
MEMORANDUM

COM-C 13-2020

Subject: 2019-RFP-305 – Prevention Request for Proposal (RFP) Award Results
Date: May 12, 2020
To: Public Health and Social Services Committee
From: Adrienne Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services

The review of 2019-RFP-305 – Prevention was conducted as outlined in COM 29-2019 for the funding period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023. The selection process was undertaken by an Evaluation Review Committee, which included representation from external community members and staff members from Niagara Region Finance and Community Services. Niagara Region staff have now completed negotiations of 2019-RFP-305 – Prevention, and the results of the evaluation of proposals are as follows:

Successful agencies:

1. Bethlehem Housing & Support Services
2. Community Care St. Catharines*
3. Port Colborne Community Association for Resource Extensions (Port Cares)
4. Niagara Resource Service for Youth (The RAFT)
5. Youth Resources Niagara

*Community Care St. Catharines is the lead agency in a consortium including Community Care West Niagara, Project S.H.A.R.E. and The Hope Center

Successful programs include: shelter system diversion, youth programs, trusteeship, ID (identification) clinic, support to secure and retain housing and eviction prevention.

Prevention programs will engage and collaborate with individuals and families in imminent risk of experiencing homelessness to maintain their housing or obtain new housing without becoming homeless. In addition, programs provide those who have been homeless with the necessary resources and supports to stabilize their housing, enhance integration and social inclusion, and ultimately reduce the risk of the recurrence of homelessness.

Prevention refers to interventions that reduce the likelihood someone will experience homelessness by ensuring people do not lose their homes and their housing situation is not precarious. Prevention can stop people from entering homelessness or reduce the

likelihood of a return to homelessness after exit. For an intervention to be considered homelessness prevention, it must be linked to continued or immediate access to housing.

Council is receiving this memo for information as the awarded value of this RFP falls within staff's delegated authority as per the Procurement By-Law. Consistent with the Negotiated RFP process, Niagara Region staff negotiated with five agencies to ensure standardized levels of service, training opportunities for staff and to be able to award agencies within the 2020 approved budget.

Respectfully submitted and signed by:

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Commissioner