

Recommended One Year CDIF Purchase of Service Projects for 2009

No.	Agency and Project Name	Area in which Services are to be Purchased	Recommended Funding (\$)	Service Location
1	Jewish Family & Child Service – Family Resource Centre	Strengthens families and reduces the depth of child poverty by providing low income families, many of whom are newcomers, with culturally appropriate programs that facilitate settlement, reduce isolation, create linkages to the community, support parenting/care giving and provide accessible social, learning and recreational activities for children. The project addresses service gaps and reduces overlap by collaborating with partnering agencies in the creation and delivery of programs.	60,000	Vaughan, but open to all York Region residents
2	Blue Door Shelters – Enhancement for the YR Youth Shelter	This project aims to improve service delivery with the creation of a functional and ergonomically efficient work environment providing privacy for homeless clients and improve the health and safety of staff. The Shelter serves approximately 200 homeless and at risk youth annually.	3,971	Newmarket but open to all York Region youth
3	Family Services York Region – Families and Schools Together	Bring together low income families including recent immigrants, selected by local school personnel, to participate in 8 week sessions of specific, fun, research-based activities aimed at strengthening families, empowering parents and building supportive communities. The intent is to help children to succeed at home, at school, and in the community.	78,875	Schools across York Region
4	Georgina Trades Training Inc.- Sector Specific Credentials to Gain Employment	A pilot project to provide an integrated systemic approach to employment credentials for people entering occupations in the motive power, construction and service sectors. This program will combine literacy/numeracy assessment and upgrading, developing employability skills, acquiring job-related certifications, developing basic computer skills and building awareness of the job market.	46,400	Georgina
5	Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold/ Inn from the Cold Inc. – Out of the Cold	To alleviate poverty in York Region and relieve the demand for shelter beds by providing emergency overnight shelter, meals, clothing, basic health care and harm reduction services to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness during the winter season, November to April, four nights per week. Seven York Region Faith-Based Communities in Thornhill, Vaughan and Markham are participating. Two hundred and fifty volunteers provided this service to over 1,200 individuals last season.	155,095	York Region: shelters located in Markham, Thornhill & Vaughan

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6	The Training Renewal Foundation – Coffee and Vending Employment	Provide pre-employment and skills training to prepare Ontario Works candidates for careers as Coffee and Vending Services Workers. In partnership with YR Community and Health Services, Alfa Cappuccino Imports, the Coffee and Vending Service Association and the Canadian Automatic Merchandising Association, qualified unemployed OW recipients will receive pre-employment preparation, theoretical and hands-on skills training, work experience placements and employment.	46,425	Vaughan but open to all York Region residents
7	Jewish Family & Child Service – Youth Volunteer for Youth	An educational and recreational program that will engage high school and university newcomer students in supporting, leading and mentoring children and youth of newcomer and economically-challenged families. Training for youth counsellors and tutors will occur. The program will take place at the Jewish Family & Child Family Resource Centre. The program will benefit approximately 205 persons.	16,000	Vaughan, but open to all York Region residents
8	Future Possibilities Canada – Ready, Set, Goal	To deliver an increasing number of life skills & leadership development programs to York Region children & youth ages 8 to 14 from low income families attending Performance Plus schools. Future Possibilities for Kids (FPK) "KIDS" set & accomplish unique "Goals of Contribution" of benefit to themselves and their community, guided by adult volunteers.	80,000	Markham, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Vaughan, Newmarket
9	Krasman Centre – Application Support Worker	This program will assist homeless individuals who are on the long-term Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) waiting list and those at risk of homelessness due to ODSP decision delays. The worker will provide practical and emotional support, service referral and system navigation to the homeless and those at risk due to their uncertain income support status.	75,000	Richmond Hill but open to all York Region residents
10	Job Skills – New Beginnings for Newcomers	A project to assist a minimum of 80 unemployed or low income residents of York Region who are foreign-educated individuals to develop the skills and abilities they need to compete for employment within the Canadian labour market. The project will help clients develop a return-to-work action plan, Essential Skills Assessment and training in job-specific English, Canadian Workplace Expectations and Norms, as well as a job placement and follow-up.	130,000	Newmarket, but open to all York Region residents
11	The Cross-Cultural Community Services Association – Culinary Operations and Management Training	Provide job-specific skills training, as well as employment support, to 80 York Region residents that will enable them to find employment in the restaurant industry within four months of their completion of the training. Members of the Ontario Chinese Restaurants Association will hire all qualified graduates.	98,971	Markham, but specifically targets Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan

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12	Rehabilitation for the Disabled/Ontario March of Dimes	To deliver an Employment Services program to marginalized client groups in York Region (i.e. Ontario Works recipients, persons with disabilities, new immigrants), while addressing the retention need of the Retail Grocery sector employers. The program will provide participants with skills, knowledge and on-the-job work experience, and job placement.	120,043	Newmarket, but open to all York Region residents
13	Blue Door Shelters – Development Co-ordination for Homeless Women's Shelter	Development of a model and preferred site/property on which to establish an emergency homeless shelter to serve single women in York Region and embark on the necessary steps to secure the chosen site.	47,600	East Gwillimbury, but will benefit York Region female residents
14	YMCA of Greater Toronto – Expansion of YMCA After School program	Expand service from 3 days to 5 days in the after school program for children aged 6 to 12 years at Brayfield Manor, Mulock Gardens, and Ja'Fari Islamic Housing Cooperation. It will support parental employment while providing after school opportunities for children in a safe environment.	54,395	Newmarket & Richmond Hill
15	YMCA of Greater Toronto – PlayOn	Provide children and youth ages 6 to 16 years, living in low income cooperative housing communities, with the opportunity to participate in a recreational Drop-In Program, Try It You May Like It Skill Sessions, Character Development and YMCA Youth Leader Corp.	78,030	Aurora & Richmond Hill
16	Community Alliance for York Region Education – SLAPSHOT	Provide low income, newcomer children 8 to 12 years old living in Markham with a 4 week hockey program aimed at improving leadership skills, socialization, nutrition and health. On and off-ice activities in school gyms and arenas after school will give 100 low income, newcomer children a unique experience and help link them and their families with the community.	40,900	Markham
17	York Region Food Network – Co-ordinated Food Access	Coordinate food access for homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness by coordinating the efforts of agencies and groups that provide food services and procure additional food resources through solicitation and distribution of food and funds. This will be achieved through procuring food through existing and new channels, coordinating a stronger community response and working with partners to provide new food programs.	75,250	Newmarket, but open to all York Region residents

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18	Inn From The Cold Inc. – Inn from the Cold Inc.	To continue with the emergency overnight shelter program, providing food, and clothing as needed. Continue to work with other housing support groups offering transitional housing and expand our program to include employment search support. The temporary shelter is open from December to March, 4 nights a week, plus nights when the temperature drops to -15 degrees or lower. This agency served approximately 780 homeless during the last winter.	58,638	Primarily Newmarket and environs, but open to all York Region residents
19	Women's Centre of York Region – Bridging the Gap	Identify and give practical supports that bridge the gaps in support between the community services and programs for women at risk of homelessness. The principles of this program are: a focus on women, an element of choice, a learning or knowledge-based component, and effective community partnerships.	94,983	Newmarket, but open to all York Region residents
20	Big Brothers Big Sisters of York - Making Our BIG Family BIGGER	Create an electronic database and develop a communication strategy to re-engage with past participants to increase capacity to generate revenue, and increase volunteer base in order to increase services.	41,367	Newmarket
21	Youth Assisting Youth – York Region Group Mentoring Project	Ensure prompt entry into a comprehensive, group-mentored recreation program for at-risk and newcomer children on Youth Assisting Youth's (YAY) waiting list for a one-to-one mentor. Focus on engaging these youth in positive activities at school and in the community will turn them away from gangs, drugs and violence and help them to stay out of the youth justice system.	50,700	King and Thornhill but open to all York Region residents
22	JVS Toronto – YouthReach	To assist youth who are in conflict with the law to overcome barriers and achieve employment and/or educational success. Project will serve almost 100 youth.	95,760	Markham and Vaughan
23	Krasman Centre – Prevention/Drop in Worker	To provide practical, [preventative] support to people who are accessing the drop-in centre and who identify as homeless or at-risk of homelessness. A worker will be recruited who has had personal experience with homelessness or immediate risk, and therefore this project also serves as employment.	34,500	Richmond Hill but open to all York Region residents

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24	Skills for Change – Employment Preparation for Internationally Trained Accountants and Bookkeepers	Assist internationally trained accountants and bookkeepers to upgrade their technical and interpersonal skills, learn about Canadian work culture, labour market and job search strategies, certification and licensing process of their professions in Ontario, gain Canadian work experience and obtain meaningful employment.	134,564	Toronto, but this project is specifically for York Region residents
25	York Region Alliance to End Homelessness/Sage Centre – YRAEH Infrastructure Development	To enhance organizational infrastructure and sustainability of York Region Alliance to End Homelessness (YRAEH) to allow for a coordinated community response to homelessness in YR. The project will complete the YRAEH strategic planning process and write a business plan, develop a communications strategy, redesign the website and implement a formal membership strategy.	57,635	Newmarket, but will benefit all York Region residents
26	Community Alliance for York Region Education – Co-ordinating Early Learning and Parenting Supports	To provide services for low income families that improve the learning and social development of children and skills of parents. An Early Learning Specialist will provide monthly professional learning opportunities for staff from agencies delivering programs for young children to share with parents and will conduct site visits geared to the agencies and families at each multi-service site. The coordination of early learning, child care and parenting programs in low income communities will be supported.	63,812	York Region
27	Salvation Army Sutton Youth Shelter – YouthReach	To expand services to homeless and at-risk youth by offering workshops, training, life skills, access to computer lab and greater access to housing and employment support services. The drop-in Centre will provide a safe, supervised environment for social interactions with community members and peers. The Sutton Youth Shelter opened in March 2006 with 16 emergency and 10 transitional beds for youth between ages 16 and 24.	52,000	Georgina, but open to all York Region residents
28	Junior Achievement of Central Ontario York Region - Student Success in York Region	To deliver Junior Achievement programs Grade 7 'Dollars with Sense' and Grade 8 'Economics of Staying in School' to students of 60 middle schools in York Region to help them develop critical business and life skills.	65,000	York Region - specifically Markham, Vaughan, Newmarket, Aurora, Georgina, Stouffville
29	Canadian Mental Health Association – Community Development Project	Using a community development model the project will facilitate both inter- and intra-community activities in Housing York Inc. (HYI) to enhance residents' abilities to support each other and their communities, creating an environment for positive change. This project has been serving three HYI communities with an estimated 765 residents.	86,000	Georgina and Newmarket

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30	York Professional Care & Education – Communication Enhancement	To achieve more effective communication with families and the Region of York through Internet access at each child care site in York Region operated by the agency.	27,078	Newmarket but will improve service to York Region residents
31	Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women - South Asian Case Management Project	To connect low income South Asians living in Vaughan to existing individual and family services. This will reduce social isolation and help support integration into the community.	56,050	Vaughan
32	Blue Door Shelters – Service Delivery Improvement	To improve service delivery to homeless residents and those at risk of being homeless in York Region by building staff competencies through training to meet the changing needs of clients. To also develop a standardized performance management system to assist in the recruitment and retention of qualified staff. The agency serves over 1,000 clients annually.	48,000	East Gwillimbury but will benefit all residents of York Region
33	Literacy Council York-Simcoe – Employment and Empowerment	To provide literacy and essential skills upgrading, computer training and soft skills enhancement to improve the opportunity for under- and unemployed adult residents of York-Simcoe to gain or maintain employment.	52,582	Newmarket, but open to all York Region residents
34	Girls Incorporated of York Region – Operation Smart	Improve child and youth outcomes by helping families with financial barriers gain access to the economic opportunities, formal and informal supports, and community-based services that they need to raise their children.	15,540	Georgina, Richmond Hill, Newmarket
		Total – 34 Projects	2,241,164	