

2023 Social and Community Investment Fund (SCIF) Allocations

Project Name	Lead Agency	Program Mandate	2023 SCIF Funding	Location
Transportation linking Communities	Community Reach North Simcoe	Ensures that people without transportation and low income can access the programs and services needed to participate fully in community life. Transportation Linking Communities provides rides that help people to remain independent and age in place, create and maintain social connections and improve their physical and mental health.	\$50,000.00	Midland/Penetanguishene and area
QT Youth Connection	The Gilbert Centre for Social and Support Services	QT Youth Connection is a drop-in for queer, transgender, and questioning youth aged 12 to 20 in Simcoe County that provides youth with access to supportive spaces and activities in order to build resilience by reducing social isolation and related mental health impacts. The parenting support is an initiative to address the root of one of the root causes of LGBTQ youth homelessness - the lack of family support.	\$65,000.00	County wide
Program Access Grant	Simcoe County Youth Reach	Youth Reach's mission is to have a transformative impact on youths in Simcoe County through recreation, play and sports. They provide opportunities for children and youths living in low income families who cannot afford registration fees to participate in extra curricular activities that support their healthy development.	\$50,000.00	County wide
Rx Food	The Karma project Community Food Co-Operative Inc	Rx Food aims to close the food gap in the North Simcoe area, by increasing the distribution of and access to fresh, healthy, and affordable foods for vulnerable populations. This concept sees health care providers recommending a monthly supply of fresh and healthy fruits and vegetables, as a complement to a patient's regular health care routines.	\$80,000.00	Midland/Penetanguishene and area
Integration to Canadian Society Program	Bradford Immigrant and Community Services	Providing services that address gaps and settlement needs and best practices for Newcomers and Immigrant adults and children in Simcoe County via online platforms, telephone, email and in person.	\$40,000.00	Bradford/Innisfil and area. County wide
Reach Out and Touch Someone	Askennonia Senior Centre	To provide one on one supports for seniors (55 plus) with a specific emphasis on vulnerable and marginalized individuals facing increased barriers to navigate health and social systems within their local communities.	\$70,000.00	Midland/Penetanguishene and area
South Simcoe Peer Support Outreach Program	Lance Krasman Memorial Centre for Community Mental Health	The Peer Support Outreach Program provides peer support to individuals who are experiencing mental health and/or addictions challenges, and are experiencing low income, in areas of South Simcoe. This program will continue to increase access to peer support-based connections to promote recovery, personal growth, and self-determination and will facilitate increased access to basic needs for participants.	\$50,000.00	Alliston area, Bradford/Innisfil area
Operation Grow	Huronian Transition Homes	Operation Grow is a social enterprise holistically designed to address poverty, food scarcity, food de-skilling, social exclusion and the impacts of trauma for women who have experienced violence. Acting as a community hub, Operation Grow integrates a vertical farm, inspected kitchen, retail space, yoga and mediation studio, meeting rooms and shower and laundry facilities to provide dynamic much needed supports to marginalized women in the North Simcoe Community.	\$90,000.00	Midland/Penetanguishene and area
CAPC-Next step program	Simcoe County CAPC c/o Catulpa Community Support Services	The Next Step program addresses child poverty by providing weekly programs across the county to vulnerable low-income parents and their children ages 0-36 months. Participants receive a variety of resources each week, which include grocery gift cards, fresh produce, health information, developmental screening, support and referrals to other services within their community.	\$120,000.00	County wide
CAPC-Young Parent Program	Simcoe County CAPC c/o Catulpa Community Support Services	To support vulnerable young parents and their children. The program addresses teen and young parent poverty and related challenges experienced by young parents. The program provides resources and supports to pregnant/parenting teens and young parents across the county.	\$120,000.00	County wide
CAPC-Children's programs	Simcoe County CAPC c/o Catulpa Community Support Services	CAPC children's program fills a gap in services for vulnerable families living in poverty by reducing the effects of child poverty by providing quality programming and resources to children age 1 to 6, providing supportive job readiness and employment opportunities to past participants, and low income women, and delivering children's activity kits.	\$25,000.00	County wide
Bebminot (Protector of children)	Barrie area Native Advisory Circle (BANAC)	The Bebminot Family Wellness program is committed to developing, supporting and delivering programs will promote the health and well-being of Indigenous children, families and communities or those at risk of experiencing the effects of poverty, in a safe and inclusive environment, and also support the provision of better opportunities for low income families.	\$90,000.00	County wide
The Healthy Food Experience Project (HFEP)	The Sharing Place Food Centre (TSPFC)	The Healthy Food Experience project takes a strength based, responsive approach to local household food security by supporting low income/no income individuals, families and elementary school students in accessing nutritious food and making healthy food choices.	\$75,000.00	Orillia and area
Furniture Bank by Redwood	Redwood Park Communities	Working in conjunction with Community Partners, the furniture bank distributes donated furniture into the homes of individuals and families experiencing furniture poverty.	\$55,000.00	County wide
Ambe Tigadaw Program	The Orillia Native Women's Group	The Ambe Tigadaw mandate is to build the capacity and develop understanding about local food production along with coordinating sustainability initiatives for the Indigenous community of Simcoe County through a network of support in order to reduce poverty, food insecurity and educate individuals and families about traditional and non-traditional food sources.	\$35,000.00	County wide
Include NEW: Newcomer Outreach & Inclusion	Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County	This program provides outreach services to local newcomers and refugees to build connections and reduce social isolation. Include NEW will assist newcomer individuals and families to become familiar with community resources and establish supportive social networks to foster community participation.	\$75,000.00	Barrie and area; Collingwood/Wasaga Beach and area.; Midland/Penetanguishene and area; Orillia and area
Project: Cover Up!	Barrie Families Unite	Project: Cover Up! Provides free seasonal clothing support to low income families. This program will focus on seasonal pop up shops with winter outdoor and summer clothing.	\$50,000.00	Barrie and area
Urban Pantry Program	Canadian Mental Health Association, Simcoe County Branch	The Urban Pantry program supports low-income individuals and families with mental health and/or addiction issues by providing access to nutritious food, food skills education, community gardens and life skill volunteer opportunities.	\$50,000.00	Barrie and area
Weekly Groceries Backpack Program	Collingwood Collegiate Institute	This project addresses the challenge of food insecurity by offering weekly grocery backpacks to students and their families in the Collingwood area.	\$10,000.00	Collingwood/Wasaga Beach and area