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## Social and Community Investment Fund 2023 Program Eligibility Guidelines

To apply to the Social and Community Investment Fund (SCIF), your non-profit incorporated agency must provide information that demonstrates the project will meet all SCIF Program objectives. SCIF is intended to provide opportunities for individuals and households living with low-income through community programs.

The goals of the SCIF program are:

1. To support projects that address services and resources that target core needs for people living in poverty.
2. To address the 2023 SCIF theme pressures identified in the social service sector.

SCIF supports community-based initiatives that address poverty based on the 2023 SCIF themes. The 2023 SCIF themes are:

- 1. Food security:** Food programs that serve and support individuals and households facing food insecurity. Program examples could include, but are not limited to emergency food, food literacy and food delivery. Program(s) must demonstrate support and alignment with the Simcoe County Food Security Framework and avoid duplicate services.
- 2. Needs of Immigrant Families and Individuals:** Coordinated service and delivery of settlement supports and programs for newcomers to Canada that support their integration into Simcoe County communities. Programs must target core needs for Immigrants and Newcomers living in poverty.
- 3. Vulnerable families:** Program and services to support vulnerable families/households with education, parenting, resources and access to health services. Programs must target core needs for vulnerable families in Simcoe County.
- 4. Basic needs:** Services would target core needs of people living in poverty. Examples: housing stability, system navigation, food access, well-being and social inclusion and supports.



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1. Innovative projects that focus on and fit within a 2023 SCIF theme.
2. Community-driven partnerships and collaborations to deliver programs and services, including preventative measures, for individuals and households living with low-income in Simcoe County.
3. Inclusive service strategies to help break down the cycle of poverty for individuals and households.
4. Strength-based approach to interventions and other community development approaches.
5. Opportunities to enhance a culture of health, well-being and sense of community.
6. Partnership through data and program evaluation that demonstrates collective impact and sustainability.
7. Supports that enable access to services including translated marketing and outreach materials, and interpretation and translation supports for intake and service delivery.
8. Demonstrated collaborations that augment existing services and are not delivering a duplicate program.

Poverty is a complex issue and resources are **limited**, therefore only submissions clearly meeting SCIF eligibility and outcomes will be considered. Funding will be allocated to projects for a one-year period. This is not annualized funding. The SCIF program will be reviewed annually. Applicants must clearly demonstrate that they have pursued other sources of related funding to address limited resources available.

### SCIF Application Eligibility

- Your agency must be incorporated as a non-profit organization with a project mandate to provide opportunities for individuals and households living with low-income through community programs within a priority area.
- Application submission must demonstrate proof of \$5,000,000 General Liability Insurance.



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### In addition, all SCIF applications should:

- Describe well planned activities to achieve anticipated results;
- Provide a clear explanation of how required project funding goals are addressed;
- Demonstrate community partnerships, collaborations, and system linkages;
- Demonstrate and meet service gaps and needs;
- Demonstrate significant agency sustainability and stewardship;
- Demonstrate clear and achievable objectives;
- Demonstrate long-term community impacts and outcomes;
- Recognize and demonstrate inclusive service strategies to households with cultural and linguistic needs;
- Include all funding sources for the submitted project and demonstrate that another Ministry or funder is not more suited to this proposal; and
- Not duplicate existing services unless it can be demonstrated that such duplication is required.

The proposal must be submitted by an incorporated sponsoring agency willing to assume accountability for the funds.

### SCIF Application Process

Only fully completed applications will be considered for funding. **All applications must be electronically submitted to the County of Simcoe, Social and Community Services Division.** An internal County of Simcoe staff committee will review all submissions, and further recommend to the Committee of the Whole of County Council which projects should be awarded funding. Project recommendations will be pending the ratification of approvals by County Council.

Funding proposals are to be submitted no later than **Friday September 30, 2022 by 4:30 pm.**

**Applications received after this time will not be accepted.** Please allow time for electronic processing as the time received will be the time accepted.

Municipalities and Cities are not eligible to apply.

Submission of an application does not guarantee funding in full or in part.