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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT FUND 2008 ACTIVITY UPDATE

The Community Services and Housing Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report dated May 1, 2009, from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. This report be received for information.

2. PURPOSE

This report provides an update on the activities and results of the 2008 Community Development and Investment Fund (CDIF).

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 purchases community services and programs for vulnerable and low-income residents of York Region using provincial and municipal funds. These funds include the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program and Municipal Purchase of Service funds, and until June 2008, the National Child Benefit.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

4.1 CDIF PROJECTS HELPED MORE RESIDENTS IN 2008 THAN EVER BEFORE

In 2008, York Region successfully purchased much needed community supports that helped approximately 50,000 residents – the largest number of vulnerable residents in CDIF's history. Services were provided to children, youth, families and individuals through local community-based programs and services.

Project selection began in August 2007 with the issue of the annual Purchase of Service Request

The selection of projects for the 2008 CDIF funding cycle began in August 2007 when the Region issued its annual Purchase of Service Request inviting submissions from eligible community agencies. Funding proposals were evaluated by a CDIF Evaluation Committee comprised of York Region staff and funders from other levels of government. On November 15, 2007, the recommendations of the Evaluation Committee were approved by Regional Council, through the adoption of Clause No. 2 of Report No. 9 of the Community Services and Housing Committee.

Regional Council also authorized the Commissioner of Community and Health Services to receive and allocate any new or reallocated CDIF funding that become available in-year. This enabled the Region to allocate additional dollars received in-year in a timely and efficient manner.

In all, 58 projects received funding through CDIF in 2008 including those proposed by the community through the Purchase of Service process, and those initiated by the Department resulting in a total investment of just over \$3.5 million. Through the 2008 CDIF funding, community-based programs and services were able to provide important supports to approximately 50,000 residents across York Region. Services were provided to children, youth, families and individuals.

4.2 REGIONAL COUNCIL INCREASED CDIF FUNDING DURING 2008

On April 24, 2008 Regional Council approved, through the adoption of Clause No. 1 of Report No. 3 of the Community Services and Housing Committee, additional funding of \$2.1 million for the enhancement of CDIF to augment its contribution to community development and also its response to the growing population of vulnerable residents. The additional funding allowed the Region to support residents and services in many areas.

Additional CDIF funding expanded services to York Region residents

- Rose of Sharon's Young Parents' Program which provides access to individual/ group counselling, and self help training to support the early transition to parenting, expanded its services to the Town of Markham where services were provided each week by a Chinese speaking counsellor.
- The Food for Learning program was expanded to provide nutritious breakfasts and snacks in five additional schools, feeding 1,740 more students. The additional funding was also used to enhance the nutritional quality of the food provided to the children. This project is implemented through a network of community volunteers and has also received direct community contributions - one example being installation of a small, well equipped school kitchen at one of the Food for Learning sites.

- Emergency homelessness and outreach services such as Out of the Cold and the Welcoming Arms were able to provide supports for the homeless and low-income residents. Out of the Cold provided food and shelter, and Welcoming Arms was able to expand its services to provide winter coats, in addition to the emotional and emergency financial assistance it usually offers.

The Region supported agencies in their drive for more inclusive service provision

- The Early Childhood Development and Parenting program, All Our Kids (AOK), expanded its service with an additional site in the Town of Markham that served new immigrants who are living on low income. Forty families and 54 children were served between October and December 2008.
- The All Our Kids Program was also funded to acquire Home Language video programs in 11 non-traditional languages as a resource for parents to access to encourage language development in their children.
- Blue Door Shelters used CDIF funding to promote its services in six non-traditional languages with the aim of increasing its reach to visible minorities. At the same time, its Community Housing Support service was enhanced with additional resources to accommodate the increasing demand for this service.

CDIF supported our agencies' communication of vital information to the York Region community

- Additional funding was directed to a project that launched the *Updated Community Plan to Address Homelessness* through a Homelessness forum with a related photographic exhibition that painted a graphic picture of homelessness in York Region. Drawing attention to the existence and distinctive features of homelessness in York Region gave York Region agencies a stronger base for developing additional community support.
- The production of the Youth Directory, On Track, gave youth relevant and useful information such as employment, life skills and education. The directory also included important contact information for accessing services in York Region.

4.3 CDIF STRATEGY TARGETS THREE FUNDING PRIORITY AREAS

As reaffirmed by Regional Council, 2008 CDIF funding was directed to three established priority areas which are linked to the Region's mandate for community services, namely:

1. Child and family supports, such as reducing child poverty, special needs supports, child nutrition and funding for recreation programs for children of low-income families.
2. Outreach services to the homeless, programs to prevent homelessness as well as emergency supports for those facing homelessness.
3. Employment skill development through training and return-to-work opportunities for Ontario Works participants, low-income and recent immigrants to York Region.

4.4 CDIF PROJECTS ARE ACTIVELY MONITORED

Each CDIF Purchase of Service contract requires agencies to submit regular project reports at various intervals during the term of the contract. Agency reports include specific information on the delivery of services and numbers of residents that access and benefit from these services, as well as expenditures on the project by approved budget line. Also, most projects receive monitoring visits from regional staff. These visits allow the Region to address issues that may arise in the implementation of the project, as well as provide appropriate support to the agencies.

In addition to regular monitoring, seven projects were selected for on-site reviews. These included projects that met one or more of the following criteria:

- New or innovative projects.
- Projects that received regional funding for the first time.
- Projects that were particularly complex.
- Projects that had been proposed for 2009 Renewable Funding.

Project visits explore service achievements

The three objectives of the review visits are to explore the achievement of project goals and objectives, to identify issues/lessons learned in the implementation of the project and to discuss with the agency unplanned benefits or community development successes yielded by the projects. The project reviews use a standard questionnaire designed to gather information about the agency's implementation of the project. These reviews are an opportunity for regional staff to gain a better insight into the projects' implementation and accountability, learn from agencies and improve processes for future years.

4.5 CDIF PROJECTS BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITIES

CDIF funding addressed a wide range of community needs and provided vital support services to the vulnerable residents in our community. A summary of the 2008 project activities and services for all CDIF projects is included as *Attachment 1* to this report. Below are some examples of projects and successes in 2008 under each of the three priority funding areas.

Projects that helped families and children

Projects received CDIF funding to provide assistance to families and children through a range of services designed to strengthen families as well as build resilience in children who are at risk because of their family circumstances.

- For example, in 2008 Families and Schools Together, a program that links families with their local school communities, allowed 60 families with 227 individuals including children to meet, have a meal and discuss school programs with staff from local elementary schools. This program has been particularly useful for newcomer families.
- The Focus on Families Multicultural Parenting program expanded its region-wide services that now include classes for fathers, parents, new and expecting parents, and parents of teenagers. This program collaborates with agencies and community leaders in diverse communities to deliver culturally appropriate classes, with workbooks in eight languages, four of which were added in 2008. Approximately 300 parents were served.

Projects aimed at helping people who are homeless and those at risk of homelessness

These programs provided services and support to those who are homeless and other vulnerable residents using a continuum of supports. Examples of these 2008 programs include:

- Support for the development of a Multi-Service Centre in the Town of Newmarket for homeless and those at risk of homelessness. CDIF funding enabled the relocation of key services: York Region Alliance to End Homelessness, York Region Food Network, the Newmarket Food Pantry and the York Region Street Outreach Van into one central facility. The centralization of these services together with Inn From The Cold in one location situated on a YRT transit line reduces the need for many at-risk residents to travel around the region for service.
- A community drop-in program for homeless and at risk youth which provides a supportive and recreational environment, counseling services and access to nutritional supplies. During 2008 this program recorded 665 visits.

Projects provided important employment information and essential skills training

Employment support projects assist people to become or remain economically stable by providing a range of suitable services and supports such as job oriented life skills,

training, and employment preparation to promote the economic stability of individuals and families.

- CDIF funded the delivery of a series of information seminars on working in specific trades targeted to youth, the unemployed, and those looking to change employment. This project successfully brought together job seekers, trainers and community businesses in the Town of Georgina, and enjoyed cooperation with a local high school. One offshoot of this project has been the delivery of a successful electrical technician training program offered through Georgina Trades Training Inc.
- Funding was also directed to an innovative project with Seneca College, offered for the first time, that helped unemployed individuals and those wishing to enter the workforce assess and build the essential skills needed for specific occupations of their interest. Numeracy, literacy and document use skills were assessed and upgraded as part of job ready training and skills enhancement.

4.6 CDIF PROMOTES AND FACILITATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In 2008 the CDIF Strategy, as in past years, has provided additional benefits to the York Region community by:

- Leveraging funds to reduce duplication, support economies of scale and increase agency efficiency by encouraging community agencies to collaborate when it makes sense to do so to serve residents.
- Allowing York Region to play a significant role with other regional funders in funding coordination to reduce gaps and duplication of services.
- Encouraging the use of community volunteers resulting in more cost effective services.
- Supporting the development of innovative approaches to delivering services in the community.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The CDIF Strategy is managed within the current budget allocations set aside for each fund included within the Strategy.

As mentioned earlier in this report, in April 2008, responding to the growing challenges that the York Region social service providers were experiencing as a result of rapid and diverse population growth Regional Council, through the adoption of Clause No. 1 of Report No. 3 of the Community Services and Housing Committee, approved the

enhancement of CDIF. That decision coincided with the phased in reduction of York Region's contribution to the City of Toronto's social services funding through the provincial upload of Greater Toronto Area (GTA) pooling.

This resulted in a significant realignment of the proportional contributions to CDIF by the Region and the Province, as demonstrated in Table 1 below.

Table 1
Contributions to CDIF 2007 – 2009
(Provincial and Regional Percentages)

Funding Source	2007	2008	2009 *
Provincial Contribution	66.4	40.3	8.4
Regional Contribution	33.6	59.7	91.6
Total Contribution	100%	100%	100%

* Per 2009 budget approvals

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Since its inception, and also in 2008, CDIF has funded services that are delivered to residents of all nine local municipalities. While some services are delivered from specific office locations, others have used facilities in local communities to deliver services. This strategy ensures access to services by all York Region residents. Through the CDIF Strategy families have been supported and strengthened, others have been helped to find or keep housing, and many have been helped to prepare for the job market and find employment. CDIF has successfully allowed many residents to remain or become active contributors to our community and economy.

7. CONCLUSION

Regional Council's decision in April 2008 to provide additional funding has enabled CDIF to extend services to benefit more residents. As well, it has allowed our agencies to improve the quality of service and communication with residents in the community. The total amount of CDIF funding used to purchase important community services was \$3.5million. These funds enabled the community to serve approximately 50,000 vulnerable residents in 2008. The enhancement of CDIF has proven to be very timely, as it has enhanced service capacity just before the precipitous decline in the economy. CDIF's expansion was geared to meet the growing needs of the community resulting from rapid and diverse population growth. However, the growing needs in the community resulting from the current economic contraction is once more challenging the service system – highlighting the need for continued investment in our community's social services.

For more information on this report, please contact Cordelia Abankwa-Harris, Managing Director, Strategic Service Integration and Policy Branch at Ext. 2150.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the May 13, 2009 meeting.)

Summary of 2008 CDIF Projects

No.	Project	Services Delivered	Agency(ies)	Service Delivery Area
1	After School Programs (3 projects)	The after school programs provide a safe and positive environment that promotes positive social, emotional and physical development of children residing in selected social housing sites in York Region. This project expanded the After School Programs and served 176 individual children from more than 139 families. This project also increased services at the Ja'Fari Islamic Housing Site to five days/week and provided consistent quality services with free programming to all children within the community ages 6-12 years. This opened opportunities for the children to engage and benefit from being part of an after school program. Activities include physical, social, creative programming and homework support.	1) Jericho Youth Centre; 2) YMCA of Greater Toronto	Aurora, Georgina, Newmarket, Richmond Hill
2	Application Support Worker Pilot project	Through this pilot project an Application Support Worker assisted Ontario Works (OW) and non-OW individuals with support to complete the complex ODSP application through location of a family physician or psychiatrist, accessing required documentation such as identification and bank records and supporting clients in the ODSP appeal process.	Lance Krasman Memorial Centre	Richmond Hill
3	Community Development Project	A project that strengthened 3 Housing York Inc. communities (totalling 1291 households) by developing residents' abilities to support and help each other. The project provided a framework for community development that builds capacity within the community to sustain the community's growth and development.	Canadian Mental Health Association	Georgina and Newmarket
4	Community Enhancement Initiative (formerly Winter Needs)	Assistance to 11 community agencies with equipment and supplies for meeting the needs of homeless and at risk clients. The goal of the initiative is to increase the responsiveness of community agencies in York Region to emergency needs of its residents.	11 Community Service Agencies in York Region	All of York Region
5	Community Housing Support Worker Program (3 projects)	These three projects served almost 1,000 homeless families and individuals. 1) Blue Door Shelters helped them make the transition from emergency shelter to permanent housing in the community or in Dom Hostels, or to other temporary housing. The project assisted 815 clients of which 306 were housed. 2) Pathways focused on assisting the youth that access their drop-in service. The project assisted 75 youth to find shelter. 3) The Salvation Army through the Sutton Youth Multi-Service Centre assisted 100 homeless youth access permanent housing.	1) Blue Door Shelters; 2) Pathways for Children, Youth and Families; 3) Salvation Army	All of York Region
6	Community Information (4 projects)	1) Blue Door Shelters was assisted in promoting its new name and its services through updated brochures. In addition 5,000 brochures were produced in six non traditional languages to communicate with visible minority groups. 2) Red Cross communicated important information to youth by reprinting 10,000 copies of the updated 2009 <i>On Track York/South Simcoe Youth Directory</i> . In addition, 40,000 bookmarks were printed. These were made available in schools and to agencies serving youth. 3) Yellow Brick House researched, designed and printed an Employment Readiness pamphlet that provides information and guidance for women seeking employment. 4) The Region partnered with the community to host a homelessness forum and mount a photo voice presentation to raise awareness of homelessness in York Region.	1) Blue Door Shelters 2) Red Cross 3) Yellow Brick House 4) Lance Krasman Memorial Centre	All of York Region

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7	Early Child Development & Parenting Supports (AOK) – (2 projects)	1) Provided York Region families and caregivers with children birth to six years with access to quality early child development and parenting supports. 2) The goal of the program is to improve outcomes in learning, behaviour, health and social development for all children in York Region. In 2008 the project operated through 22 community locations and served 2863 families with 4133 children. 3) Programs are delivered by community agencies in sites across York Region. Additional funding during the year provided program enhancements in program resources and equipment, including a multilingual DVD, <u>Your Home Language</u> which Included suggestions for the linguistic development of the child. Also, a new site was established that addressed the needs of 40 immigrant families and 54 children.	1. Kinark Children and Family Services 2. Blue Hills Children and Family Centre 3. Pathways for Children, Youth and Families 4. Family Day Care Services 5. Bathurst Jewish Community Centre 6. City of Vaughan, Recreation and Culture Department 7. YMCA of Greater Toronto 8. Social Enterprise for York Region Neighbourhood Services 9. York Professional Care and Education Inc.	All of York Region
8	Early Years Professional Development	Count Me In! An Early Years Community Numeracy Event to promote numeracy interest in families/parents and provide practical applications and information to encourage numeracy rich early childhood settings such as: kindergarten classes, child care centres and parenting programs. Numeracy is the link to science and technology and science and technology lead to higher paying professions. Attended by over 300 parents and educators from across the region.	YMCA	All of York Region
9	Emergency Shelter Service Study	An independent consultant was retained to conduct a financial assessment of the Region's emergency shelter system, complete a peer municipal review and provide funding model options related to the sustainability of emergency shelters. This has the potential for benefitting approximately 2450 York Region residents who currently utilise these services.	York Region Community and Health Services	York Region
10	Emergency Shelter Service Sustainability (2 projects)	This project maintained critical emergency shelter services for homeless individuals at Blue Door Shelters and the Sutton Youth Shelter. Operators explored viable measures to alleviate daily operating pressures resulting from inadequate per diems, ongoing staffing requirements and continual inflationary pressures. These shelters served 2211 residents in 2008.	1) Blue Door Shelters 2) Sutton Youth Shelter	York Region

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11	Employment Supports	This project offered pre-employment programs and job-specific skills training to youth who have become homeless. The project will provided aptitude/skill assessments, instruction for creating/revising resumes, job search knowledge, tips and practice in completing job applications and being interviewed, liaison with other youth services for training workshops and other resources, and linkages with other employers. Over 100 youth benefitted from this program and 59 found employment.	Salvation Army Sutton Youth Shelter	Georgina
12	Enhancing/Expanding Poverty Relief Services Community Partnership Initiative	This project increased the ability of the Women's Centre of York Region (WCYR) to develop and implement homelessness prevention strategies, by supplying the basic food and clothing needs of vulnerable women. It also enhanced the coordination of the Centre's poverty relief services with existing community partners, and built new community connections/partnerships, thus increasing the supports/services provided, and decreasing the potential for gaps in service delivery. An estimated 814 vulnerable women and dependent children benefited.	Women's Centre of York Region	Newmarket and environs
13	Essential Skills Builder Program	This innovative project addressed the essential skills of individuals who are interested in entering or returning to the workforce and included eligible OW clients. One hundred twenty-five participants were referred to the program and 93 of those completed a Test of Workplace Essential Skills (TOWES). This determined individual levels of literacy, numeracy and document use skills. Fifty eight people progressed to a one-week skills portfolio development session to determine career goals and skills needed for their chosen profession, and 19 attended six to eight weeks of personalised individual Essential Skills building to increase skill levels for their specific occupation of interest.	Seneca College	Newmarket and Richmond Hill
14	Exploring a Trade: "So you want to be a . . ."	The project provided a series of six Apprenticeship Workshops in Georgina to increase awareness of career opportunities in trades. Fifty-five participants gained knowledge of 6 specific apprenticeship requirements, dialogued with potential employers and consulted with supporting community agencies; and 34 attended a related job fair. Additional support to complete the Test of Workplace Essential Skills (TOWES), registration with Job Connect and the opportunity to enroll in courses at the Learning Centre Georgina were all provided by the project. In addition the program benefitted unemployed and underemployed residents of rural communities.	Georgina Trades Training Inc	Georgina and environs
15	Families and Schools Together (F&ST)	The Families and Schools Together project enhanced family social and economic well being by hosting family strengthening activities improving parenting skills, building social supports, connecting families to appropriate resources, increasing student engagement and reducing feelings of isolation. These services helped 72 families (364 participants) cope more effectively with poverty, and build collaborative partnerships in the community.	Family Services York Region	All of York Region
16	Family Resource Centre Inclusivity Project	This project extended and expanded the currently funded project. Activities included outreach; maintaining the currently expanded drop-in program; creating a culturally sensitive and inclusive environment; parenting education, support and referral; opportunities for parental peer support/ social and early learning programs for children; volunteer opportunities, and fundraising initiatives to sustain project. More than 800 children of 645 families were served. Increased funding allowed additional outreach to over 100 families. A clothing exchange was implemented in the fall serving 53 families.	Jewish Family & Child Services	Vaughan

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17	Family Strengthening Programs (PLAY/Play 2/PlayOn/Need To Play – 4 projects)	Almost 900 children and youth 4-18 years of age receiving assistance from York Region participated in municipal Recreation and Sport Programs. Children with special needs were also able to access the programs.	1) Nine Local Municipalities	All of York Region
18	Focus on Fathers Multicultural Parenting Programs III	Focus on Fathers provides region-wide supports for multicultural families by offering parenting classes for fathers, parents and grandparents, new and expecting parents, and parents of teenagers in several languages. In addition, the "What a Difference..." workbooks have been translated into eight languages and the following languages French, Italian, Portuguese and Tagalog were added in 2008. Almost 300 parents participated in programs.	Catholic Community Services of York Region	All of York Region
19	Food for Learning	Support and contribution to a project whose objective is to support the provision of nutritionally balanced breakfasts and snacks to the children of York Region in an inclusive, non-stigmatizing environment, thereby enhancing health and classroom learning. The program served over 33,000 children. The additional CDIF contribution helped this project to maintain services in existing schools and extend the program to 5 additional schools and benefit 1,740 more students.	York Region Food for Learning/Family Day Care	All of York Region
20	Future Possibilities for Kids	This project delivered an increasing number of life skills & leadership development programs to 300 York Region children and youth ages 8 - 14 from low-income families attending Performance Plus schools. The children in the program set and accomplished unique 'Goals of Contribution' which were of benefit to themselves and their community.	Future Possibilities Canada Inc	Vaughan Richmond Hill Markham
21	Helping Kids Settle through Mentoring	A project that reached children (6-16) of immigrant families and assisted them in the process of settling in to a new environment by providing mentors who speak the same language. To do this, the project also reached, taught, and liaised with the workers from the settlement agencies in York Region. The project served 59 newcomer children, and approximately 17 mentors benefited.	Big Brothers, Big Sisters of York	All of York Region
22	Home Base Youth Drop in Centre	Home Base is a one stop service offering a wide array of supports to youth who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, with the aim of helping them get off the streets. The Home Base programs and support services promote economic sustainability, employability skills, attachment to the workforce and community service. Also, employment counselling is offered through specialized Base 4 Success employment service. Up to 665 youth benefited from this project.	Pathways for Children, Youth and families	Richmond Hill and environs
23	Housing Help Centre	Maintains a housing registry that can also be accessed online, to assist individuals in securing affordable accommodation in the private rental market. In 2008 the project assisted 3,227 residents seeking affordable housing; of those assisted, 199 obtain housing.	Housing Help Centre	All of York Region
24	Identification (ID) Clinic	This project operated Identification Clinics across York Region to assist vulnerable residents to obtain or replace their ID in order to access other services. The project also made referrals to shelters, food banks, financial resources, health care, legal services, case management and crisis supports as needed. A Safe Bank service will also operate for those needing a secure location for their ID. In 2008 the ID clinic merged with the Citizens for Affordable Housing – Housing Help Center.	Canadian Mental Health Association	All of York Region

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25	Out of the Cold	Support to five sites located in the south end of York Region which provided emergency shelter and clothing to homeless persons over the winter months. The program is supported by over 230 volunteers and recorded over 1,900 visits.	Mosaic Inter-faith Out of the Cold	The southern part of York Region
26	Secure Housing Program	To provide young parents with information and skills to secure and maintain affordable housing and learn to develop practical solutions to obstacles. It is estimated that approximately 561 young mothers and children benefited.	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers	All of York Region
27	SOAR/Job Fit (Some Assembly Required)	This project worked with 60 youth 12-18 years to improve their learning and social development which will ultimately enhance their future social and economic well being. Participants had the opportunity to learn and talk about learning disabilities, strengths and needs, study skills, transitional skills and strategies to use in everyday life and how to advocate for themselves in order to receive the necessary accommodations either academically or vocationally.	Learning Disabilities Assoc. of YR	King, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Vaughan
28	Facilitate agency relocation to create a Homelessness Service Delivery Hub and Strengthening Organizational Capacity of agencies for enhanced service delivery (8 projects)	1) To support the Inn From the Cold in offering food, clothing or emergency shelter during the Winter Months. 2) The York Region Alliance to End Homelessness (YRAEH) relocated to join four other agencies, creating a service hub for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness in Newmarket. 3) The York Region Food Network (YRFN) and the Newmarket Food Pantry also relocated to be part of the homeless service hub. 4) Blue Door Shelters completed an IT needs assessment with the aim of improving its service delivery infrastructure. 5) Blue Door Shelters conducted a Training needs assessment and conducted two training sessions for its staff. 6) The Women's Centre relocated to a larger location that was wheel-chair accessible, allowing the agency to improve its service delivery. 7) Funding to support the merger of the Housing Help Centre and the Identification Clinic to enhance service capacity. 8) Tom Taylor Place - a project to stabilize tenants who are deaf, deafened, or hard of hearing by providing them with assistive devices that will assist them with day to day living.	1) Blue Door Shelters (2 projects) 2) INN From the Cold 3) Women's centre – relocation 4) YRAEH – relocation 5) YRFN relocation 6) ID Clinic reorganization	All of York Region
29	Youth Leadership Camp (2 projects)	Support for 2 youth summer camp programs for youth residing in social housing or receiving Ontario Works. These programs served 68 youth 13 to 17 years of age.	1) The Salvation Army and 2) York Professional Care and Education Inc.	All of York Region
30	Summer Recreational Program for Children in Subsidized Housing	This project provided summer recreation opportunities to children from families living in subsidized housing or receiving Ontario Works. The project was run through 9 municipal Parks and Recs. departments. In 2008, over 380 children benefitted from this program.	Nine Municipal Parks, Recreation and Culture Departments	All of York Region

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31	Supports and Training to the Informal Child Care Providers	A child care training program designed to enhance the quality of care received by families and their children residing in York Region, and promote quality and stable child care options. The program provided training for 386 home child care providers.	York Professional Care and Education Inc	All of York Region
32	Swim to Survive	Funding allowed this project to continue into the 2007/2008 school year. During this period, training was delivered to over 3,938 grade three children to survive an unexpected fall into water. Schools with a high population of low income families and/or recent immigrants were recommended by the Public and Catholic School Boards.	Nine municipal Parks, Recreation and Culture Departments	All of York Region
33	York Region Abuse Program	Support to expand the Abuse Prevention Program which delivered theatrical and classroom presentations in six elementary and six high schools reaching an estimated 4,850 elementary school and over 650 high school students. The project also recruited, trained and supervised three intern therapists.	Abuse Program of York Region (also known as York Region Abuse Program)	All of York Region
34	York Region Street Outreach Van Program	The York Region Street Outreach Van provides mobile outreach services for homeless, at risk, street involved or those with mental illness. Utilizing a harm reduction model, street outreach workers and public health staff provide food, clothing, sleeping bags and assistance finding/accessing shelter, needle exchange, sexual health counselling/supplies, mental health and general health assessment, and referrals. This project served approximately 1,500 people. Additional funding in 2008 assisted the agency to set up at a fixed site and to extend services to 7 days a week with and east/west route.	LOFT/Crosslinks Housing & Support Services	All of York Region
35	Young Parent Program/ New Parenting and Personal Development program (2 projects)	These projects Implemented Young Parent Programs in Georgina, Richmond Hill and Newmarket to provide access to individual/ group counselling, and self help training to support the early transition to parenting. It also linked young mothers and provided referrals to additional resources. In October using additional funds, the Program expanded to Markham where services were provided each week through a Chinese speaking counsellor. A New Parenting and Personal Development program was implemented for young mothers who were involved with child welfare with at risk children. Over 50 families used the new programs.	Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers	All of York Region
36	Youth Recreation and Promotion Program	The agency developed and promoted activities designed to reach out to homeless youth in the north end of the region. Programs for life skills, social interaction skills and recreational activities were implemented for the benefit of 488 participants.	Salvation Army Sutton Youth Shelter	Georgina
37	Youth Volunteer for Youth	The project was designed to positively impact economically challenged newcomer youth and children through the implementation of innovative recreational activities, leadership/mentoring opportunities and experiences that low-income newcomer children would not normally be able to access. Volunteer students were available to tutor and mentor these vulnerable York Region youth. The train the trainer model introduced by the project will allow for this program to continue and to positively impact future generations of economically challenged newcomer youth. Approximately 230 youth participated in programs.	Jewish Family & Child Services	Vaughan