



# The Local Poverty Reduction Fund

## Ontario's LOCAL POVERTY REDUCTION Fund



We're investing **\$50 million** over six years to support innovative, community-driven solutions to tackling poverty.

Learn more: [ontario.ca/povertyreduction](https://ontario.ca/povertyreduction)



It puts the emphasis on **evaluation**. Organizations can either pilot new programs and measure their success, or evaluate the impact of existing programs.



It encourages **partnerships and collaboration**. Communities and organizations will form or strengthen partnerships in order to deliver programs and services.

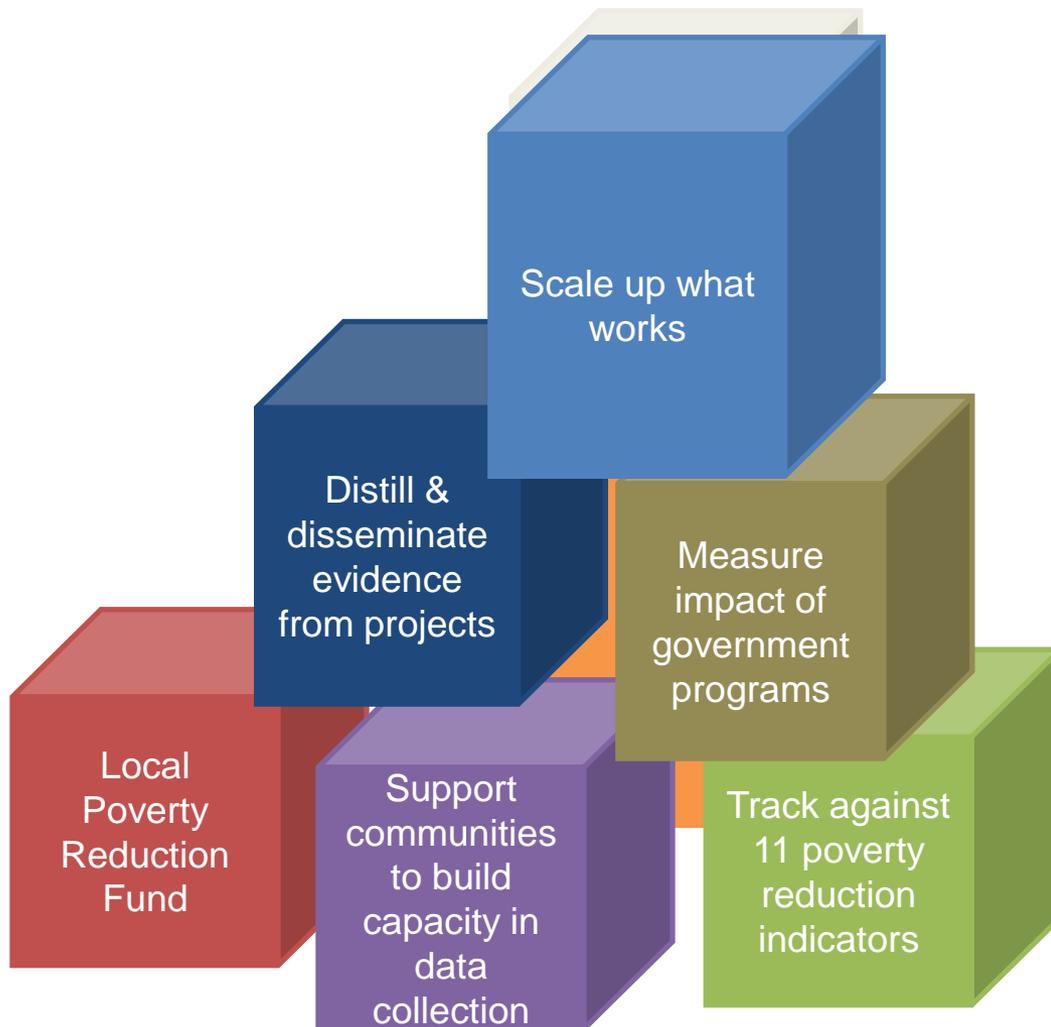


It **helps those most affected by poverty**, including women, single parents, people with disabilities, youth, newcomers, visible minorities, seniors, unattached adults aged 45-64, people who are homeless, and Indigenous people.



It builds **evidence**. Evidence gathered from projects will be used to support poverty reduction programs across Ontario that have been proven to work and can expand.

# Building the evidence



# Fund: Current status and next steps



## Round one:

- Announced in April 2015

## Local Poverty Reduction Fund



- Announced on April 14, 2016
- Ontario has partnered with the **Ontario Trillium Foundation** to administer the Fund.
- **Registration must be completed as soon as possible**, or there is a risk the organization will not be verified in time to apply for funding
- **Registered organizations** are able to submit project proposals until June 29, 2016.
- Final decisions will be announced in Fall, 2016

# LPRF Application Requirements



- Strong **business case** grounded in research and evidence, with clear rationale and theory of change
- **Evaluation approach** with qualified third party evaluator
- **Partnership and Collaboration** with a variety of players
- **Project Delivery Plan** covering all phases of the project
- **Organizational Capacity** (history in providing programs and services)
- **Sustainability Plan** so that no individual is left without service at the end of the funding agreement
- **Budget Plan**

# What makes an application successful?

- **Clear focus:** applicant picked a problem/intervention to measure that could be clearly defined
- **Innovative:** applicant can show how the project is innovative in its approach to poverty reduction
- **Delivery on mandatory elements:** clear evaluation plan and business, identified target population & indicator, demonstrated organizational capacity and clear budget, sustainability plan
- **Strong partnerships:** clear description of how partners will work together to provide a better service to clients

# Who is eligible to apply?



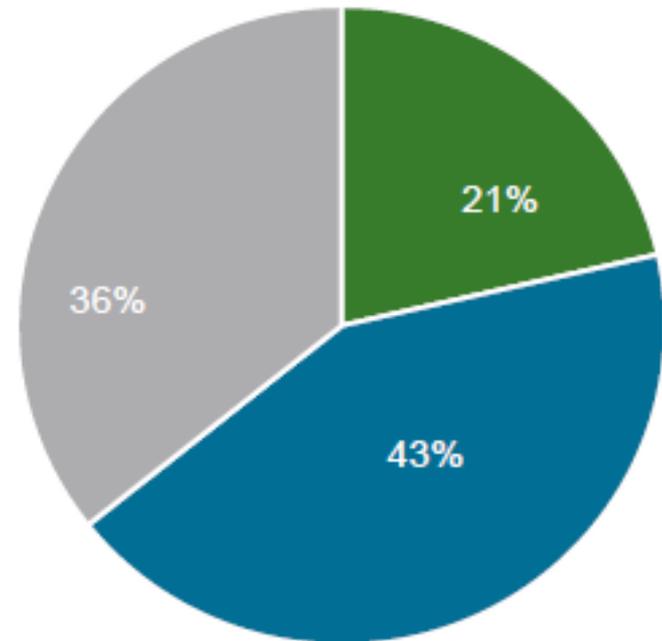
- Non-profit corporations
- Registered charities
- Municipal governments and District Social Services Administration Boards
- Indigenous Communities and Indigenous-led organizations
- Other public bodies including universities, colleges, school boards and health organizations
- Social enterprises - if registered as charity or non-profit



# 2015 General Stream Funding Outcomes

Selected Projects by Strategy Pillar

41 Projects funded  
in 20 Communities  
across the province



- Long-Term Goal to End Homelessness in Ontario
- Moving Toward Employment and Income Security
- Breaking the Cycle of Poverty for Children and Youth

# New This Year

A total of up to \$10 million will be targeted for projects related to homelessness over the 2016 and 2017 rounds of funding



A minimum of \$2 million will also be dedicated to support projects within Indigenous communities and Indigenous-led organizations



The province has partnered with the Ontario Trillium Foundation to provide supports to applicants and issue and oversee funding agreements with grantees



# How we're building capacity



- Supports at the application stage
- Focus on partnerships
- Building a community of practice amongst applicants and grantees
- Finding champions amongst the grantees who will network with organizations to support them in future rounds

# Indigenous-led Stream



## Dedicated Support and Funding:

- A minimum of \$2 million is allocated to a distinct Indigenous-led stream of the fund over 2016 & 2017
- The intent of this stream is to ensure more grants are made to Indigenous-led organizations and Indigenous communities
- The Poverty Reduction Strategy Office will provide support to applicants
  - Applications will be submitted to the PRSO
  - Applicants to the funding stream for Indigenous-led projects do not need to register with the OTF
  - Applicants contact [prso@ontario.ca](mailto:prso@ontario.ca) for more information about the funding stream for Indigenous-led projects

# Homelessness Projects



**\$10M for homelessness projects over the next 2 years**

Applications should address one of the following areas:

- Enumeration of those who are homeless
- Breaking the cycle of homelessness
- Prevention of homelessness
- Transition planning
- Service re-design

Applicants interested in the homelessness-related funds will apply through the General Stream and must include a letter of support from their municipal partner.

# Round 2 - General Stream Outreach

## ENGLISH SESSIONS

Locations	Date
Kenora	April 14
Sudbury	April 25
Windsor	April 28
Chatham	April 29
Kingston	May 2
Peterborough	May 3
Ottawa (EN/FR)	May 5
Toronto (EN/FR)	May 6
Timmins	May 10
Bracebridge	May 11
Hamilton	May 17
Thunder Bay	May 18

## FRENCH SESSIONS

Locations	Date
Sudbury	May TBC
Ottawa	May 5
Toronto	May 6

## WEBINARS

Topics	Date
LPRF Overview (Registration & Application)	April 27
Application Overview	May TBC

### Indigenous Stream Outreach:

PRSO has established strong working relationships with Chiefs of Ontario, who have assisted in promoting two In Person sessions in Thunder Bay and Kenora, as well as three webinars. There have been over 100 attendees at the Indigenous Stream sessions so far.

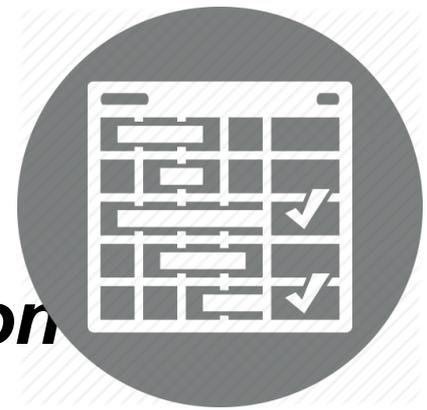
### Upcoming Outreach:

Further In Person sessions, Webinars, and 1:1 Application support will be provided until the end of June

### Participation in General Stream Outreach Sessions:

- 672 attendees at English in-person sessions
- 70 attendees at French in-person sessions
- 147 attendees at English webinars

# 2016 Timelines



- Registration must be completed ***as soon as possible***.
- Only verified registrants can submit applications.
- Application Deadline: June 29, 2016, 5 p.m. EST

# Contact Information – General Stream

- Visit: <http://www.otf-lprf.ca>
- Email at: [LPRF@otf.ca](mailto:LPRF@otf.ca)
- Phone at: 1-800-263-2887



# Contact Information – Indigenous Stream

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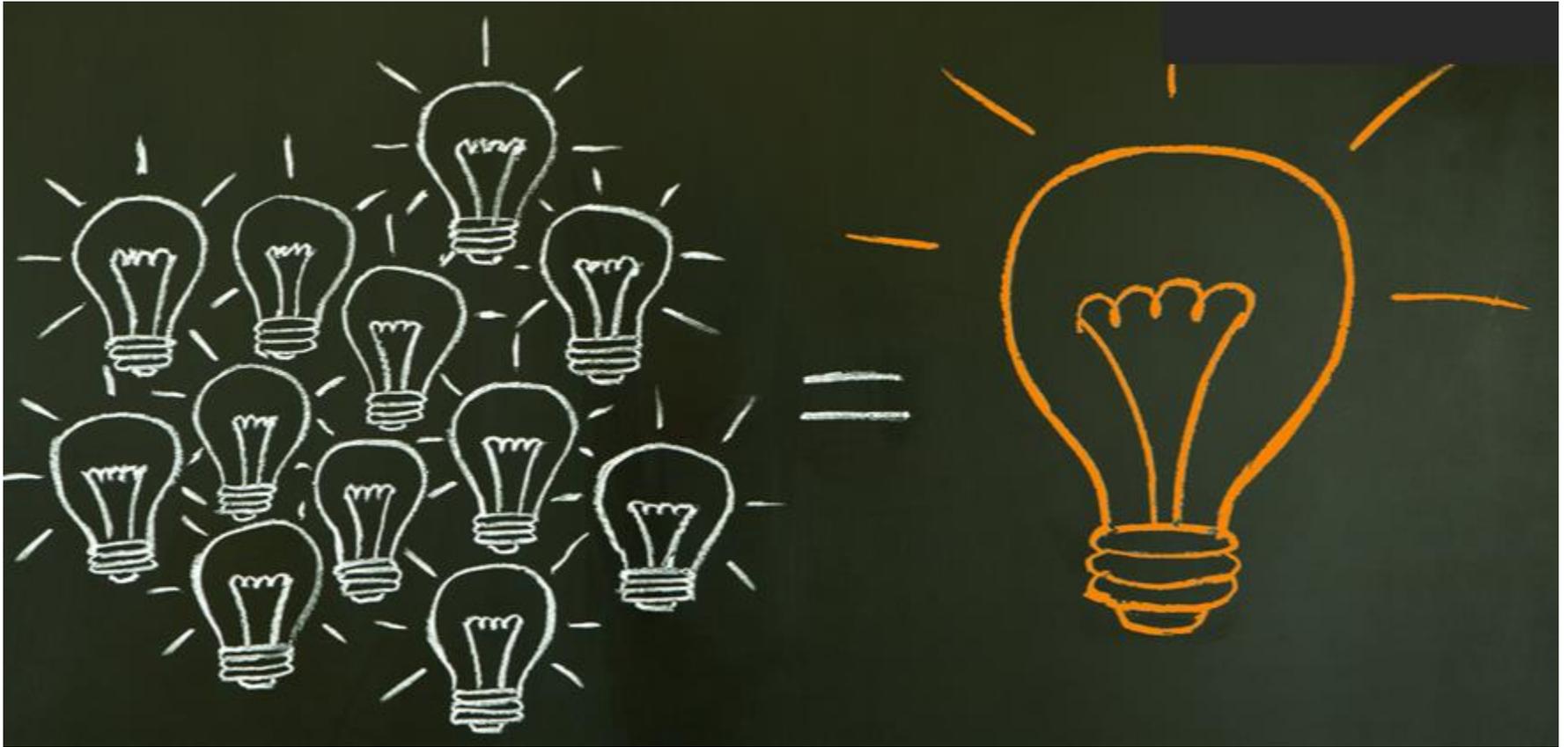
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# Questions?



## Appendix One - Examples of Successful Round One Applications: Employment and Income Security Project



- For 20 years, **La Passerelle I.D.É.** has provided career and skill-building programs aimed at supporting Francophone newcomer/visible minority youth in Toronto. **Tremplin Emploi** (Springboard to Employment) is a bilingual training program offered in partnership with Seneca College that prepares youth for customer service careers in the financial sector. La Passerelle I.D.É is evaluating the impact of the continuum of services it provides to Francophone young people.
- **Tungasuvvingat Inuit**, based in Ottawa, is collaborating with community partners to develop, implement and evaluate an Urban Inuit Employment Strategy to facilitate the development of training and workforce experiences for Ontario's growing urban Inuit population.

# Appendix Two- Examples of successful Round One Applications: Children & Youth Projects



- The **Middlesex London Health Unit** will develop and evaluate the impact of a training centre to educate Ontario public health nurses on how to provide the most vulnerable young mothers and their babies with highly specialized supports during pregnancy and early years.
- The **City of Hamilton (Learning Annex)** will develop and evaluate a **Learning Annex** to connect at-risk youth to education and employment services beyond traditional college courses and student support.
- The **United Way Centraide Windsor-Essex County** will evaluate **On Track to Success**, a program that is currently being piloted in Leamington. The program helps students from low-income families in rural areas graduate from high school and enrol in postsecondary education by addressing financial barriers to academic success.

# Appendix Three - Examples of successful applications: LPRF Housing & Homelessness



- Single mom Rebecca\* felt like she was treading water, just trying to stay afloat to support herself and her two sons. Then the lights went out because she couldn't afford to pay the hydro bill. "I knew it was now or never and that I had to do something or we were not going to make it as a family," she says. Rebecca received the helping hand she needed just in time through **Home Suite Hope's Homeward Bound Halton** program. The program provides affordable housing, a child care subsidy and a fully funded college education and internship to single parent mothers facing homelessness. Rebecca says being welcomed into the program felt like "winning the lottery" and now her family is thriving. "Sometimes we just need a little help and people around who believe in us."

\* Name has been changed

# Appendix Four: PRS Indicators

Indicator	Data Measure Definition	Status in 2015 Annual Report
Child Poverty Target (Fixed LIM-50)	Percentage of children under 18 living in a family with a household income of less than half of the median household income, fixed to a baseline in 2008.	Progress
Depth of Poverty (Fixed LIM-40)	Percentage of children under 18 living in a family with a household income of less than 40% of the median household income, fixed to a baseline in 2008.	Progress
Healthy Birth Weights	Percentage of newborns born at what is considered to be a healthy weight.	Steady
School Readiness	The Early Development Instrument (EDI) measures the percentage of children aged five to six who demonstrate they are on track across five domains of child development and are ready to learn at school.	Steady
Educational Progress at Grades 3 & 6	Percentage of students in Grades 3 and 6 who score in the highest two levels on province-wide reading, writing and math tests.	Progress
High School Graduation	Percentage of students entering high school at the same time who graduate within five years of having started Grade 9.	Progress
Ontario Housing Measure	Percentage of households with children under 18 that have incomes below 40% of the median household income and spend more than 40% of their income on housing.	Steady
Youth Not in Education, Employment or Training	Percentage of youth aged 15-29 who are not in education, employment or training.	Decline
Long-Term Unemployment	Percentage of adults in the labour force aged 25-64 who have been unemployed for 27 weeks or more.	Progress
Poverty of Vulnerable Populations	Percentage of adults in five populations considered to be vulnerable who have a household income of less than half the median. The vulnerable groups include: newcomers, persons with disabilities, female lone parents, unattached individuals aged 45 to 64 and Indigenous people living off-reserve.	Steady
Homelessness	In process of being defined, following advice from the Expert Advisory Panel on Homelessness.	Under development