



2016

Social and Community Investment Fund

BULLETIN

The County of Simcoe provides a Social and Community Investment Fund (SCIF) to help local organizations develop community-based initiatives that address poverty.

SCIF is intended to provide opportunities for low-income families through community programs. The goals of the SCIF program are:

1. to support external programs that address services for low income families, particularly those in receipt of social assistance

2. to address pressures identified in the social service sector.

It is recognized that a continuum of supports is an ideal approach for a combination of interventions and preventative measures when addressing poverty.

The amount of funding available may change from year to year. A community-based allocations committee is used to help review and make project funding recommendations for County Council consideration.

Agencies and programs receiving funding in 2016

Poverty Reduction Projects:

- Independent living Skills Program (Breaking Down Barriers)
- Integration to Canadian Society Program (Bradford Immigrant & Community Services)
- Health Star (YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka)
- Ambe Tigadaw - Let's Grow Together (Orillia Native Women's Group)
- 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)
- Making a Difference Together (The Sharing Place Food Bank)
- Youth Reach (YMCA of Simcoe Muskoka)
- Trans Employment Services Program (The Gilbert Centre)
- Voluntary Trustee Program (The David Busby Street Centre)
- Bebminot - Protector of Children (Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle)

SCIF Program Guidelines are based on the following eligibility criteria:

- Innovative projects that focus on prevention and community partnerships and collaborations to deliver programs and services for residents living on low-income in Simcoe County (examples could include community hub models)
- Inclusive service strategies to help break down the cycle of poverty for children, youth, adults and families
- Strength-based approach to interventions and other community development approaches
- Opportunities to enhance a culture of health and well-being
- Partnerships through data and program evaluation that demonstrates collective impact and sustainability



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