



# Staff Report to Council - for Information

**Title:** 2025 Call for Proposals - Strategic Community Initiatives Fund

**From:** Tina Metcalfe, Director Human Services

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## Report Purpose:

This report is for information.

## Report Summary:

Organizations seeking Strategic Community Initiatives Funding for 2025 are requested to submit a proposal, no more than three pages, for consideration. Proposals may be submitted by email, fax, or mail and must be received by February 21, 2025.

## Background/Analysis:

The Strategic Community Initiatives Fund (SCIF) contributes to the advancement of human services goals and priorities and/or provides specific support to low-income households. Investments are targeted to community-based initiatives and services that complement the core services of the Human Services Department.

The County of Bruce recognizes that investing in community-based initiatives serves to forward economic and social strategic goals. Additionally, the investment demonstrates the County's commitment to expand the capacity of the community to address gaps in services and/or unmet needs of low-income residents in Bruce County to strengthen the service system.

The granting process for SCIF is attached.

## Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

SCIF grants contribute to the community investment made by the County of Bruce. In the 2025 approved budget, \$49,187 has been allocated for grants.

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

## Interdepartmental Consultation:

SCIF is a "Program Specific" grant administered by the Human Services Department based on the committee approved process and application criteria from the Bruce County Community Grant Policy.

**Link to Strategic Goals and Objectives:**

Community and Partnerships - Build a strong and inclusive community

Community and Partnerships - Enhance and grow partnerships

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**Attachments:**

Attachment 1: Strategic Community Initiatives Fund Granting Process