# Niagara Prosperity Initiative

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Established 2008

Annual investment of \$1.5 million to support poverty reduction, help build capacity, improve quality of life for residents living in poverty.





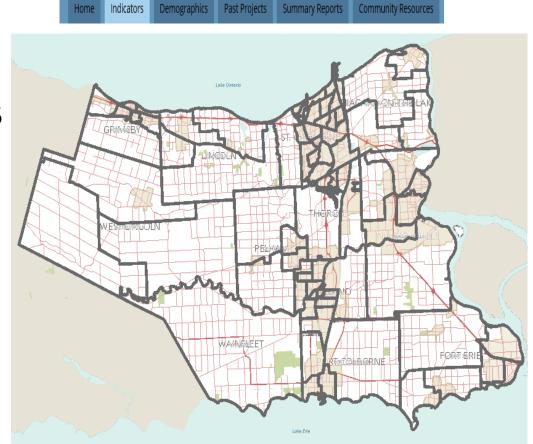
## Goals of Niagara Prosperity Initiative

- Guide and direct investment on identified initiatives to alleviate poverty in neighbourhoods across Niagara.
- Engage people living in poverty in meaningful ways to ensure that investments reflect need.
- Develop and enhance collaborative relationships between stakeholders.



## **Neighbourhood Based Interventions**

- 74 neighbourhoods
- 362 projects
- 85 different agencies
- 100,000 people





#### Administration

Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities

• Oversight and leadership

United Way Niagara – Secretariat

• Issue RFP, manage applications, chair Review Committee, manage / monitor programs

Niagara Community Foundation – Convenor

 Build partnerships within community and support Niagara Poverty Reduction Network



## **Funding Process**

Independent Review Committee

 Business sector, government, students, community leaders, people living in poverty, and members of PHSSC

#### Scoring system

• Alignment with NPI criteria, objectives, impact on individuals and community

Call for three volunteers

• PHSSC for a four-year term



#### **Research Project**

- Three-year research project funded by province's Local Poverty Reduction Fund
- Partnership with Brock University
- Report early 2021 state of poverty, analysis on impacts, outcomes, efficacy of NPI, recommendations on best practices moving forward



#### Niagara Prosperity Initiative 10th anniversary video

