



Corporation of the County of Bruce  
Human Services Department

## Strategic Community Initiatives Fund Granting Process

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### INTRODUCTION:

The Strategic Community Initiatives Fund 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.

### VALUES:

The Strategic Community Initiatives Fund granting process is guided by the following values:

- Excellence: Commitment to adapting enhancing and evolving responsive services for our community.
- Good Governance: Prioritize transparency, accountability, integrity and respect in all we do.

### GOAL:

The granting process allows the County of Bruce to invest in initiatives that support the priorities of the County's Strategic Plan or Human Services' Business Plan or other priorities identified in Council endorsed planning initiatives.

### GRANTING PROCESS:

Human Services Staff will:

- Integrate funding into the Strategic Community Initiatives Fund program of the Human Services Department's annual budget cycle.
- Call for proposals annually based on available funds.
- Advise organizations prior to the deadline.
- Develop criteria in collaboration with Human Services program areas. At minimum, initiatives receiving funding will:
  - Benefit residents of Bruce County.
  - Align with the Human Services business goals.
  - Use demographic data, best practices and other research to inform the planning and or service initiative.
  - Not duplicate existing services or planning or provide information to justify the appropriateness of the duplication.



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- Enhance the quality of life of residents through initiatives, including but not limited to, service integration, accessibility requirements or capacity building
- Consult with stakeholders and community planning tables as required about present trends and community needs.
- Accept, review and evaluate proposals using a standardized process.
- Develop and negotiate agreements with the lead organization being funded.
- Ensure that agreements specify deliverables, terms and conditions required to receive funding.
- Monitor progress of the initiative in meeting the requirements.
- Ensure annual activity reports are received and reviewed.

Proposals may make a request for multi-year funding; however, funding will be confirmed annually through the budget process.

New funding opportunities that occur outside of the budget process will be brought to committee for approval.

### **EVALUATION AND REPORTING:**

Lead organizations being funded will be required to submit an annual activity report demonstrating the impact of the initiative funded and to identify opportunities to improve efficiency and/or increase community capacity.

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