services and build the human service system in York Region

The allocation of \$6,541,956 to 109 projects in 2012 enhanced the ability of community agencies across the Region to provide services in a responsive and professional manner to residents. Many of these services used community volunteers. In 2012, over 3,600 community volunteers contributed approximately 79,000 hours to support the delivery of services.

Employment supports projects served more than 1,100 residents

These supports provide a range of employment services from employment skills development through training and return to work opportunities for low income residents and Ontario Works participants. In 2012, projects included sector specific training and employment supports for internationally educated individuals.

One example is the Retail Customer Service Training program delivered by the Ontario March of Dimes (Rehabilitation Foundation for the Disabled). This project provided training, employment placement and job retention supports to 175 York Region residents. The program contributed to workforce development by creating a pool of job ready

candidates. Clients in the program gained or improved literacy, numeracy, communication and customer service skills geared to the retail customer service and grocery sectors. They also received certification in PROTON, York Region's food handler program, and the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System. Forty-nine participants gained employment in 2012.

Over 46,500 residents participated in programs that strengthen families

Family and Children's Services programs include parenting supports and community services, community based programs and services, and school readiness programs.

One example is the Families and Schools Together program run by Family Services, York Region, in which families are engaged in educational activities designed to enhance parent-child interaction and empower parents. Teachers and the York Regional Police also participate in the program providing a more positive perspective of schools and law enforcement, with the goal of building a supportive community for these families. Residents from many different cultures participate, sharing responsibility for meal preparation and attending a parent group, both of which allow for cultural exchange and education. The program model has been recognised by the United Nations as one of the top evidence-based family skills programs in the world, ranking 12 out of 150 programs that were reviewed. In 2012, over 1,000 parents and children participated in this program in York Region.

Projects that provide supports to those who are homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless assisted over 33,700 residents

One example of homelessness projects funded in 2012 is the Employment and Education program at the Sutton Youth Shelter that helps homeless youth develop life skills and improve their education, supporting their transition to stable housing. In 2012, 130 youth were served, and 38 found employment.

NADF projects helped build service capacity in newer agencies

NADF funding was allocated to 10 new agencies increasing their organizational capacity and ability to provide services. The result is that they are better positioned to support residents and fill service gaps in York Region. Almost 7,000 residents benefitted from the services provided.

The John Howard Society of York Region used NADF funding to revise its governance structure and Board recruitment strategy, develop a diversity and equity policy, and provide services to over 1,400 residents with a history of involvement with the criminal justice system.

Both NADF and CDIF funded agencies benefitted from professional development training

Seven professional development training sessions were held in 2012. Topics included Risk Management, Communication Tools, Financial Management, Social Innovation, Diversity and Management, Leadership, Mentoring and Succession Planning, and Charity Law. More than 50 different agencies participated in these sessions and the feedback from participants has been very favourable. Following the session on Social Innovation, the Women's Centre of York Region established a Social Enterprise Working group for the purposes of extending the educational opportunities on social innovation/enterprise to the community. Moving Forward Foundation and Citizens for Affordable Housing were among the agencies that stated the sessions enabled them to better understand and manage their finances and insurance needs.

All Community Investment projects are actively monitored

All projects are monitored throughout the year to ensure contracted deliverables are being met. Monitoring activities include:

- 1) the review and analysis of regular project activity and financial reports that are submitted by the agencies
- 2) visits to project sites and discussions with agency staff
- 3) formal project reviews which explore in detail both the performance and financial management of the selected projects, using a checklist and prepared questions.

Through these activities, Regional staff were able to address any issues that arose in the implementation of a project, and provided appropriate support to agencies when necessary. For example, in one agency Regional staff worked with the new project staff to help them better understand contracting and reporting requirements and Regional standards. Two other projects implemented by another agency received direction to simplify and improve reporting and tracking of service deliverables

All renewable projects were formally reviewed, and will continue in 2013

A comprehensive review of all 15 projects receiving renewable funding took place to determine if they were on track to meet their annual service targets. The results indicated that all projects were working towards their targets. All projects were renewed for a second year of funding.

A list of renewable projects is included in *Council Attachment 1* to this report.

Community Investments align with key Council-approved plans

The Community Investment program directly supports the strategic priorities to improve social and health supports and increase the economic vitality of the Region and related objectives and indicators of success of the 2011 to 2015 Strategic Plan.

The projects funded:

- a) assisted low income residents to access much needed supports and basic needs
- b) helped to increase the employability of residents through the provision of pre-employment supports
- c) enhanced the capacity of new agencies so that they can provide services to York Region residents

The Community Investment program also contributes to the goals of the Community and Health Services Multi-Year Plan by investing in community-based social service agencies across the Region.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Community Investment program is managed within the current approved budget. In 2012, the total allocation was \$6,541,956. Of this total, \$5.9 million or 91% came from the Region's tax levy. The remaining \$572,844 or 8.8% was funded through the provincial government. These funds enabled the community to serve over 88,000 residents at a cost of approximately \$74 per resident assisted. The investments also built the agency capacity of 10 new community agencies that are now an active part of the Region's network of services.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

In 2012, the funded projects delivered services to residents of all nine local municipalities. Through the Community Investment program, agencies are able to establish partnerships and deliver services to better address the needs of individuals and families across the Region.

7. CONCLUSION

Over the past 10 years, the Community Investment program has strengthened the York Region human services system and supported the needs of low income residents. The social, economic and demographic landscape of York Region has changed significantly since the inception of the Community Investment program. The new Community Investment Strategy, which builds on the strengths of CDIF and NADF, will be launched

in 2013 and will provide a holistic framework needed to foster a robust not-for-profit sector that can effectively address the emerging community needs in York Region.

For more information on this report, please contact Lisa Gonsalves, Managing Director, Strategic Service Integration and Policy at Ext. 2090.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause is attached to this report.)

Summary of 2012 Community Investments Projects

	Agency/Project	Services Delivered	2012 Funding Allocation	Service Delivery Areas
One Year CDIF Projects				
1	Big Brothers Big Sisters of York Mentoring Across Ages and Cultures	This project engaged teens and seniors that reflected the cultural diversity of York Region as mentors. Over five hundred children ages 6-16, who have been identified as being at risk because of social, cultural or socioeconomic factors, benefitted from mentorship.	\$51,905.00	York Region
2	Catholic Community Services of York Region Multi-Cultural Family Support Project	This project provided a range of family centered individual and group supports to enhance social and economic wellbeing and strengthen families. Over 1,100 individuals from 429 families benefitted.	\$115,850.00	York Region
3	Character Community Foundation SLAPSHOT	Slapshot is a six week hockey program with on and off ice activities aimed at improving teamwork, leadership skills, socialization, nutrition and health, to over 250 newcomer children ages 9-13 living in Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan.	\$60,000.00	Markham, Vaughan, Richmond Hill
4	COSTI Life Success Strategies	This project provides pre-employment and life management supports. Seven four-week workshops offered individual coaching, skills development, and the completion of an action plan. Over 90 persons completed the program, including 74 Ontario Works (OW) participants.	\$93,914.00	York Region
5	Future Possibilities Canada FPK Children in the Community	This project engaged approximately 230 children from underserved communities in one-on-one and group programs to develop community leadership skills, by delivering community action projects. The program linked children with community organizations to better understand social issues and supports available to them and their families.	\$109,475.00	Aurora, Markham, Newmarket, R/Hill, Vaughan
6	Girls Incorporated of York Region Include All Girls	Through workshops, field trips, guest speakers and special events, over 300 girls from low income families were provided with opportunities to learn about the rights and responsibilities of leadership, to assess long-term implications of their choices, to act on their beliefs and take responsibility for the consequences of those actions.	\$21,881.00	York Region
7	Human Endeavour Maple Community Project	Through this program, 1,425 low income children and parents in the South Asian community participated in programs to improve parenting skills, reduce social isolation and increase access to other programs.	\$69,612.00	Vaughan
8	Inn from the Cold Employment Program	This program offered a comprehensive pre-employment training and internships to approximately 30 homeless and at-risk residents. Participants were instructed in necessary life skills that will help them overcome barriers to finding and keeping jobs. Twelve participants found jobs.	\$59,645.00	York Region
9	Inn from the Cold Shelter Program	Provided emergency overnight shelter, clothing, food and laundry services and access to further on and off site supports for over 220 homeless persons.	\$93,000.00	York Region
10	Jericho Youth Services Bethany After School Program	The program provided a free, five day per week after school program for 20 children ages 6 to 12 at Bethany Co-operative Housing in Keswick. Children with special/high needs were also included.	\$29,233.75	Georgina

Summary of 2012 Community Investments Projects

	Agency/Project	Services Delivered	2012 Funding Allocation	Service Delivery Areas
11	Jericho Youth Services Jackson's Point Co-op After School Program	The program provided a free, five day per week after school program for 20 children ages 6-12 at Jackson's Point Co-operative Housing.	\$29,233.75	Georgina
12	Jericho Youth Services Pefferlaw Martial Arts	The program provided a free weekly one hour martial arts program for over 40 children and youth ages 5-19 from low income families in Pefferlaw. The program supported the physical, social, emotional and cognitive growth of each participant.	\$6,636.75	Georgina
13	Jericho Youth Services Sutton Martial Arts	The program provided a free weekly one hour martial arts program for 40 children and youth ages 5-19 from low income families in Pefferlaw. The program supported the physical, social, emotional and cognitive growth of each participant.	10,169.00	Georgina
14	Jewish Family & Child Family Resource Centre	The Family Resource Centre provided parents and caregivers with their children (0-6) culturally appropriate services through a drop-in play program. Participants accessed workshops, multi-lingual health promotion and information and referral services. Almost 1,400 children and 882 families from culturally diverse families benefitted.	\$88,800	Vaughan
15	Job Skills Smart Start	Smart Start assisted over 80 unemployed, low income residents to develop industry-specific skills and obtain certification necessary for employment in the Food and Beverage or Customer Service Sectors. Participants received an individual skills assessment, assistance in developing an action plan, job search assistance, financial management advice, job placement and job retention supports. Forty three clients, including 16 OW participants gained employment.	\$173,816.00	York Region
16	Junior Achievement of Central Ontario York Region Student Success in York Region	This project used over 200 professionals from businesses and organizations as volunteers working with approximately 4,200 elementary and high school students from low income neighbourhoods. The program increased their life skills, career readiness, and employability. Programs included Economics of Success, Dollars with Sense, Dream Big and Diversity in Action.	\$49,375.00	Georgina, Markham, R/Hill, Vaughan
17	JVS Toronto Pre-Employment Steps to Self Sufficiency (PRESS)	Specialized services reduced the risk of homelessness and moved 29 multi-barriered clients, including 18 OW participants towards self-sufficiency. Supports included psycho-vocational assessments, action planning and intensive individual supports for up to four months to address barriers such as mental health, addictions and learning challenges.	\$172,376.00	Markham, Richmond Hill, Whitchurch-Stouffville
18	JVS Toronto Psycho-Vocational Assessments	This project delivered psycho-vocational assessments to nine youth at the Sutton Youth Shelter, providing the basis for action planning to identify employability needs, job readiness and the next steps for each client.	\$75,480.00	Georgina
19	Learning Centre for Georgina Georgina Outreach	In partnership with Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers, provided over 30 single, pregnant or parenting young mothers, fathers and low income families with educational upgrading and financial literacy, parenting and nutrition training. To facilitate participation, parents had access to child minding services.	\$82,000.00	Georgina
20	Learning Disabilities Association of York Region SOAR/Self-Directed Learners	The agency provided group and individualized supports to 209 youth 16 years and over with learning disabilities and/or ADHD by providing social development, life skills and employment support to enable them to access and maintain employment.	\$28,740.00	Aurora, Newmarket, Vaughan, Markham, Richmond Hill

Summary of 2012 Community Investments Projects

	Agency/Project	Services Delivered	2012 Funding Allocation	Service Delivery Areas
21	Literacy Council York-Simcoe Learner Wait List	This project addressed the agency's wait list for services to residents seeking computer and literacy upgrading for employment. Forty-one clients benefitted from this service.	\$8,500.00	York Region
22	Loft Community Services York Region Street Outreach Program	This project delivered mobile outreach services to over 850 homeless people in York Region reducing the risks associated with being homeless and/or coping with mental illness/addictions issues.	\$280,000.00	York Region
23	Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold Out of the Cold	This project coordinated the contributions of over 40 faith based organizations to serve more than 500 individuals who are homeless and/or at risk of homelessness, by providing emergency overnight shelter, meals, clothing, basic health care and harm reduction services, during the winter season. Eleven homeless individuals found permanent housing.	\$195,395.00	Markham, Vaughan
24	Multiple Contractors Early Child Development & Parenting Supports (AOK)	Twenty six AOK programs for children from birth to six years old and their families were offered across York Region. Programs increased awareness of the importance of the early years, offering play based activities and building awareness of existing parent and family supports and resources. Over 4,300 children from 3,339 families were served.	\$248,143.00	York Region
25	Multiple Contractors Family Strengthening Programs Positive Leisure Activities for Youth (PLAY)	PLAY provided access to recreation for over 1,400 children and youth from families receiving Ontario Works, Rent Geared to Income or Child Care Fee Assistance. Participants learned new skills, made new friends and had fun with positive role models. The project also served over 150 sole support parents receiving Ontario Works.	\$141,232.00	York Region
26	Multiple Contractors Overnight Youth Camp	Over 40 youth living in social housing communities participated in a one week overnight camp. The camp focused on: problem solving, trust, risk/personal challenge. Each camper also received a back pack with necessary items such as a, sleeping bag, towel, sunscreen, insect repellent, flashlight and water bottle.	\$27,555.00	York Region
27	Multiple Contractors Summer Camps for Children in Subsidized Housing and children from OW families (2 projects)	These two projects provided access to summer day camp for approximately 500 children 6-13 years old from 332 families. Each camper received a back pack with the necessary items including a hat, water bottle, lunch bag, sun screen and information from Public Health.	\$339,514.00	York Region
28	Pathways for Children Youth and Families Housing Support Services	This program provided approximately 180 homeless or at-risk youth with access to housing supports that will help them in securing and maintaining housing. Fifty-six youth were housed.	\$77,541.00	York Region
29	Rehabilitation for the Disabled/Ontario March of Dimes Grocery Store Project	This program provided skills training, knowledge and on the job work experience for 175 individuals experiencing multiple barriers in York Region. Participants were trained to work in the retail sales, customer service and grocery sectors. A total of 124 persons completed training, with 49 gaining employment, of which 22 were OW participants.	\$149,771.00	York Region

Summary of 2012 Community Investments Projects

	Agency/Project	Services Delivered	2012 Funding Allocation	Service Delivery Areas
30	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers Mothers Matter	This project provided group programs and individual counselling in parenting, and legal and financial management to over 100 mothers involved with the Children's Aid Society. The project enhanced parenting skills, improved relationships, and provided stress management, anger management, and communication skills to participants.	\$58,000.00	Aurora
31	Salvation Army Northridge & Jewish Family and Child Homelessness Prevention Program	This project provided enhanced funding to the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) and helped an additional 15 households stay housed by providing assistance to low and moderate income residents with rental, mortgage or energy arrears, moving or medical expenses.	\$60,000.00	York Region
32	Social Services Network for York Region Focus on Family Literacy 2	This program delivered Focus on Family literacy programs to 190 parents and grandparents from low income families in multicultural communities. The programs were designed to strengthen families and enhance and their social and economic wellbeing.	\$69,000.00	Aurora
33	STEPS Society for Permanent Recovery STEPS Training, Employment & Preparation Service	This project supported 144 individuals in recovery from alcohol and/or drug addiction to prepare them for employment. Services included life strategy lessons, career and vocational assessments, computer upgrading and assistance with job placement and ongoing supports after program completion. Twenty one persons gained employment, including six OW participants. Twenty-three residents were placed in employment related activities.	\$163,680.00	York Region
34	Support for the Housing and Homelessness Plan and the Emergency Shelter System (3 projects)	Community Consultations were held to receive input for developing collaborative solutions to develop a more integrated York Region homelessness system. Information obtained from these sessions on homelessness needs and service delivery will be incorporated into York Region's 10 year Housing and Homelessness Plan.	\$78,000.00	York Region
35	Various Agencies Community Needs - 30 projects	Community Needs funding provided one-time enhancements to existing programs or small capital purchases under \$12,000 for 30 community agencies. Minor capital projects included carpet replacement, boardroom table and replacing appliances. Program enhancements included winter care packages, back to school support and food support. The participating agencies served over 8,700 clients.	\$291,203.00	York Region
36	Various Agencies Holiday Hamper Program - 12 contracts	The program offered assistance to over 2,000 low income residents in York Region, by helping community agencies provide culturally appropriate holiday food hampers for clients who would not otherwise be able to afford them.	\$90,147.00	York Region
37	YMCA of Greater Toronto PlayOn & Youth Leadership	A recreational drop in after school program was delivered in six social housing communities for over 210 children ages 6-12 years. Also, a youth leadership program served over 60 youth ages 13-18 years program in five social housing communities.	\$144,552.00	Aurora, Newmarket, Richmond Hill
38	York Region Food For Learning/York Region Food Network Food for Learning	Food For Learning provided nutritionally balanced breakfasts and snacks to over approximately 23,000 students in York Region enhancing their classroom learning as well as their social, mental and physical health.	\$120,371.00	York Region

Summary of 2012 Community Investments Projects

	Agency/Project	Services Delivered	2012 Funding Allocation	Service Delivery Areas
39	York Region Food Network Healthy Living Hub	The Healthy Living Hub supported over 230 homeless and at-risk individuals with access to healthy food. Services included a weekly community kitchen program a drop-in breakfast program and a Good Food Box. The programs were designed to reduce social isolation and increase access to basic needs.	\$48,000.00	York Region
40	Youth Assisting Youth Group and Special Interest Mentoring	This project provided free group mentoring programs for 246 at-risk children and youth ages 6-15. Activities included photography, boxing, cooking, nutrition, judo and focused on learning, social development, engagement and mentorship.	\$51,630.00	York Region
41	Youth Unlimited The Shop Employment Initiatives	This project assisted 60 youth ages 14-24, who are non-violent offenders, expelled or suspended from school with no immediate re-entry plan, to gain skills through a combination of paid career and work experience, innovative job skills development and life-learning opportunities. Six youth gained employment.	\$80,000.00	Newmarket, Vaughan
42	Youthspeak Performance Charity Organization Youth Speakers	Through this project, youth who were trained, coached and mentored provided information and shared the stories of their personal experiences with addictions and homelessness to over 4900 students at school assemblies and community presentations. Employment was provided for four youth who conducted the speaking engagements.	\$35,000.00	York Region
Total One Year CDIF Projects			\$4,178,376	
CDIF Renewable Projects				
43	Blue Door Shelters Community Housing Support Worker	The support workers provided housing support services to almost 1,200 homeless individuals living in Blue Door emergency shelter, of which over 700 obtained housing.	\$189,325.00	York Region
44	Citizens for Affordable Housing Housing Help Centre	The Housing Help Centre assisted over 10,600 individuals and families with updated information of available affordable units and referrals to other services and programs to help find housing. Landlords were engaged to list units. The project also provided landlord and tenant education. Approximately 75 households found housing.	\$146,540.00	York Region
45	Citizens for Affordable Housing Identification Clinic	This project provided services to over 1,850 through almost 200 ID Clinics across the Region. Over 1,500 homeless or at-risk individuals received replacement identification.	\$206,701.00	York Region
46	Family Services York Region Families and Schools Together	This project brought low income and newcomer families together to participate in various fun, and family building activities aimed at strengthening families, empowering parents and building supportive communities. Over 1,000 parents and children participated.	\$87,509.00	Keswick, Maple, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket, Markham
47	Georgina Trades Training Inc. Get S.E.T. for Your Future	Thirty unemployed individuals were helped through a multi-faceted program of literacy/numeracy upgrading, financial literacy, problem solving skills, job related certifications, computer skills and service skills. Eleven individuals found employment, of which three were OW participants.	\$64,330.00	York Region, Georgina, East Gwillimbury
48	JVS Toronto YouthReach II	This project targeted 175 youth ages 15-20 that have a history of conflict with the law, to provide employment training through one-on-one employment counselling and job development services so that youth can obtain employment or return to school. Eighty-four youth completed the program; 34 youth employed, of which three were OW participants	\$159,728.00	Georgina, Markham, R/Hill, Newmarket Vaughan

Summary of 2012 Community Investments Projects

	Agency/Project	Services Delivered	2012 Funding Allocation	Service Delivery Areas
49	Krasman Centre Prevention/Drop-in Worker	The drop-in worker provides practical supports, including information and referral to necessary services to over 430 homeless or at-risk individuals who accessed the Lance Krasman Drop In Centre.	\$37,933.00	York Region
50	Krasman Centre Application Support Worker	This project assisted approximately 80 York Region residents who are on the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) waiting list to navigate the system and receive a decision regarding their application. Of those served, 58 were receiving OW. Twenty-seven applicants were granted ODSP.	\$77,000.00	York Region
51	Literacy Council York-Simcoe Skills Enhancement for Employment	This project served over 250 low income unemployed and low income residents by providing essential employability, computer and job search skills in order to increase their ability to compete in the labour market. The project also delivered intake and assessment services to 200 adults in York Region.	\$79,718.00	York Region
52	Pathways for Children Youth and Families Home Base	This youth drop in centre in Richmond Hill provided over 1,030 homeless or at-risk youth with access to counselling, case management, social recreation, food and clothing.	\$351,000.00	York Region
53	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers Housing Support	This program provided support to approximately 430 young mothers up to age 24 years to help them find and maintain affordable housing. Over 65 obtained housing.	\$66,495.00	York Region
54	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers Young Mothers Outreach Support	This program provided both individual and group services for over 490 young mothers up to age 24 years in parenting, child development and peer support building in order to enrich their parenting competency.	\$148,000.00	York Region
55	Salvation Army Sutton Youth Shelter Employment and Educational Support Project	This project provided pre-employment support and an in-house educational program to 130 youth at the Shelter, or at-risk of homelessness youth in the community. Thirty-eight youth found employment.	\$104,934.00	Georgina, York Region
56	Salvation Army Sutton Youth Shelter Housing & Community Supports	This project offered support, advocacy, life skills workshops, and assistance to 100 homeless and at-risk youth helping them obtain and maintain adequate, affordable housing. Over 33 youth remained housed after three months.	\$72,626.00	Georgina, York Region
57	Women's Centre of York Region Bridging the Gap	This program provided a variety of services through: a) resource workshops for clients that covered a variety of topics including, financial literacy, nutrition, women's health and goal setting, b) social networking events and c) emergency basic needs programs, that helped approximately 700 low income women in York Region bridge the gap between financial vulnerability and sustainability.	\$142,283.00	York Region
Total CDIF Renewable Projects			\$1,934,122	

Summary of 2012 Community Investments Projects

New Agency Development Fund Projects				
58	Destiny Gospel Centre Destiny Community Outreach Program	The agency developed its by-laws, increased board membership and developed a financial management strategy. The agency also served 130 residents of African and Caribbean descent through workshops for families and youth, a one-on-one youth mentoring program and a Youth Symposium.	\$45,000.00	York Region
59	Family Lifestyle Community Services Smart Eating Program	The agency developed a curriculum, hosted twelve sessions to provide information on nutrition and healthy food preparation for Asian families, serving 795 residents. New board members were recruited, a financial management process, and evaluation and monitoring tools were developed, and two new partnerships were forged.	\$45,000.00	York Region
60	Healthy Start, Healthy Future Life with a Baby- York Region	The agency provided a social and peer support network for over 1,700 new parents in York Region in particular educating and supporting individuals with Post-Partum Mood Disorders. The agency obtained charitable status and applied to other sources of funding.	\$45,000.00	York Region
61	Jewish Youth Network Teens for Community (TFC)	The project engages York Region teens who participate in developing and executing community oriented programs. Youth also developed leadership skills by assisting in a variety of community activities including distribution of holiday gift baskets, food and clothing drives, recreational activities, services for the elderly, a bowl-a-thon and other tournaments. The agency also developed a three year strategic plan, a program manual and guidelines. Over 1,450 youth participated.	\$45,000.00	Thornhill and Richmond Hill
62	John Howard Society of York Region Building Capacity in York Region	This project built capacity in its Board of Directors, Human Resources, and agency administration. The agency also reviewed its diversity and equity statement. The agency served over 1,400 individuals in conflict with the law or involved in the criminal justice system through peer support groups, counselling, referrals and support and guidance to access housing, employment and health clinics.	\$45,000.00	York Region
63	Moving Forward 2015 Foundation Next Step Program	The agency provided interest free three year micro loans to over 90 at-risk low income residents. Loans are a maximum of \$1,000. The agency expanded its community partnerships, implemented a client feedback and evaluation process, and obtained Audited Financial statements.	\$45,000.00	York Region
64	My House: Rainbow Resources of York Region Creating a Resource Centre	This agency created a location for the LGBTQ community in York Region to easily access information and links to social services. The agency became incorporated, developed by-laws, a mission and vision statement, a three year strategic plan and served 120 residents.	\$45,000.00	York Region
65	One Voice Network Strategic Planning	The mandate of this consortium of 30 agencies is to bridge the gap between local employers and job seekers with all types of disabilities. The project produced a comprehensive strategic plan that outlined next steps for the work of the collaborative.	\$24,591.00	York Region
66	Ranji Singh Foundation RSF Organizational Development	The agency established an administrative infrastructure, developed strategic, organizational and program plans, operating procedures, and revised its by-laws. It held 30 sessions in the community, serving 986 residents, offering seniors wellness programs, cultural activities and a Caribbean and South Asian showcase.	\$45,000.00	Northern York Region

Summary of 2012 Community Investments Projects

67	The York Region Seniors Wellness Centre Building Blocks	The agency provides social, recreational, educational and mentoring programs to seniors in the community, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle among seniors and their family members. The agency held seven events and seminars, recruited and trained 46 volunteers, developed its by-laws, a volunteer manual, human resources policies and procedures and increased board membership.	\$44,867.00	York Region
		Total NADF Projects	\$429,458	