York Region's Community Investment Fund Program Review

Consultation Highlights and Key Themes

Recommended changes to the Community Investment Fund program were informed by extensive engagement and consultations with internal and external York Region partners.

From November 2020 to August 2021, staff conducted community consultations with stakeholders who were knowledgeable about the community's needs and provided community services related to, or directly involved in, the Community Investment Fund program.

This was complemented by engagement with subject matter experts, residents, Regional staff, community agencies and other partners. In total, over 200 people were directly engaged.

Additional information about community needs was obtained from the <u>Community Safety and Well-being Plan</u> public consultations and through existing collaborative networks and community tables, such as the <u>COVID-19 Community Coordination Initiative</u>.

Below is some of the feedback that was received and is being used to inform the changes to the Community Investment Fund framework.



^{*}Mental health and well-being concerns, housing instability and lack of employment and income are top identified risks to community safety and well-being