

## Appendix 1– 2020 Niagara Prosperity Initiatives

### Regional

| Agency   | Project Name                                       | Project Description  | Funding Stream                  | Contract  |
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| Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)        | Mental Health & 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 | \$118,905 |
| Community Care St. Catharines and Thorold        | Brushed Aside 2020                                 | This program funds either the dental needs of individuals who are ineligible for publicly funded programs, or the unfunded portion of those who are eligible. Community Care is the lead agency working with five partners across Niagara. The maximum annual allotment per client is \$1000.  | Health - Dental                 | \$139,586 |
| Gateway Residential & Community Support Services | Niagara Outreach Worker                            | This project will enhance “Assertive Street Outreach” services throughout the Niagara Region with the addition of a “Dual Diagnosis Outreach Specialist” which will enhance current service delivery and will include additional week-end coverage.  | Housing - Outreach              | \$112,845 |
| Heartland Forest Nature Experience               | Employ-Ability Skills for Adults with Disabilities | This project will continue offering structured and goal-oriented work experience programs for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Working with local businesses and community partners these programs will help to develop individual’s employ-ability skills through centre and community based positions and social enterprise positions.   | Employment – Social Enterprise  | \$48,895  |
| Quest Community                                  | Peer Support in the ED for                         | Peer Support Workers with lived experience will provide nonclinical and referral assistance to homeless individuals. Positive peer support   | Health – Mental                 | \$91,694  |

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| Health Centre | People Experiencing Homelessness | interactions is expected to reduce social isolation and exclusion, increase referrals to community resources and help counteract negative perceptions of the healthcare system.  | Health Outreach                |                 |
| RAFT          | Fresh Paint                      | This social enterprise project provides at-risk youth opportunities to work with experienced contractors to complete unit turnover preparation for Niagara Regional Housing. This requires youth to clean, repair, and paint units. Youth will be paid competitive wages and gain employment experience/training, while working with Youth Reconnect to ensure healthy life decisions and support to remain housed and connected to their community. | Employment – Social Enterprise | \$67,496        |

**St. Catharines**

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| Community Care St. Catharines and Thorold | Community Housing Workers             | Funding for two Housing Workers that will serve the vulnerable, low-income population through daily walk-ins or at weekly community drop-in sessions. These workers will develop and explore different types of housing supports such as roommate matching, to ultimately maximize efficiencies in the limited housing stock.                               | Homelessness - Prevention | \$39,165        |
| Links for Greener Learning                | The Good Food Box Plus Pop-Up Markets | 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. Pop-up markets will be implemented in food deserts in partnership with Niagara Public Health. | Health – Food             | \$8,804         |

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| Links for Greener Learning    | Garden Makers Program                    | Funding will be used to scale up the 'From Our Garden' social enterprise and skills training program into other municipalities. This project provides socially marginalized people an opportunity to gain practical skills and training through community gardening.   | Employment – Social Enterprise | \$10,360 |
| Gillian's Place               | Second-Stage Housing and Support Program | Funding for seven affordable transitional housing units in downtown St. Catharines for women and children escaping violence. Women and their children experiencing poverty will receive a full spectrum of wrap-around case-management and group life-skills support programming while residing in these units as they transition from violence to independence. | Housing – Improved Stability   | \$46,290 |
| Start Me Up Niagara           | The Niagara Rooming House Project        | Assisting landlords and tenants with practical support to ensure issues that negatively impact tenancy in single room occupancy dwellings are addressed. By supporting individuals with complex needs and/or mental health concerns, the goal is to reduce evictions and maintain the availability of single room occupancy dwellings as part of housing stock.  | Homelessness - Prevention      | \$62,645 |
| Start Me Up Niagara           | Income Matters                           | Income Matters helps people experiencing poverty and homelessness improve their financial situation by providing help for them to access finances, budgeting, tax filing, and applications to eligible benefits and credits. This is increasingly critical as government shifts to modernizing to digital systems, creating additional barriers for some people. | Housing – Improved Stability   | \$14,050 |
| 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.    | Housing - Outreach             | \$71,802 |

**Welland**

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| Cyber-Seniors: Connecting Generations             | Cyber-Seniors Building Self-Reliance  | This project will provide low income seniors with access to technology and Wi-Fi within their place of residence and teach them how to acquire information, resources and social supports that lead to greater self-reliance and improved housing stability.   | Housing – Improved Stability    | \$14,893        |
| 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 | \$67,612        |
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| Links for Greener Learning                        | Garden Makers Program                 | Funding will be used to scale up the ‘From Our Garden’ social enterprise and skills training program into other municipalities. This project provides socially marginalized people an opportunity to gain practical skills and training through community gardening.   | Employment – Social Enterprise  | \$10,360        |
| Open Arms Mission                                 | Service Hours Expansion               | This funding will extend service hours for the Welland foodbank in the afternoon to decrease barriers to access healthy food.  | Health - Food                   | \$7,319         |
| Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre | Housing Coordinator                   | This project will fund a Housing Coordinator position to serve newcomers in the community, and will provide shelter intake support, facilitate the transition of clients into permanent housing, promote self-reliance, and educate newcomers about housing and renting in Canada.   | Housing – Improved Stability    | \$41,615        |

**Niagara Falls**

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| Project SHARE of Niagara Falls Inc.      | Growing Food Security                 | This project will provide workshops and events on planting, growing, preparing and preserving produce. Individuals will gain skills that will increase their food security, improve their access to fresh organic produce; and develop healthier eating habits. Funding will be used to double the size of the urban farm at Westlane Secondary allowing a 50% increase in fresh produce. | Health – Food                  | \$14,270        |
| Project SHARE of Niagara Falls Inc.      | Child and Youth Support Program       | This project will provide essential supports including diapers and wipes, formula, healthy snacks for children, new running shoes and school supplies and Christmas gifts for teenagers for families living below the low income measure in Niagara Falls.  | Housing – Improved Stability   | \$25,465        |

**Port Colborne**

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**Fort Erie**

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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. | Homelessness - Prevention    | \$35,000        |

**Lincoln**

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**Wainfleet**

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