
MEMORANDUM

COM-C 14-2020

Subject: 2020 RFPQ-08 – Niagara Emergency Energy Fund (NEEF) Request for Pre-Qualification Award Results

Date: May 12, 2020

To: Public Health and Social Services Committee

From: Adrienne Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services

A Request for Pre-Qualification 2020 RFPQ-08 – Niagara Emergency Energy Fund (NEEF) closed on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. All agencies who submitted have met the mandatory eligibility requirements of 2020-RFPQ-08 – Niagara Emergency Energy Fund (NEEF). The pre-qualified agencies are as follows:

Pre-qualified agencies:

1. Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold
2. Community Care of West Niagara
3. Port Colborne Community Association of Resource Extension (Port Cares)
4. Project Share
5. The Hope Center
6. The Salvation Army, Fort Erie Community & Family Services*

* In partnership with The Salvation Army Booth Centre

The prequalified agencies will administer the Niagara Emergency Energy Fund NEEF to assist low-income families including social assistance recipients (Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)) with energy related emergencies. The Niagara Emergency Energy Fund (NEEF) is designed to cover urgent costs for electricity, natural gas/ oil and other forms of energy. Funding is limited to payment of arrears, security deposits and reconnection fees. Emergency assistance from this fund is paid directly to the energy provider.

Council is receiving this memo for information as the awarded value of this RFPQ falls within staff's delegated authority as per the Procurement By-Law. Consistent with the RFPQ process, Niagara Region staff pre-qualified six agencies who met the Mandatory Requirements to administer the funding and will do so within the 2020 approved budget.

Respectfully submitted and signed by:

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Commissioner