2019 Social and Community Investment Fund (SCIF) Allocations

Project Name	Lead Agency	Project Description	2019 SCIF Funding
Integration to Canadian Society	Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS)	Empower, support, and integrate newcomers (children and parents) to Canadian society in collaboration with community partners. Provide opportunities for newcomers to volunteer and work within our programs to gain Canadian work experience.	\$50,000.00
YouthReach Program Access Grants	Simcoe County YouthReach	No youth in Simcoe County will be prevented from participating in enriching extra-curricular activities because of financial and other barriers.	\$36,000.00
Bebminot (Protector of Children)	Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle	The Bebminot Family Wellness program is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of Indigenous/Metis children, youth, families, and communities. To support the provision of better opportunities for low-income families	\$140,760.00
Health STAR	YMCA Simcoe Muskoka	Health STAR (Strengthening Through Active Recreation) is a community development initiative that seeks to engage lower income children and youth in recreational activities while building upon the resources inherent in sport to potentially improve outcomes in their health, education, income level, and social development, while reducing the potential risks associated with living in poverty.	\$35,000.00
CAPC Young Parent Program	Simcoe County CAPC c/o Catulpa Community Support Services	This project addresses child poverty by providing resources and supports to pregnant/parenting teens and young parents across the county. We do this through targeted outreach efforts to high schools, alternative schools and high need areas in the community where youth congregate.	\$191,450.00
CAPC Children's Program	Simcoe County CAPC c/o Catulpa Community Support Services	Reducing the effects of child poverty by providing quality programming and resources to children ages 1-6, who are from low income, young and/or new to Canada. Providing supportive job readiness and employment opportunities to past participants and low-income women that will assist them in building their self-confidence and gaining valuable employment skills and experience.	\$63,650.00
Simcoe County 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 low-income women and their children ages 0-36 months. Participants receive a variety of resources each week which include grocery gift cards, fresh produce, milk vouchers, health information, developmental screening, support and referrals to other services within their community.	\$198,900.00
LGBTQ Youth Connection	The Gilbert Centre for Social and Support Services	LGBTQ Youth Connection is a drop-in for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth aged 12 to 22 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 program runs workshops for parents of the LGBTQ youth to increase coping strategies and/or enhanced parenting skills.	\$48,640.00
Ambe Tigadaw Community Garden Collective	Orillia Native Women's Group	Build capacity and to develop, understand and coordinate local food production for the Indigenous community of Simcoe County through a coordinated network of support in order to reduce poverty and food insecurity and to educate individuals about non-traditional sources of food.	\$56,100.00
Operation Grow	Huronia Transition Homes	Operation Grow is a social enterprise holistically designed to address poverty, food scarcity, de- skilling, social exclusion, and the impacts of trauma for women with a lived experience of violence.	\$110,000.00
The Healthy Food Experience Project	The Sharing Place	Strengths-based approach to local household food security in Orillia and surrounding area by supporting low income/no income individuals and families in accessing nutritious food and making healthy food choices.	\$55,000.00
Transportation Linking Communities (TLC)	Community Reach North Simcoe	Ensure people without transportation can access the programs and services needed to participate fully in community life, providing rides that help people to remain independent and age in place, create and maintain social connections and improve their physical and mental health.	\$89,152.00
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