The County of Simcoe’s Social and Community Services administers a Social and Community Investment Fund to help local organizations develop community-based initiatives that address poverty and homelessness.

It is recognized that a continuum of supports is the ideal approach for a combination of crisis intervention and preventative measures when addressing poverty and homelessness. The amount of funding available may change from year to year. In 2015, the County of Simcoe allocated $1.8 million. A community-based allocations committee is used to help review and make project funding recommendations for County Council consideration.

The Social and Community Investment Fund application form streamlines the process using the following three funding streams: the Social Assistance Restructuring Reinvestment Fund (SARR), the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI), and the Homelessness Partnership Fund (HPF).

Agencies may apply for more than one funding stream per project. The next application will be posted early Summer 2015 for 2016 funding considerations.

Agencies and programs receiving funding in 2015

**Housing Services**
- Housing Resource Centre (Collingwood and Area)
- Housing Resource Centre (Orillia and Area)
- Simcoe Community Services - Barrie Housing Support Services (Barrie and Area)
- CONTACT - Housing Help Centre (South Simcoe and Area)
- Community Reach - Housing Services (Midland and Area)

**Transitional Housing Coalition Programs**
- Home Horizon Georgian Triangle Residential Services (Collingwood)
- Couchiching Jubilee House (Orillia)
- Samaritan House (Barrie)
- Shelter Now (Midland)
- Biminaawzogin Regional Aboriginal Women’s Circle (Orillia)

**Homelessness Community Services**
- After-Care Caseworker (Salvation Army - Barrie)
- Community Meals Program (Salvation Army - Barrie)
- Crisis Aftercare and Recovery Enhancement (CARE) Project (Canadian Mental Health Association Simcoe Branch - Barrie)
- Central Intake and Assessment (The David Busby Street Centre - Barrie)
Homelessness Community Services cont’d
- Mobile Outreach Program (The David Busby Street Centre - Barrie)
- Clinical Case Management Program (The David Busby Street Centre - Barrie)
- BOOTC Community Evolution (Barrie Out of the Cold - Barrie)
- Trusteeship Program (Elizabeth Fry Society - Barrie)
- Mobile Counselling/Life Skills (Youth Haven - Barrie)
- Street Outreach Ministry (Salvation Army - Midland)
- The Guesthouse Shelter (Out of the Cold - Midland)
- Community Meals and Drop-In Services (Lighthouse - Orillia)

Child and Family Supports
- Bebminot - Protector of Children (Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle)
- Integration to Canadian Society Program (Bradford Immigrant & Community Services)
- Health Star (YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka)
- Next Step Program (Catulpa Community Support Services/CAPC)
- Simcoe County Young Parent Program (Catulpa Community Support Services/CAPC)
- Children’s Program Team (Catulpa Community Support Services/CAPC)
- Independent living Skills Program (Breaking Down Barriers)

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