

2019 Niagara Prosperity Initiatives

Regional

Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Funding Stream	Contract
Gateway Residential & Community Support Services of Niagara Inc.	Niagara Outreach Worker	Two Street Outreach Workers will provide mobile services and supports to some of our communities' most vulnerable and disadvantaged citizens. The Outreach Workers will establish a presence, build rapport, assess need and provide or connect services to people who are at urgent risk of becoming homeless and those who are chronically or persistently homeless.	Housing – Outreach	\$115,196
Canadian Mental Health Association Niagara Branch	Mental Health and Addictions Coach Project	CMHA Niagara and Community Addiction Services Niagara are collaborating with YWCA Niagara shelters to employ full-time Mental Health & Addiction Coaches. The Coaches support individuals in YWCA shelters who are experiencing mental health and addiction issues that interfere with their ability to find and maintain housing and employment, and help them develop a connection to their community.	Health – Mental Health Outreach	\$136,037
John Howard Society of Niagara	Strengthening Families for the Future	This Canadian best practice project supports families and children of all ages who may be at risk for mental health issues and substance use. The program includes individual sessions (parent, teen, children and child care) followed by family sessions. Sessions include role play and interactive activities to promote problem solving and communication skills. Families learn healthy strategies and work on improving the family dynamic.	Health – Children	\$53,262
Community Care St. Catharines and Thorold	Brushed Aside 2019	This project provides access to dental care services and dentures for adults in need of treatment. Community Care is the lead agency working with 5 partners across Niagara leveraging resources and accepting referrals from other community agencies & services.	Health - Dental	\$184,192
Employment Help Centre	Niagara Community Garden Makers Program	In collaboration with Start Me Up Niagara (SMUN), this project will offer an employment skills training program and market gardening social enterprise for youth and adults. Clients will gain employment training and experience, practical skills, create marketable products from garden-grown items, develop self-esteem and cultivate social support networks through community gardening.	Employment – Social Enterprise	\$35,264
Heartland Forest Nature Experience	Employ-Ability Skills for Adults with Disabilities	Heartland Forest is offering structured and goal oriented work experience programs for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through the development of employ-ability skills and the exploration of social procurement strategies. Working with local businesses and seniors' homes will leverage the skills of participants into a self-sustaining program.	Employment – Social Enterprise	\$65,533

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Niagara Furniture Bank	Niagara Furniture Bank Training and Skill Development Centre	The Niagara Furniture Bank warehouse is used as a "class room" for clients of Start Me Up Niagara (SMUN). The training options include warehouse logistics, warehouse maintenance, inventory, janitorial, fleet maintenance, woodworking repair and reception/scheduling. The training is supported by an onsite job developer provided by SMUN employment centre.	Employment – Social Enterprise	\$53,064
RAFT	Fresh Paint	This social enterprise project provides at-risk youth opportunity to work with experienced contractors to complete unit turn-over preparation for Niagara Regional Housing. Unit turn-over requires youth to clean, repair, and paint the units. Youth will be paid competitive wages and gain employment experience and training, while working with Youth Reconnect to ensure they are making healthy life choices and are supported to remain housed and connected to their community.	Employment – Social Enterprise	\$71,572

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Start Me Up Niagara	The Niagara Rooming House Project	This project assists landlords and tenants with practical support to ensure issues that negatively impact tenancy in single room occupancy dwellings are addressed. By supporting seniors with complex needs and clients with mental health concerns, the goal is to reduce evictions and maintain the availability of single room occupancy dwellings as part of housing stock.	Housing – Prevention	\$55,231
Westview Christian Fellowship	Westview @ Night	On Thursday evenings, this project offers support to sex trade workers and those struggling with addiction by providing a nutritious hot meal, supplies (fem. Protection, condoms, etc.), clothing, advocacy and a safe place to share concerns. This project offers services without judgment to women who often fall between the cracks and struggle with acceptance by others in the community.	Health – Mental Health Outreach	\$13,200
Strive Niagara	Moving Forward	This project will provide unique, trauma-informed, customized individual and group interventions including information, education/skills building, referral and expert support to teenage parents across Niagara. Participants will experience greater immediate stabilization and improved outcomes for long-term success through early intervention to break the cycle of generational poverty.	Health – Children	\$23,862

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Links for Greener Learning	The Good Food Box	The Good Food Box project aims to increase the use of fresh food in daily meals. Our priority is to reach communities with barriers to accessing fresh and affordable produce by providing low cost and high value monthly fresh produce boxes to households across Niagara.	Health – Food	\$9,928
Food4Kids Niagara	Weekends Without Hunger	Building on the success of our current model, this project will expand the weekend program to reach an additional 60 children in 4 schools that are experiencing food insecurity. Children who are economically vulnerable will have their basic nourishment needs met by increasing access to healthy foods and reducing barriers to access of food on a consistent basis.	Health – Food	\$12,943
Southridge Shelter	Southridge Jam Company	This social enterprise produces and sells small-batch jams and jellies while providing individuals who are transitioning from homelessness with stability, purpose and positive momentum from job and life skills training. Profits from the social enterprise contribute to funding of Niagara's largest provider of homelessness services.	Employment – Social Enterprise	\$35,588
Westview Christian Fellowship	Westview Centre4Women	Westview Centre4Women opens doors and reduces isolation for women living in poverty through workshops, mentoring, compassion and advocacy. Services include hot meals, pantry access, laundry services, literacy classes, education, employment / housing support, haircuts, hygiene, free clothing, income tax classes, field trips and many other services.	Neighbourhood – Sense of Belonging	\$77,506
Westview Christian Fellowship	Community Champions	This train-the-trainer project invites local experts from the community to teach participants to become future "Community Champions" who will in turn assist other participants. By bringing their life experience and knowledge, the "Community Champions" will provide support and connection to increase the capacity of the Westview Centre4Women to delivery quality service.	Neighbourhood – Creating Leaders	\$84,982

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Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre	Housing Coordinator	The Housing Coordinator will serve newcomer clients to facilitate the housing transition into permanent housing. The project will reduce the risk of newcomers falling into precarious housing or homelessness by providing intake support, promoting self-reliance, educating about housing/renting in Canada, and supporting clients through the process of finding, securing, and maintaining stable housing.	Housing – Stability	\$39,576
The Hope Centre	Return 2 Hope Counselling Program	This project will offer free, high quality counselling service to individuals without access to affordable mental health services. Group and individual counseling sessions will be offered by a registered psychotherapist and is essential to successfully facilitating growth and change to reduce the impact of past trauma and other root causes of homelessness.	Health – Mental Health Outreach	\$53,460
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Centre de santé communautaire Hamilton / Niagara	Youth Summer Sports Camp- YSSC	This free sports camp will increase the emotional health and wellbeing for Francophone children aged 7 to 13 from low-income families. The safe and inclusive project will be offered over an 8-week period and will include healthy snacks, lunches prepared by the participants with our dietitian, sports fundamentals, structured outings, yoga, meditation, etc.	Health – Children	\$31,680
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Project SHARE of Niagara Falls Inc.	Intensive Case-management	An Intensive Case Facilitator specializing in mental health and addictions will help individuals who are chronically homeless find stable housing. They will work one-on-one to address the needs of client with multiple barriers to provide support, accountability, community referrals and advocate for the client in their search for stable housing.	Housing – Prevention	\$52,235
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Third Space Cafe	Building Community on Queen	This social enterprise builds community and provides an inclusive workplace for those who face barriers to employment because of physical, cognitive, and invisible disabilities. Through our suspended coffee program, customers can pay-it-forward to give free food or drink to anyone in need.	Neighbourhood – Sense of Belonging	\$32,050

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Community Living Port Colborne~Wainfleet	With My Friends	"With My Friends" is an opportunity for children, from low income families to attend summer camps at Heartland Forest, I CANTER or YMCA summer camp during July and August 2019. Children at camp will increase self confidence and self esteem, decrease isolation and improve communication skills.	Neighbourhood – Sense of Belonging	\$7,920

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Grimsby

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Grimsby Benevolent Fund	Rental Assistance Service	The Rental Assistance Service provides eligible, low-income households with assistance to help with monthly rent payments in the private market. The program provides one-time rent assistance for people facing eviction and subsidy for people paying more than 30% of their total income on rent.	Housing – Prevention	\$35,000

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West Lincoln

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Fort	Helping West Niagara Youth	The FORT will continue to offer free after-school and summer programming, resources, and guidance in Smithville. This project will build on the effective programs in West Lincoln that help youth stay in school, get jobs, or receive support with mental health and crisis intervention.	Neighbourhood – Sense of Belonging	\$40,234