

Request for Proposals

Connected Core Project Independent Contractor

Applications accepted until 5:00 pm, Friday June 14, 2019

Terms: Six month contract, 35 hours/week @ \$30/hour, renewal potential

Location: Barrie, ON (only local travel required)

Community Connection on behalf of the Connected Core Project and their partnerships with the City of Barrie, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Barrie Police Service, and Downtown Barrie BIA is inviting applications for an independent contractor to coordinate their Connected Core Project.

This Pilot is inspired by and based on a successful program that was undertaken in the City of Guelph's downtown core to build a positive environment. The Project Coordinator will assist existing outreach teams with connecting marginalized individuals with relevant existing organizations in our community that provide services such as housing, addiction and/or mental health support. The Project Coordinator also assists businesses by providing them with tools and education to help them better understand and interact with the marginalized population. This initiative seeks to improve the local business climate, reduce calls to emergency services through de-escalation, as well as assist individuals in need.

The Pilot Program is a collaboration between stakeholders, including, but not limited to, Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Barrie Police Service, Downtown Barrie BIA, The Gilbert Centre, Built for Zero Simcoe County, Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness (SCATEH) and David Busby Centre. Each of the stakeholders will determine and report on respective success metrics. This will help with the overall assessment of the program as well as highlight areas of improvement for the future. The metrics will be specific, measurable, and trackable such as: reduced number of police calls, impact on public and business complaints, and number of individuals connected with services. The Project Coordinator will be responsible for collecting, organizing, reporting, and presenting on the specific metrics as required to the pilot committee, as well as to the funding partners.

The Project Coordinator will follow the elements of a County-wide Coordinated Access System as these are made available. These elements may include a By-Name List and specific procedures that include standards and/or forms to align with a coordinated process for individuals who are experiencing homelessness.

At the end of the project the Coordinator will provide a presentation and summary report to Built for Zero Simcoe County with lessons learned on the Connected Core project.

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Applicant Requirements:

- Experience working in the homeless services sector or with vulnerable populations is required
- Proven ability to develop and implement effective communication strategies
- Experience in cross-sector community engagement activities
- Sensitivity and capability to interact with different cultural groups regardless of orientation or identity and facilitate appropriate referrals is required
- Post-secondary education in a related field (e.g., social work, community work, sociology, psychology) is an asset
- Leadership experience in program development and project start-up experience is an asset
- Experience in advocacy, coalition-building and cross-sector collaboration is an asset
- Home based position, with flexibility to work variable hours and travel as required.

Apply to: Michelle Fisher, General Manager
Email: mfisher@communityconnection.ca

While all candidates are invited to apply, we particularly welcome applications from women, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities and LGBTQS persons. If you require accommodation throughout the application process, please let us know. We thank all applicants, however, only those receiving an interview will be contacted.