

Halton Region Community Investment Fund

Impact Report 2025

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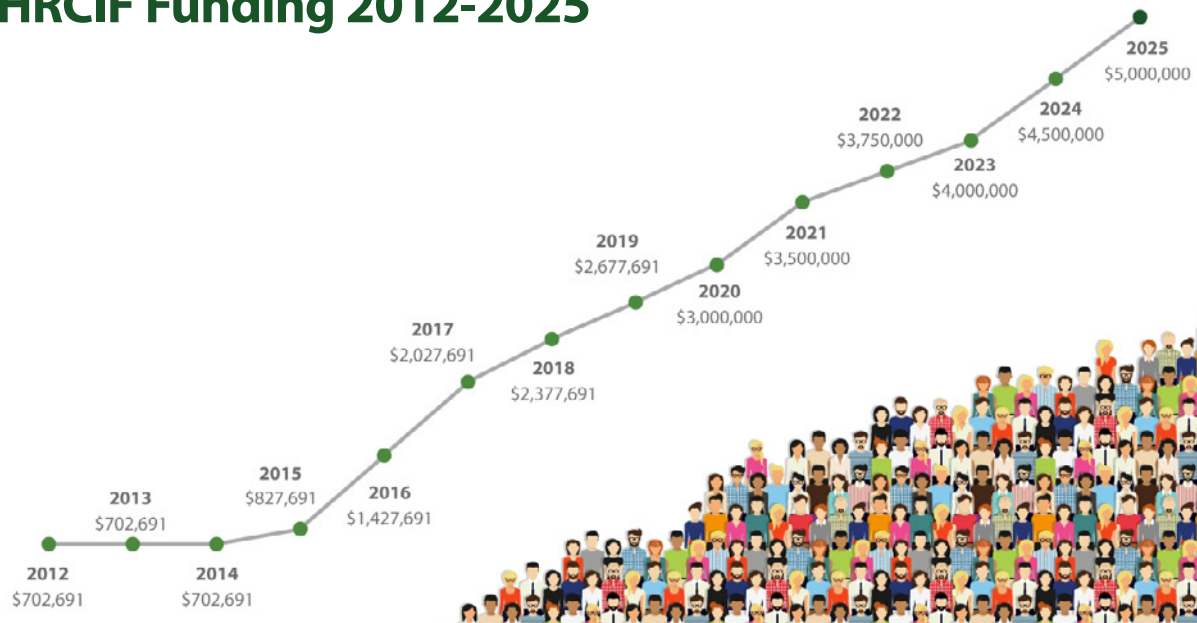
About Halton Region Community Investment Fund

The Halton Region Community Investment Fund (HRCIF) supports the health, safety, and well-being of Halton residents by providing funding to non-profit human service programs and initiatives. The Fund offers both single-year and multi-year grants through two funding categories, focusing support for residents who are susceptible to negative health and social outcomes. Collaborative applications that improve coordination and collectively achieve impact are encouraged.

Between 2012 and 2025, the HRCIF grew from \$702,691 in annual funding to **5.0 million**, an increase of 612 per cent.

In 2025, HRCIF funding was allocated to 78 programs and initiatives to strengthen the health, safety and well-being of Halton residents. Of these 78 grants, 55 were approved through the 2025 allocations process, and 23 received second or third-year funding that was awarded through multi-year commitments in 2023 or 2024. This report highlights 2025 grant recipients and profiles several initiatives that illustrate the impact of HRCIF investments in Halton.

HRCIF Funding 2012-2025



HRCIF Overview

The HRCIF has **two categories of funding**:

- **Category One:** Funding is for short-term, small capital or innovative projects. Funding is awarded up to a maximum of \$30,000 for up to one year.
- **Category Two:** Provides up to three years of funding for programs and initiatives.

HRCIF applicants must demonstrate impact in at least one the following objectives:



Health

A community where everyone is supported to reach both physical and mental well-being.



Safety

A community where everyone can go about their daily activities without risk or fear of harm.

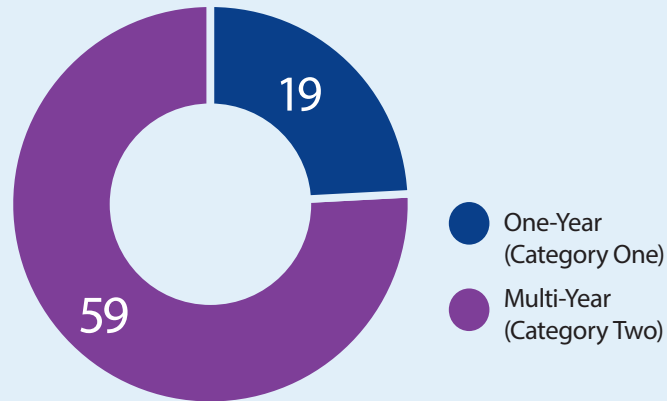


Well-Being

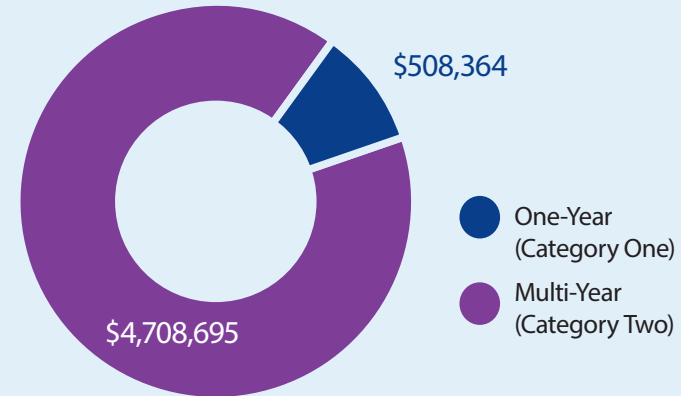
A community where everyone is connected and engaged with a vibrant, healthy environment and strong social supports.

HRCIF 2025 BY THE NUMBERS

Number of Grants by Category



Funding by Category (\$)¹



SMALLEST AND LARGEST GRANTS BY CATEGORY – 2025 FUNDING



1. The 2025 approved Regional Budget and Business Plan includes \$5.0 million to support HRCIF investments in 2025. Funds returned from prior year grants were reinvested to bring the total 2025 in-year investments to \$5,217,059.

HRCIF Investment Profiles

The following profiles provide a sample of Halton Region Community Investment Fund (HRCIF) grants with funds awarded in 2025; this includes examples from multi-year grants which began in 2024.

Leaps in Literacy - Centre for Diverse Learners (2024)

The Issue:

Reading challenges can create barriers for children and affect their overall mental health and well-being. These barriers can be especially significant for neurodiverse children. Early investments in reading and literacy skills are essential to help all children thrive.

The Response:

With the support of a Category Two grant from the HRCIF, Centre for Diverse Learners is providing specialized literacy interventions and one-on-one support to neurodiverse children aged 6-12 from equity-deserving groups who experience reading challenges.

In year one, the program provided early intervention literacy support to 144 children in grades 2-6 experiencing challenges with reading and literacy.

- 96% of students participating reported an increase in knowledge
- 96% of students participating reported an increase in reading ability

HRCIF Investment: A total of \$167,618 over two years.



"When the student first joined the Leaps in Literacy program, she was an introverted student who faced significant challenges with foundational reading skills. She has ADHD, anxiety, and language-based difficulties. With consistent support and targeted instruction, her confidence grew alongside her abilities, and today, she stands out as one of the strongest students in the class. She is now excelling at spelling in particular, and even helps her peers. It has been wonderful to witness her transition from taking a passive role in class to now being a leader who helps others and is ready for the next step in her learning journey."

- Staff Member, Centre for Diverse Learners

Community & Family Services - The Salvation Army Khi Community (2024)

The Issue:

In Milton, an increasing number of low-income households are facing challenges meeting basic needs such as access to healthy food, stable housing, utility support, employment opportunities, and culturally appropriate services. Demand for food bank support has grown significantly, with many families now relying on The Salvation Army Khi Community each month. Many are older adults on fixed incomes, newcomers facing language and employment barriers, and individuals with disabilities who need accessible, low-barrier services. Rising living costs, including lease expenses for program facilities, are putting pressure on the sustainability of these essential supports.

The Response:

With the support of a Category Two grant from the HRCIF, The Salvation Army Khi Community is sustaining and enhancing its programming to address the diverse needs of Milton residents. Funding is covering rising lease costs to ensure uninterrupted operation of the facility, maintaining safe, inclusive, and accessible spaces for program delivery, including food assistance, social programs, and referrals to various community services. Through this investment, a strong focus will remain on food security ensuring all residents have access to healthy, culturally appropriate food in a welcoming and respectful environment. The Khi Community will also complete the accreditation process with Food Banks Canada. In year one, the program supported 1,360 Milton households through a total of 8,000 client visits, including visits to the food program.

HRCIF Investment: A total of \$60,000 over two years.



"The Salvation Army means help for food and clothing and the respect that you feel when you are there. They give everyone hope to move forward when they're in a rut and try to provide a solution when you're in distress and anxious... The Salvation Army gives people a chance to live again and that lets the people know that they're not alone. That's what The Salvation Army means to me. I'm a better person because of The Salvation Army."

- Program Participant

Call Diversion - Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Halton Region Branch (2025)

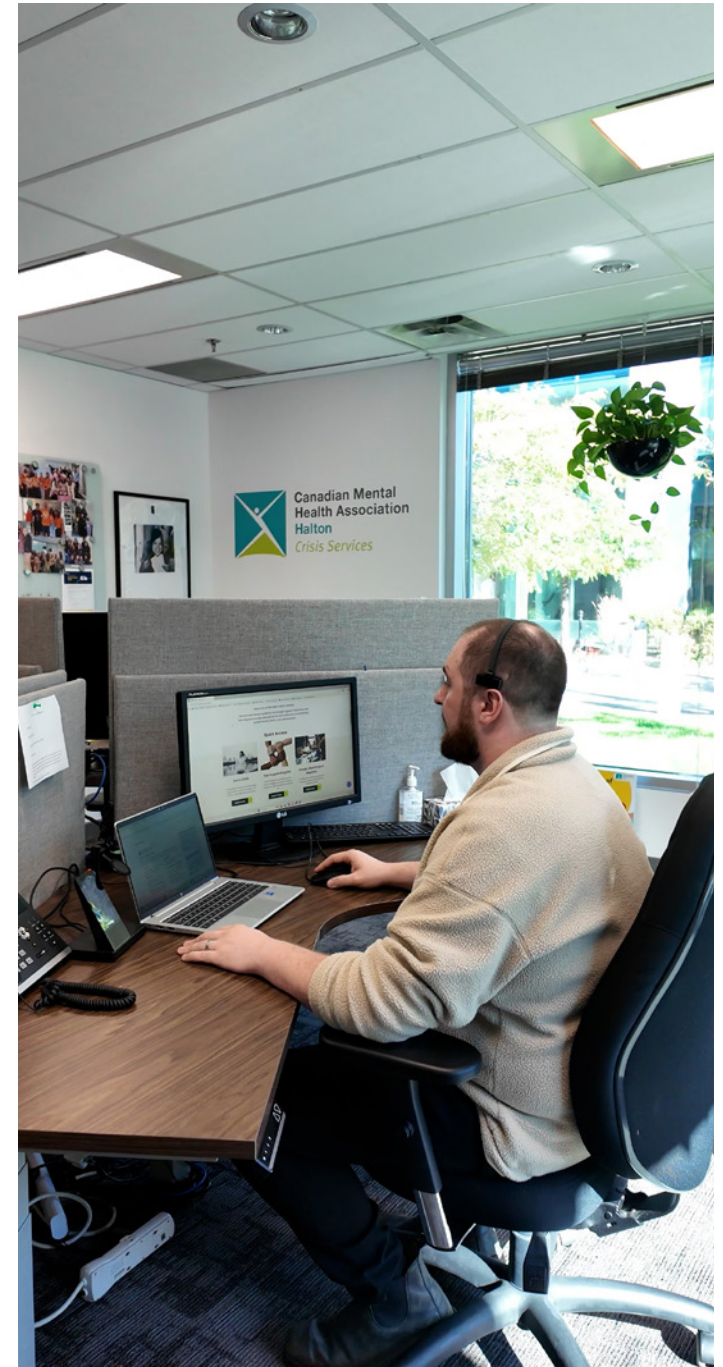
The Issue:

In 2024, Halton 911 received over 175,000 calls, nearly 5,500 of which were mental health related.¹ This represents a 144% increase since 2014, including a 31% rise in the past year. At the same time, community distress lines saw a 17% increase in calls. Research shows that individuals not requiring priority police response can be safely diverted to trained mental health professionals. There is growing evidence that call diversion programs can improve access to treatment, lessen reliance on emergency services, reduce police encounters, and effectively address community needs.² Established programs in Toronto, Peel, and Thames Valley have also demonstrated this model's effectiveness.

The Response:

With the support of a Category Two grant from the HRCIF, CMHA Halton is partnering with Halton Regional Police Services to launch a Mental Health Call Diversion Program. Through a shared triage process, low-risk 911 mental health calls will now have the option of being transferred to a CMHA crisis worker for crisis intervention, de-escalation, support and referrals. The program aims to improve access to community-based services, reduce unnecessary police involvement, and build a more effective mental health system in Halton. In year one, the program will support 300 unique clients and complete 150 referrals for connection to community supports.

HRCIF Investment: A total of \$124,799 over one year.



1. Halton Regional Police, 2024

2. Midgette, G., & Reuter, P. Diverting 911 calls: Lessons from early adopting urban jurisdictions. 2024

HIPPY Halton – HIPPY Halton Home-Based Program (2024)

The Issue:

Newcomer families and families living with low-income can often experience isolation, as well as barriers to accessing resources and information about health, education, and overall well-being. According to the 2021 Census, 34.2% of Halton's population were immigrants, and 5.3% (or 31,385) were newcomers, meaning they were recent immigrants who arrived in Canada within the last five years.¹

The Response:

With the support of a Category Two grant from the HRCIF, HIPPY Halton is delivering 30-week pre-school literacy programs for newcomers, socially isolated families, and families living with low-income. HIPPY Halton supports skills development for parents and their pre-school children through a peer-based education model. The program is taught 1:1 by peer 'Home Visitors' who provide education, shared teaching, and other supports to parents.

In year one, over 150 families and children were registered and participated in the program.

- 90% of children participating showed progress and skill development
- 85% of parents report that they better understand and can use academic terms and participate more actively at their child's school

HRCIF Investment: A total of \$131,837 over three years.



"F.G. and her daughter joined the HIPPY Program less than a year after arriving in Canada. Although F.G. had been confident in English, both she and her daughter needed opportunities to practice the language in everyday contexts. This support was essential not only for adapting more quickly to their new environment, but also for helping her daughter, P., build the confidence and skills needed for a successful start at Canadian school. Their progress has been truly inspiring. After just five months in the program, P. made significant strides in her language development and received a letter of recognition from her schoolteacher, praising her impressive progress."

- Staff Member, HIPPY Halton

1. Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population



Intimate Partner Violence – Thrive Counselling Services Halton Inc. (2025)

The Issue:

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is a growing public health concern locally, provincially, and nationally. From 2018 to 2021, police-reported IPV in Halton increased by nearly 40%. In 2023, Halton Regional Council declared IPV an epidemic, joining over 90 other Ontario communities.¹ IPV impacts people of all genders, ages, socioeconomic, racial, educational, ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds, however, women account for the vast majority of IPV survivors. The Halton Violence Prevention Council (HVPC) hosted a launch event for the “Community Pledge” to address Intimate Partner Violence in 2024. Over 200 participants attended, representing community-based agencies, justice, health services, as well as community members who signed their commitment to end gender-based violence.

The Response:

With the support of a Category Two grant from the HRCIF, Thrive, as Co-Chair of the HVPC with Halton Women’s Place, is leading the IPV Epidemic Response program, which aims to address the growing issue of IPV in Halton. The program involves a coordinated community response, including the newly established Halton 360 hub offering one-stop services for victims of IPV, sexual violence, and human trafficking. It will also implement outcomes from the Community Pledge by supporting local communities, businesses, and organizations in carrying out their unique commitments for IPV prevention and response. The initiative will strengthen partnerships across sectors, expand HVPC and hub membership, benefiting over 600 Halton residents.

HRCIF Investment: A total of \$303,429 over two years.

1. Halton Regional Council, *Notice of Motion – Domestic Partner Violence*, 2023



Bring the Club Home: Specialized In-Home Support for Isolated Older Adults Living with Dementia - Acclaim Health and Community Care Services (2025)

The Issue:

Based on the combined waitlists from the Central Registry's Halton-area Adult Day Programs and Acclaim's Adult Day and Memory Visiting Programs, there are currently more than 716 Halton residents waiting for dementia care and support services.¹ Individuals with dementia often experience rapid physical, mental, and cognitive decline without the appropriate interventions, while family caregivers are left without respite, support, or guidance. This leaves both the person with dementia and their loved ones increasingly isolated, frustrated, and at risk of burnout. With dementia being an inherently isolating condition that affects not only cognitive ability but also social connection and independence, the effect on caregivers is significant.

The Response:

With the support of a Category Two grant from the HRCIF, Acclaim Health and Community Care Services will implement a specialized, in-home dementia care initiative called, Bring the Club Home. This 12-week program is designed to improve the physical, cognitive, and emotional well-being of individuals living with dementia, while also addressing the critical needs of their family caregivers. The program includes personalized care plans, weekly dementia-friendly socialization outside the home, access to respite care, caregiver coaching, and facilitated connections to relevant community services. The program will provide care for 75 Halton residents and their caregivers.

HRCIF Investment: A total of \$291,509 over two years.



1. Central Registry, 2025; Acclaim Health internal program data, 2025

Nancy's House - Restorations Second Stage Homes (2025)

The Issue:

The lack of safe, affordable, and long-term housing specifically for survivors of human trafficking is a gap in Halton region. Without access to stable housing, survivors face a significantly higher risk of homelessness, re-exploitation, and continued trauma. Many survivors are left to recover in unsafe or unsupported environments, perpetuating cycles of trauma and vulnerability. Traditional emergency shelters offer short-term relief and are often not equipped to meet the complex needs of trafficking survivors.

The Response:

With the support of a Category Two grant from the HRCIF, Restorations Second Stage Homes provides Nancy's House - a secure, confidentially located residence in Burlington that provides safe, affordable housing and specialized supports for women exiting human trafficking or sexual exploitation. The program is designed to support long-term care for survivors, offering up to two years of wrap-around, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive services tailored to the complex needs of its residents. This survivor-centered, community-living model provides individualized strength-based support to foster healing and stability to help empower survivors to reclaim their lives and reintegrate into society with confidence, dignity, and hope.

HRCIF Investment: A total of \$186,565 over three years.



TeleCheck – Distress Centre Halton (2024)

The Issue:

Approximately 30% of older adults in Canada are at risk of social isolation, which is strongly linked to poor mental health outcomes and increased suicide risk.¹ Research shows that prolonged isolation can worsen chronic health conditions, increase the likelihood of hospitalization, and reduce overall life expectancy. Consistent human connection is therefore vital to maintaining emotional well-being, particularly for those living alone, grieving loss, or experiencing barriers to mobility and community participation.

The Response:

With the support of a Category Two grant from the HRCIF, Distress Centre Halton is delivering TeleCheck, a phone-based program providing daily wellness and companionship calls. Beyond social interaction, TeleCheck serves as a critical safety and wellness check-in, helping to identify potential risks and connect participants to appropriate community resources. The program reduces feelings of loneliness, supports mental health, and enhances overall well-being, particularly for older adults living alone or experiencing chronic isolation.

In year one, TeleCheck supported 159 Halton residents through 15,379 calls.

- 99.9% client satisfaction rate
- 100% volunteer shift coverage with staff support as needed

HRCIF Investment: A total of \$160,000 over two years.



Last year, Maria (name changed for privacy) was diagnosed with stage four cancer, a reality that has been difficult for her to navigate alone. Her only source of consistent support, her dog Zephyr recently passed away. Zephyr was her companion and constant source of comfort throughout her mother's illness and now her own. The loss left her feeling an even greater sense of emptiness, as Zephyr was a crucial emotional anchor in her life for 17 years. TeleCheck offers a safe space to share her grief, loss, and fears about having cancer and facing mortality. These conversations help her process difficult emotions while providing a sense of stability during an uncertain time.

"Thank you. It really helps to vent about these things. You really are making a difference on the lines, never forget that."

- Maria

1. Statistics Canada, 2023



Halton Region Community Investment Fund – 2025 Allocations

The table below provides a summary the 55 of new grants awarded in 2025.

Organization	Program	Overview of Program/Initiative	2025 Grant Amount (\$)	Location(s)			
				Burlington	Halton Hills	Milton	Oakville
Acclaim Health and Community Care Services	Bring the Club Home: Specialized In-Home Support for Isolated Older Adults Living with Dementia	To provide a specialized in-home care program that supports individuals living with dementia and their caregivers through personalized care, respite, coaching, social activities, and community resources.	\$145,945.00	.	.	.	.
Achêv	Women's Connections and Empowerment Program	To provide a range of supports to newcomer women, including settlement, employment workshops, and wellness activities.	\$84,873.00	.	.	.	.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton and Hamilton	After School Homework Club	To provide after-school mentorship for students in grades 3-8 by pairing them with trained mentors, offering social and emotional support, homework assistance, and skills development in literacy and numeracy.	\$63,000.00	.		.	.
Burlington Baptist Church	Circle of Friends	To connect socially isolated older adults in Burlington with peer volunteers through weekly in-person sessions, providing meals, social opportunities, intergenerational interaction, and access to essential services.	\$15,291.00	.			
Canadian Mental Health Association - Halton Region Branch	Call Diversion	To support a call diversion program that offers a non-emergency response for low-acuity mental health calls, easing pressure on 911 and police services.	\$124,799.00	.	.	.	.
	Caregiver Support Program	To provide a Caregiver Support Program offering educational groups, peer support groups, and individualized peer mentoring for caregivers of individuals with mental health and/or substance use challenges.	\$89,521.00	.	.	.	.
	North Halton Free Walk-in Counselling	To provide free, monthly walk-in counselling sessions for seniors in North Halton, supporting mental health and improving access to care.	\$12,377.00		.		

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Organization	Program	Overview of Program/Initiative	2025 Grant Amount (\$)	Location(s)			
				Burlington	Halton Hills	Milton	Oakville
Canadian Mental Health Association - Halton Region Branch (Collaborative Proposal)	Streamlining Halton's Crisis Continuum	To implement the Halton Crisis Continuum, a cross-sector initiative that simplifies access, integrates crisis services, and enhances coordination to provide timely, community-based mental health support for residents of all ages.	\$63,000.00	.	.	.	.
Centre canadien pour l'unité de famille	Saveurs du Monde	To provide culturally adapted cooking workshops and grocery vouchers to Black Francophone immigrant and refugee families.	\$30,000.00	.	.	.	.
Centre for Diverse Learners	Mastering Mathematics	To deliver a multi-sensory mathematics program for neurodiverse children who face numeracy challenges in economically impacted areas throughout Halton.	\$26,275.00	.	.	.	.
	Neurodiversity Support Network	To provide education system advocacy, navigation support, resource connections, and mental health workshops for families of neurodiverse children.	\$73,562.00	.	.	.	.
Community Living North Halton - Collaborative Proposal	Emergency Respite Home	To provide emergency housing for individuals with developmental disabilities in collaboration with other community partners.	\$264,117.00	.	.	.	.
Dare To Be Youth Charity	Leader Within Peer Mentorship Program	To provide peer mentorship and workshops for youth aged 14-24 to develop life and coping skills, self-esteem, confidence and resiliency.	\$99,542.00	.	.	.	.
EFRY Hope and Help for Women	Empowering Against Exploitation	To provide programming that educates girls about the risks of sexual exploitation and offers ongoing support to those who have experienced it, helping prevent future abuse.	\$33,990.00	.	.	.	.
	Female Mobile Support Caseworker Halton	To hire a female mobile support caseworker and coordinator who will work collaboratively with Halton Regional Police Service to provide a continuum of care for victims of human trafficking.	\$96,367.00	.	.	.	.

Halton Region Community Investment Fund – 2025 Allocations (Continued)

Organization	Program	Overview of Program/Initiative	2025 Grant Amount (\$)	Location(s)			
				Burlington	Halton Hills	Milton	Oakville
Food4Kids Halton	Weekends Without Hunger	To provide packages of healthy, culturally appropriate food to elementary-aged children who have limited or no access to food during weekend periods.	\$30,000.00	.	.	.	.
Front Line Outreach	Safe Haven After School Program	To provide after-school mentorship and life-skills training to youth aged 5–25 residing in Halton Community Housing Corporation and cooperative housing communities.	\$76,000.00	.			.
Halton Alcohol Drug And Gambling Assessment Prevention And Treatment Services (ADAPT)	High-Risk Bridging and Case Management Program	To provide community-based support for individuals transitioning from detention or homelessness through harm reduction, rapid post-discharge engagement, treatment planning, and case management.	\$104,599.00	.	.	.	.
	Peer Mentor Social Capital Mental Health and Addictions Support Program	To provide individuals with consistent, stigma-free peer support through structured group programming, social recreation, and individualized mentorship that fosters connection, resilience, and recovery across life transitions.	\$82,748.00		.	.	.
Halton Black Voices	Halton Black Student Union Program Expansion	To hire staff to support leadership and engagement opportunities and foster inclusion, well-being, and empowerment for Black youth.	\$29,942.00	.		.	.
Halton Food for Thought	Student Nutrition Program Infrastructure	To support infrastructure needs of student nutrition programs helping Halton students access healthy food at school.	\$29,372.00	.	.	.	.
Halton Women's Place	Health and Wellness Programming	To provide culturally appropriate meals, trauma-informed counselling, and therapeutic wellness programming for women and children in emergency shelter impacted by intimate partner violence.	\$85,117.00	.		.	
	Improving Health Outcomes for Survivors through Trauma-Focused Mental Health Treatment	To provide trauma-focused, culturally responsive mental health care to survivors of intimate partner violence and their children, supporting emotional healing, housing stability, and overall well-being through both individual and group therapy.	\$99,840.00	.	.	.	.

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				Burlington	Halton Hills	Milton	Oakville
Heartache2Hope	Suicide Loss Grief Support Services	To provide support programs for individuals who have experienced a loss due to suicide.	\$73,786.00	.	.	.	.
Home Suite Hope Shared Living Corp.	Home Suite Hope Hub	To provide a centralized hub and staff to enhance support for single-parent families facing complex challenges by strengthening service connections, building partnerships, and improving access to essential resources.	\$34,238.00	.	.	.	.
John Howard Society of Peel- Halton-Dufferin	Adult Early Intervention Program	To divert individuals away from the criminal justice system, in collaboration with Halton Regional Police Service.	\$65,962.00	.	.	.	.
Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown	Out Of the Cold Georgetown	To sponsor the Out of the Cold program in Georgetown, which provides seasonal night-to-night accommodation, food, and access to laundry for homeless individuals in Halton Hills.	\$28,550.00		.		
Maternal Mind Matters	Holding and Healing Space	To provide mental health programming designed to build connections and manage stress and anxiety for Muslim mothers.	\$30,000.00	.		.	
Milton Community Resource Centre	She Can! Girls Empowerment Program	To provide empowering, girl-centered programs for youth ages 8-12, focusing on leadership, self-confidence, stress management, and healthy relationships to enhance mental well-being and support lifelong success.	\$26,929.00	.	.	.	.
Oak Park Neighbourhood Centre	SNAP Halton	To provide children with behaviour challenges, and their families, evidence-based support using a cognitive behavioural model to build emotional regulation, self-control, and problem-solving skills.	\$27,610.00	.	.	.	.

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Organization	Program	Overview of Program/Initiative	2025 Grant Amount (\$)	Location(s)			
				Burlington	Halton Hills	Milton	Oakville
Oakville Family YMCA	Halton Youth Peer Empowerment and Employment Program	To provide students not thriving in secondary school with non-traditional ways of learning to support academic and career aspirations as well as positive life choices.	\$101,917.00			.	.
	Newcomers: Welcome to the Wellness Program!	To subsidize fitness memberships for newcomers to enhance community connections and improve personal health and well-being.	\$30,000.00				.
Oakville Meals on Wheels	Soup to Warm the Soul	To provide weekly soup deliveries during the cold months to seniors and individuals with developmental disabilities, supporting health, safety, and community connection.	\$18,018.00				.
Oakvillegreen Conservation Association Inc.	Green Connections for Adults 55+	To provide guided outdoor activities including walks, gardening skills, social engagement and volunteer opportunities for older adults experiencing social isolation.	\$30,000.00				.
Oasis Youth Care Programs	Oasis House	To provide stable housing, case management, mental health support, life skills training, and culturally responsive mentoring for Black and racialized youth aged 18–29 experiencing homelessness or transitioning out of institutional care.	\$74,360.00	.		.	.
Punjabi Community Health Services	Sahara Mental Health and Addiction Program	To support mental health counselling and provide programming on substance use issues and parent-child conflict, with a focus on the South Asian and Muslim communities.	\$94,420.00	.	.	.	.

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Organization	Program	Overview of Program/Initiative	2025 Grant Amount (\$)	Location(s)			
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Re-Imagine Ontario	Seniors-On-The-Go	To support low-income and/or older adults with limited mobility by providing safe, reliable transportation to and from medical appointments, with volunteers who assist with mobility devices, escort clients to waiting areas, and remain during appointments.	\$31,800.00	.	.	.	.
Restorations Second Stage Homes	Nancy's House	To provide case management and supports for survivors of human trafficking.	\$61,925.00	.			
Shifra Homes Inc.	Transitional Housing Support Program	To support young mothers transitioning from shelter to independence after experiencing gender-based violence, abuse, or trafficking by providing trauma-informed housing assistance, wrap-around mental health services, and ongoing community-based support.	\$45,760.00	.			
Start2Finish Canada	Running & Reading Club	To deliver programming that integrates literacy, physical activity, and social-emotional learning to support children's self-esteem, mental health, and overall well-being.	\$63,000.00	.		.	.
The AIDS Network	Halton Equity Diversity Roundtable	To support the Halton Equity and Diversity Roundtable (HEDR) to implement initiatives to strengthen equity and inclusion. HEDR is a community collective of organizations, institutions, groups, businesses, and individual members that are committed to building systemic inclusion and equity in Halton.	\$125,107.00	.	.	.	.
The Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton	School and Community-Based Support for Black Residents of Halton	For community outreach staff to provide advocacy support and navigation for Black students and families, as well as outreach and coordination of educational programs, arts programs, and leadership opportunities for youth and seniors.	\$93,348.00	.	.	.	.

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				Burlington	Halton Hills	Milton	Oakville
The Cedarbrook Society (o/a The Darling Home for Kids)	Family Support Program	To provide respite services to support the mental health and well-being of families caring for children with rare, permanent, and complex medical conditions to prevent burnout.	\$25,000.00	.	.	.	.
The Central Canadian District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada - Sponsorship	The Roxy Centre Food Program	As a sponsor to The Roxy Centre to provide supports to people who experience food insecurity in Acton and strengthen collaboration between food organizations.	\$29,820.00		.		
The Children's Aid Society of the Regional Municipality of Halton	Halton Youth Collective Impact Program	To support a program for youth aged 18 to 24 transitioning from the care of the Children's Aid Society to improve outcomes related to education, training, and/or employment.	\$68,266.00	.	.	.	.
	Start Up Fund - Bridging the Gap Program	To provide essential items and support with budgeting to help youth transition to independent living, building both confidence and life skills.	\$30,000.00	.	.	.	.
The Iraqi Canadian Society	Wellness Matters for Arab Seniors Program	To support the physical and mental well-being of Arab older adults through in-person and online physical activity sessions, mental health workshops, and social activities to reduce isolation.	\$30,000.00	.	.	.	.
The Jasmine House (o/a Syrian Canadian Foundation)	Mental Health Awareness for Arab Mothers	To provide culturally responsive mental health programming for newcomer and refugee Arab women, children, and youth, focusing on awareness, stigma reduction, and improved access to care.	\$28,000.00	.	.	.	.
	SAWA Women's Wellness Program	To provide mental health/well-being services among Arabic-speaking newcomer women through self-care and coping skills via support sessions, group wellness activities, and individual counseling.	\$60,005.00	.	.	.	.

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The Lighthouse Program for Grieving Children	Lighthouse Community Workshops	To provide workshops to educate the public and service providers about grieving to build community capacity to support grieving children.	\$30,765.00	.	.	.	.
The Parish Church of St. Luke	Downtown Burlington Community Lunch Expansion	To provide nutritious community lunches and a welcoming social space that fosters social inclusion, volunteerism, and support for seniors and individuals experiencing poverty, isolation, or food insecurity.	\$18,645.00	.			
The Sea Hawks Toronto	Youth Justice Boat Building	To provide youth in contact with the justice system with the opportunity to learn basic woodworking skills through hands-on boat building, guided by a professional to develop transferrable skills.	\$18,400.00	.	.	.	.
Thrive Counselling Services Halton Inc.	Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Response	To support a coordinated community response to intimate partner violence, including the launch of a Halton 360 hub and a pledge program to strengthen prevention, education, and support for victims of IPV, sexual violence, and human trafficking.	\$151,714.35	.	.	.	.
Wellspring Cancer Support Foundation	Nutritional Support Program for Halton Residents Living with Cancer	To provide evidence-based, cancer-specific nutritional care, cooking classes, and navigational support to help patients access low-cost, nutrient-rich food.	\$15,000.00	.	.	.	.
YMCA of Hamilton Burlington Brantford	Be Wise	To deliver one-to-one support and workshops to provide prevention, intervention, and awareness building to address risk factors amongst youth, help them navigate challenges, and empower youth to make positive life choices.	\$25,000.00	.	.	.	.

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