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# Social and Community Investment Fund 2024 Program Eligibility Guide

To apply to the Social and Community Investment Fund (SCIF), your organization must provide information that demonstrates the project will meet all SCIF program objectives. SCIF is intended to provide opportunities for low-income families through community programs.

## The goals of the SCIF program are:

1. To support projects that provide direct delivery of services and resources that target core needs and address gaps for people living in poverty in Simcoe County.
2. To address the 2024 Social and Community Investment Fund (SCIF) priorities.

SCIF supports community-based initiatives that align with the pillars of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy. The strategy can be found at: [National Poverty Reduction Strategy](#)

## The 2024 SCIF themes are:

1. **Dignity:** Lifting Canadians out of poverty by ensuring basic needs are being met. Examples of programs under this priority could include but are not limited to: food insecurity, system navigation or access to basic needs.
2. **Opportunity and Inclusion:** Helping Canadians join the middle class by promoting full participation in society and equality of opportunity. Project applications under this theme could include but are not limited to: supporting vulnerable populations (Indigenous peoples, seniors, immigrants, racialized populations, 2SLGBTQ+, children, youth, people with disabilities, people experiencing mental health and addictions, and working low-income individuals) or essential skills training such as literacy and numeracy skills.
3. **Resilience and Security:** Supporting the middle class by protecting Canadians from falling into poverty and by supporting income security and resilience. Examples of programs under this priority could include but are not limited to: employment skills or support training, living wage initiatives, or financial learning.

**All SCIF applications should:**

- Demonstrate and meet service gaps and needs;
- Include all funding sources for the submitted project and demonstrate that another Ministry or funder is not more suited to this proposal;
- Demonstrate long-term community impacts and outcomes;
- Demonstrate community partnerships, collaborations and system linkages;
- Demonstrate significant agency sustainability and stewardship;
- Recognize and demonstrate inclusive service strategies to households with cultural and linguistic needs and;
- Not duplicate existing services

**SCIF Application Process:**

Only fully completed applications will be considered for funding. All applications must be submitted through the online application form. Budget sheets and a letter of community partnerships are to be submitted as supplementary documents to [CommunityServicesDepartment@simcoe.ca](mailto:CommunityServicesDepartment@simcoe.ca).

County of Simcoe staff review all submissions and make recommendations on successful projects and funding allocations to County Council. Project recommendations will be pending the ratification of approvals by County Council.

Merit based two year funding agreements will be considered for the 2024 SCIF year. For consideration for two year funding agreements, applicants must have a proven SCIF record of successfully managing funding, meeting project targets, and punctual reporting.

The online application period will be available from July 10 to August 24 2023. Applications received after this time will not be accepted.

Municipalities and Cities are not eligible to apply.

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