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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT FUND 2011 ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

The Community and Health Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report dated March 26, 2012, 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 2011 Community Development and Investment Fund (CDIF), which in 2011, allocated funding of just over \$5.5 million to 86 projects (both one-year and renewable). These projects were delivered by 51 community agencies, and in the case of Positive Leisure Activities for Youth (PLAY) and summer camps by all nine local municipalities. In 2011, these initiatives served almost 80,000 York Region residents.

3. BACKGROUND

On April 18, 2002, Regional Council approved the CDIF Strategy through the adoption of Clause No. 1 of Report No. 4 of the Community Services and Housing Committee. Under the CDIF Strategy, the Community and Health Services Department funds community services and programs for low income residents of York Region using provincial and municipal funds.

Between 2002 and 2008 projects were only funded for one year by CDIF. This funding provided agencies with up to 12 months of project funding to address priority needs in the community.

On September 10, 2008 with the approval of Council through the adoption of Clause No. 2 of Report No. 6 of the Community Services and Housing Committee, CDIF was expanded to add a second funding stream providing three years of CDIF funding. This renewable funding is intended for programs and services that are core components of the York Region community services system and have a proven track record of success.

This report addresses achievements of both one-year and renewable projects that received funding in 2011.

Community projects were selected through an established proposal call process

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

As in previous years, funding proposals were evaluated by a Selection Committee comprised of York Region staff, representatives from the United Way of York Region and the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Council reviewed and endorsed the funding decisions of the Commissioner of Community and Health Services for 2011 funding through the adoption of Clause No. 5 of Report No. 1 of the Community and Health Services Committee on January 27, 2011.

The renewable projects implemented in 2011 were all approved for funding in 2009 using the same evaluation process. Renewable projects are funded for each subsequent year of the three-year cycle based on achievement of annual outcomes. Performance is assessed through annual review visits.

Table 1 shows the number of projects funded, funding allocations, and residents served in 2011. A complete list of funded projects is included in *Council Attachment 1* to this report.

Table 1
CDIF Projects and Residents Served in 2011

Type of Funding and Priority Area	Funding Allocation (\$)	Number of Projects	Residents Served in 2011
Renewable Projects (2009 – 2011)			
Family and Children's Services	481,718	5	29,482
Homelessness Programs	918,282	6	9,666
Total Renewable Projects	1,400,000	11	39,148
One Year Projects (2011)			
Employment Supports	1,059,310	9	702
Family and Children's Services	1,784,079	21	17,600
Homelessness Programs	1,264,745	45	22,144
Total One Year projects	4,108,134	75	40,446
Total for all CDIF Funding	5,508,134	86	79,594

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Community Development and Investment Fund projects complement the Region's existing services

The three funding priorities established under CDIF enable the Region to build upon existing community services.

1. Employment Supports

Employment support projects provide employment skill development through training and return-to-work opportunities for Ontario Works participants and low income residents of York Region. In 2011, more than 700 residents were served and over 230 gained employment through these projects.

One of the projects funded in this priority area is YouthReach II. This project provided youth with employment training through a unique one-on-one mobile employment counseling and job development approach aimed at helping youth to establish a connection to school and/or employment. Youth with a history of conflict with the law were encouraged to set goals, connect to other services, and seek employment. The project served 160 youth and helped 48 participants find employment.

2. Family and Children's Services

These programs support families and children living on low income by providing access to:

- Parenting supports and community resources
- Community based programs and services
- Promote attachment to the workforce

Most of the initiatives funded are proposed through CDIF's annual community initiatives process. In addition, CDIF funding is directed to specific family strengthening services such as All Our Kids Early Child Development and Parenting Programs (AOK), Positive Leisure Activities for Youth (PLAY), summer camps and youth leadership camps delivered by all nine local municipalities as well as community agencies. In 2011, over 47,000 residents were served.

One example of an initiative funded under Family and Children's services projects was the Maple Community project. This project, managed by Human Endeavour provided services that promoted civic engagement, and community and leadership development in Maple, helping to reduce social isolation of members of the South Asian community by offering parenting workshops, school readiness programs, seminars for seniors, computer skill building classes, and job search supports. The program helped 175 youth, 562 community members, 78 seniors, and 117 parents and children.

3. Homelessness Programs

Programs funded under this priority area provide a range of supports to York Region residents who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. In 2011, almost 32,000 residents benefited from these services.

An example of the services that addressed homelessness is the Women's Centre of York Region's project Bridging the Gap. The project delivered innovative programs that helped 180 women move to economic self-sufficiency. Partnerships with the business community provided clients the opportunity to gain life skills. Workshops focused on promoting health and building financial knowledge and assets. Clients accessed on-line learning tools and participated in social networking events, while receiving basic needs supports.

Transit strike in York Region created challenges for both CDIF funded agencies and their clients

Many of the CDIF funded agencies noted in their year-end reports that both the agencies and clients had been impacted by the transit strike. Clients had difficulty accessing agency services, some having to walk long distances. Many also experienced social isolation as access to programs and supports became increasingly difficult.

Despite these challenges, no programs were cancelled as the agencies were innovative in assisting their clients wherever possible. Needs assessments were completed by telephone, and more volunteers were enlisted to ensure that clients were able to access services.

Community Development and Investment Fund continues to facilitate community development and volunteerism

The CDIF Strategy continues to provide additional benefits to the York Region community by:

- Providing resources to enhance essential supports for low income residents.
- Allowing York Region to play a significant role with other regional funders in the coordination of funding to reduce gaps and duplication of service.
- Encouraging the use of community volunteers resulting in more cost effective services. In 2011, over 4,100 community volunteers contributed over 68,800 hours of service to CDIF-funded projects.
- Providing stability through renewable funding enabling agencies to attract and retain staff, provide uninterrupted service and improve service efficiencies.

Review of community funding is underway

A review of the Region's community funding strategies is currently underway. The review is examining how York Region's funding strategies can more directly support the

broader strategies such as *Investing in Our Communities: A Multi-Year Plan for the Community and Health Services Department* (MYP), Making Ends Meet, the York Region Immigration Settlement Strategy, the 2011 to 2015 Strategic Plan and Vision 2051. The review will also assess the current funding priorities, selection process and administration and will look at ways the Region can strengthen agency capacity. A report that outlines the findings of this review and recommend potential next steps will be prepared for the Community and Health Services Committee in the spring of 2012.

Link to key Council–approved plans

Implementation of the CDIF funding strategy directly contributes to achieving the goals outlined in both the Region’s Corporate Strategic Plan and the Community and Health Service Department’s MYP goals, as services in the funding priority areas outlined above are aligned with one or more of the following MYP goals:

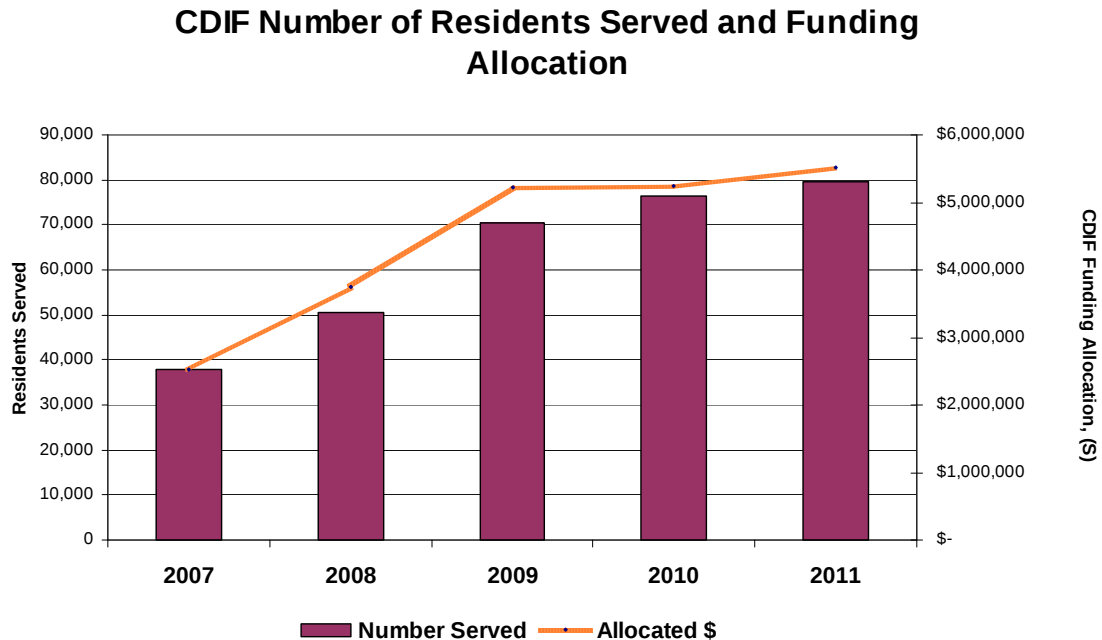
- Goal #1 Contribute to Regional economic vitality by helping low income residents with access to basic needs and with finding and keeping jobs
- Goal #4 Strengthen our neighbourhoods now and in the future by supporting children, families and youth to fulfill their potential
- Goal #5 Foster social inclusion and economic opportunities by addressing the needs of a growing and diverse community

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The CDIF Strategy is managed within the current budget allocation approved through the annual business plan and budget process. In 2011, the total allocation was approximately \$5.5 million. Approximately 90% of this funding came from the Region’s tax levy. The remaining \$572,800 was funded through the provincial government. These funds enabled the community to serve almost 80,000 residents at a cost of approximately \$70.00 per resident assisted.

Graph 1 shows the number of residents served by CDIF funded projects since 2007.

Graph 1



6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

In 2011, CDIF continued to fund services that are delivered to residents of all nine local municipalities. This strategy supports access to services for all York Region residents. Families have been supported, others have been helped to find or keep housing and residents have received training to prepare for the job market and find employment.

7. CONCLUSION

The flexibility and responsiveness of the CDIF strategy has proven to be extremely valuable in providing important supports to residents. Almost 80,000 residents have been supported through CDIF funded projects to remain or become active contributors to our community and economy.

For more information on this report, please contact Lisa Gonsalves, Acting 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 2011 CDIF Projects

	Agency(ies)/ Project	Services Delivered	2011 Funding Allocation	Service Delivery Area(s)
Employment Supports				
1	G.T.T.I (Georgina Trades Training Inc.) - S.E.T. for Success	Assisted 30 individuals who were recently laid off, underemployed or unemployed to gain skills, education and training along with current certifications to secure and retain employment. Sixteen participants found employment.	\$60,550	Georgina
2	Job Skills - Smart Start	Assisted over 60 unemployed, low income residents to develop industry-specific skills and obtain certifications necessary to compete for employment in the food and drink or customer service sector. Forty-five participants found employment.	\$169,908	Newmarket
3	JVS Toronto - PRESS (Pre-Employment Steps to Self Sufficiency)	Provided psycho-vocational assessments and feedback, action planning and four months of case management monitoring to 22 low income residents of York Region who have difficulty securing and maintaining employment and were at risk of homelessness.	\$125,490	Markham
4	JVS Toronto - Youth Reach II	One hundred sixty York Region youth who have a history of conflict or are at risk of being in conflict with the law were given employment training through one-to-one employment counseling and job development services. Youth set goals, connected to services, searched for employment, and received job maintenance support (where applicable) to help them establish a connection to school and/or employment. Through these services 48 participants found employment.	\$159,728	York Region
5	Krasman Centre - Application Support Worker	Assisted over 70 individuals in completing the ODSP application process of which 55 were York Region Ontario Works Clients. A total of 26 Disability Determination Packages were submitted and 22 residents were granted ODSP assistance.	\$75,000	Richmond Hill
6	Literacy Council York-Simcoe - Skills Enhancement for Employment	Provided essential skills and computer training to more than 180 under or unemployed York Region residents. Forty-one clients gained employment.	\$65,176	Newmarket
7	Rehabilitation Foundation for the Disabled (Ontario March of Dimes) - Retail and Grocery Customer Service Training	Provided an Employment Services program to 110 unemployed or underemployed residents who are new immigrants, developmentally challenged or Ontario Works recipients. Participants received skills training, on-the-job work experience and job placement assistance. The program also addressed the retention need of Retail Grocery and Customer Service Sector businesses. Forty-nine participants found employment, which exceeded the contract target of 45 employment placements.	\$133,458	York Region

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8	Skills For Change - Maintenance Electro Mechanic Program (MEMP)	Provided 13 internationally trained trades people with experience in one of the following trades: construction and maintenance electrician, industrial electrician, industrial mechanic and millwright; with an eighteen week hands on skills based program that prepared the individuals for the MTCU certification exam. The project also included six weeks of unpaid work placement. Nine participants found paid employment.	\$110,000	Vaughan
9	Steps Society for Permanent Recovery - S.T.E.P.S. (Steps Training, Employment and Preparation Service)	Assisted 55 residents who have been impacted or are in recovery from addiction to drugs and/or alcohol to overcome personal and emotional barriers and maintain their recovery. Participants were provided other employment related services to enable them to move forward in their lives and reintegrate into society. Twenty-three participants found employment.	\$160,000	York Region
Family and Children's Services				
10	Big Brothers Big Sisters of York - Mentoring across Ages and Cultures (Renewable Project)	Over 200 children of new immigrant families were mentored by 100 teens and 30 senior mentors. They were assisted in settling into a new environment by mentors who spoke the same language or with similar experiences.	\$52,101	York Region
11	Big Brothers Big Sisters - Quality and Efficiency Through Focus	CDIF funding allowed the agency to expand services to an additional 264 children and youth through participation in the range of mentoring arrangements of the agency. Children were individually mentored, participated in Activity Nights and special events. Service expansion also allowed participation of additional children in school based mentoring activities that provide homework assistance, and also special activities geared to girls in grades 7 and 8.	\$47,780	Aurora
12	Catholic Community Services of York Region - Multicultural Family Support Project (Renewable Project)	Provided culturally appropriate, brief, issue specific, multi-model parenting supports to almost 900 parents of low income and immigrant families. Programs were delivered through existing community networks to help families meet their children's needs while maintaining work and school attendance.	\$109,850	York Region
13	CAYRE - SLAPSHOT	Provided eight, six-week hockey programs on and off ice to more than 200 low income and newcomer children (nine to 13 years). The program was aimed at improving leadership skills, socialization, nutrition, and health.	\$60,000	Markham & Vaughan

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14	Eight community agencies and the City of Vaughan - All Our Kids (AOK) Early Child Development & Parenting Programs	Twenty-five AOK programs were attended by approximately 3300 children, aged from birth to six from over 2400 families. Programs increase awareness of the importance of the early years, offering play based activities and building awareness of existing parent and family supports and resources. AOK encourages informal parent/caregiver support and networking. Four hundred and sixty-nine workshops were offered.	\$255,728	York Region
15	Family Services York Region - Families and Schools Together	Over 300 family members in six, eight week sessions of specific research-based social activities designed to systematically strengthen the family's bond to each other, their school, and the community. Families were referred by local school staff and administrators and activities held in seven schools. Approximately 400 family members participated in FASTWORKS - a follow up program to continue to support these linkages.	\$87,509	Georgina, Newmarket, Aurora, Markham, Vaughan
16	Future Possibilities Canada - Growing Leaders for Today and Tomorrow	Delivered life skills and leadership development programs to more than 200 York Region children and youth age eight to 14 years from low income families. Participants set and accomplish unique "Goals of Contribution" of benefit to the community and peers, guided by over 190 adult volunteers. In addition, 300 children participated in an Activity Day to bring together participants to celebrate the goals of contribution and connect with each other.	\$109,475	Markham, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Vaughan, Newmarket
17	Girls Incorporated of York Region - Economic Literacy	Economic literacy programs were given to over 150 girls, ages nine to 14 years, with a group program to learn about the basic economic and financial skills used in making decisions about saving, sharing and earning. The program also used guest speakers. The project provides positive role models and exposure to non-typical jobs.	\$20,888	Georgina, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Vaughan
18	Human Endeavour - Maple Community Project	Promoted civic engagement, community and leadership development in Maple by educating and empowering marginalized members of the South Asian community regarding social and economic well being. This was done by improving their learning, social and parenting skills. A variety of programs was attended by a total of 970 residents.	\$69,612	Vaughan
19	Jericho Youth Services - Bethany Afterschool Program	An after school recreation program at Bethany Co-op was attended by 28 children (six to 12 years) from 21 families. Program activities include: a healthy snack, homework support, storytelling, games, crafts, music, and outdoor activities. Provides a safe and creative environment for children promoting positive social interaction, health and success in school.	\$17,150	Georgina

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20	Jewish Family & Child Service - Family Resource Centre	The Resource Centre offers a drop-in centre providing culturally sensitive, inclusive programs promoting healthy growth and development supporting parents, caregivers and their children. The project served 1,450 children, and 870 parents and caregivers attended. The project also ran a homework club in which 85 youth participated.	\$95,000	Vaughan
21	Junior Achievement of Central Ontario - Student Success in York Region	Provided financial literacy, employability and business workshops for 3,660 school children in grades 7 and 8 in schools serving low income neighbourhoods across York Region.	\$98,750	Markham, Vaughan, Aurora, Newmarket, Georgina, Whitchurch-Stouffville
22	Learning Centre for Georgina in partnership with Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers - Georgina Outreach	This project provided the opportunity for young pregnant or parenting mothers to improve literacy and parenting skills. Twenty participants received literacy training and 63 participated in one-on-one counseling. Child minding was provided to facilitate attendance in the program.	\$80,000	Georgina
23	Learning Disabilities Association of York Region - SOAR/Building Transition Opportunities	This project provided opportunities to over 160 youth with learning disabilities to develop transitional skills, strategies to use in everyday life, and how to advocate for themselves.	\$27,664	York Region
24	Overnight Youth Camp - 1. York Professional Care & Education 2. YMCA of Greater Toronto 3. The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada	Provided approximately 60 youth living in social housing communities with a one week overnight camp experience, focusing on: problem solving, trust, risk/personal challenges. Each camper received a back pack, sleeping bag, towel, sunscreen, insect repellent, flash light and water bottle.	\$27,055	Georgina
25	Positive Leisure Activities for Youth (PLAY) - All nine York Region local municipalities	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. Funding also supported a pilot of a new program component in the fall for 60 sole support parents receiving Ontario Works. The recreation programs focus on health promotion, encourage healthy lifestyles, social inclusion and access to community resources.	\$121,600	York Region
26	Rainbows for All Children Canada - Increase Rainbows sites	Established five new community and school based sites that offered peer support groups for over 70 children, adolescents and adults experiencing loss, issues due to separation, divorce, death or other life altering crisis. Twenty-two volunteers were trained to deliver the program.	\$30,743	York Region

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27	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers - Housing Support (Renewable Project)	Provided over 400 young parents with the information and skills necessary to secure and maintain affordable housing and to problem solve practical solutions to these obstacles. Eighty-six people obtained housing and 44 maintained housing after three months.	\$65,000	York Region
28	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers - Mothers Matter	Two eight week group programs were delivered to strengthen parenting skills for young mothers under 25 and minimize or eliminate involvement with child welfare agencies. Sessions provided parenting education, support to help participants integrate into their communities, enhance parenting skills and provide personal development including healthy relationships, anger management and grief/loss support, education completion and connection to employment programs. The program also assisted mothers in building a support network with others with similar experiences. Fourteen mothers participated and over 60 received individual counseling.	\$45,000	York Region
29	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers - Young Parent Program (Renewable Project)	Linked young mothers under 25 to Young Parent Programming offered by the Rose of Sharon in Early Years locations in their communities. Parenting sessions allowed participants to learn about healthy child development and the importance of the early years. Sessions focused on areas such as nutrition and budgeting. One hundred sixty mothers attended group programs. Over 200 mothers accessed individual and group counseling, and self help training and received support in their transition to parenting.	\$134,396	York Region
30	Social Services Network - Focus on Family Literacy	A two-part Family Literacy program which aimed to improve the family's learning, social development, and parenting skills. More than 160 parents and grandparents from York Region's multicultural community. Members were involved in the planning and delivery of the family life education program.	\$67,600	Markham, Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Newmarket
31	Summer Camp for children of families paying Rent Geared to Income - All nine York Region local Municipal Recreation Departments	This project funded a variety of camp programs such as swimming, art, cooking, excursions, sports delivered by the local municipalities. The camps promote skill development, positive interaction and team building. The camps provided children from low income families with social interaction and recreational experience that they may not otherwise have had. Each camper received a back pack including a hat, water bottle, lunch bag, sun screen and Public Health information.	\$91,700	York Region

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32	Summer Camp for children of families receiving Ontario Works - All nine York Region local Municipal Recreation Departments	The camps provided 455 children, six to 12 years of age from low income families, with social interaction and recreational experience that they may not otherwise have had. The camps allowed parents who are Ontario Works participants to concentrate on their approved OW activity while their children were in a safe environment. Camp activities included a variety of programs such as swimming, art, cooking, excursions, sports delivered by the local municipalities. The camps promote skill development, positive interaction and team building. Each camper received a back pack including a hat, water bottle, lunch bag, sun screen and Public Health information.	\$214,000	York Region
33	YMCA of Greater Toronto - PlayON & Play it Forward	Provided two after school recreation programs to children and youth, living in social housing communities: 1) PlayON offered 165 children (six-12 years) in six sites an opportunity to participate in a fun environment promoting positive social, emotional and healthy physical development. 2) The "Play It Forward", was hosted in five sites, and empowered more than 50 youth (13-18 years) with team building and leadership opportunities.	\$165,575	Aurora, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Markham
34	York Region Food For Learning/Family Day Care Centre - Food for Learning (Renewable Project)	Through an extensive network of community volunteers this project provided over 27,000 children with nutritious snacks and/or breakfasts in a non-stigmatizing school environment enhancing their classroom learning as well as their social, mental and physical health.	\$120,371	York Region
35	Youth Assisting Youth - Group and Special Interest Mentoring	Engaged 222 at-risk and low income children and youth in recreational and educational activities. Activities included sports such as basketball, martial arts and lacrosse; trips to museums and Canada's Wonderland; movies and seasonal parties.	\$51,250	Richmond Hill
Homelessness Programs				
36	Blue Door Shelters - Community Housing Support Worker (Renewable Project)	Approximately 550 individuals/families staying in the three Blue Door shelters received assistance in finding and maintaining affordable housing. The project also provided referral services to other community providers for mental health, legal and interpretive services.	\$174,000	East Gwillimbury
37	Blue Door Shelters - Newmarket Youth Shelter enhancements	This project improved the living conditions for youth staying at the Newmarket Youth Shelter by purchasing needed furniture and bed-bug prevention supplies. This shelter provides temporary housing to approximately 37 youth annually.	\$24,992	Newmarket

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38	Citizens for Affordable Housing – York Region - Community Supports Program (formerly System Navigation)	Provided 1,740 York Region residents who are homeless, at risk of homelessness and those with low or no income with information and referrals needed enabling them to access services provided by other agencies in the community.	\$115,620	Richmond Hill
39	Citizens for Affordable Housing York Region - Housing Help Centre (Renewable Project)	Maintenance of an up-to date housing registry listing of available units in the private rental market in York Region for low income residents. This initiative served over 6,400 individuals, helping them find affordable housing in York Region.	\$108,081	Richmond Hill
40	Citizens for Affordable Housing York Region - ID Clinic (Renewable Project)	Clinics were held across York Region providing more than 1,000 individuals and families with supports to obtain identification necessary to access services. Over 1,900 pieces of identification were replaced for clients, the majority of whom are receiving Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support payments.	\$206,701	York Region
41	Inn From The Cold Inc. -Winter Emergency Shelter	Provided emergency overnight shelter in Newmarket to approximately 140 guests during the winter season. Almost 11,400 community meals were provided to shelter guests and those at risk of homelessness in the community.	\$93,000	Newmarket
42	Krasman Centre - Prevention/Drop-in Worker	Provided supports with a focus on prevention, advice, information and referrals to other community supports to approximately 120 residents who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and/or experiencing mental health challenges.	\$37,080	Richmond Hill
43	Loft Community Services - York Region Street Outreach Program (Renewable Project)	Through a mobile van, street outreach services were provided to homeless or at risk individuals in York Region. Services included: mental health support, harm reduction and health supports, referrals to other services such as housing, employment, and income, and the provision of basic needs. The project served over 950 individuals.	\$280,000	York Region
44	Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold - Out of the Cold	Provided approximately 1,200 overnight emergency shelter stays during the winter months for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. The program also provided meals, clothing, basic health care and harm reduction services, as well as information and referral.	\$151,830	Markham, Vaughan, Richmond Hill
45	Multiple Agencies - Holiday Hamper (11 projects)	Funding responded to the need for agencies to enhance their services to residents. These projects provided seasonal supports such as winter clothing and other necessities, and self-employment training. A literacy train-the trainer program was provided to agencies enhancing their capacity to assist clients with budgeting and financial challenges.	\$82,516	York Region

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46	Multiple Agencies - Community Needs (23 projects)	Community Needs funding is intended to enhance the agencies' ability to deliver service in York Region to low income residents. A maximum of \$10,000 per project was available for items that addressed urgent client needs. Twenty-three Community Needs projects were funded. Over 14,000 residents benefitted from these projects.	\$162,758	York Region
47	Pathways for Children, Youth and Families of York Region - Home Base	Home Base is a drop-in support program for youth at risk of homelessness and provided counseling, social recreation and life skills services to approximately 1,200 homeless or at-risk youth.	\$343,045	Richmond Hill
48	Pathways for Children, Youth and Families of York Region - Housing Support Services	Provided over 200 homeless or at-risk York Region youth with supports that assisted them in securing housing. The project also partnered with the York Region Street Outreach program with the aim of directly connecting with youth who may not be aware of the services offered by the agency. Sixty-four youth secured housing.	\$77,050	Richmond Hill
49	Salvation Army Sutton Youth Shelter - Employment and Educational Support Project (Renewable Project)	Provided educational supports, job specific training, pre-employment and support services to approximately 100 youth residing at the Sutton Youth Shelter.	\$83,500	Georgina
50	Salvation Army Sutton Youth Shelter - Housing and Community Supports (Renewable Project)	Over 120 youth residing at the Sutton Youth Shelter received assistance to develop life skills and find housing. Services included research of local housing options, networking with landlords, assisting youth with applications and interviews with prospective landlords.	\$66,000	Georgina
51	Salvation Army Sutton Youth Shelter - Upgraded Furnishings	Improved the living conditions of youth staying at Sutton Youth Shelter by purchasing new cots and bedbug-proof mattress covers. The shelter serves approximately 125 homeless youth annually.	\$6,364	Georgina
52	Women's Centre of York Region - Bridging the Gap	Provided a variety of services to over 180 low income women to help them build their personal and financial capacity so they could move towards economic self-sufficiency.	\$137,820	Newmarket
53	Women's Centre of York Region - Enterprising Business Incubator	Supported 12 low income women with the successful launch of viable and sustainable businesses.	\$30,000	Newmarket
54	York Region Food Network - Community Kitchen	A community kitchen program was offered teaching participants about healthy and economical meal preparation. Eight sessions were provided with 32 residents participating.	\$2,670	York Region
		Total 2011 Allocation for 86 Projects	\$5,508,134	