

Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport Healthy Communities Framework

Vision	Healthy Communities working together and Ontarians leading healthy and active lives.
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a culture of health and well-being • Build healthy communities through coordinated action • Create policies and programs that make it easier for Ontarians to be healthy • Enhance the capacity of community leaders to work together on healthy living

Healthy Communities Fund Components

<p style="text-align: center;">Grants Project Stream</p> <p>A cost-sharing grant program that supports eligible organizations to develop and deliver non-capital health promotion initiatives in partnership with other organizations.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Partnership Stream</p> <p>Promote coordinated planning and action among community partners to create policies that make it easier for Ontarians to be healthy.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Resource Stream</p> <p>Provides training and support to build capacity for those working to advance health promotion in Ontario, including local Partnerships and organizations that apply for funding through the HCF Grants Project Stream.</p>
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- Guiding Principles**
- Empower communities using a shared decision-making model
 - Strengthen partnerships within and between communities and between local and provincial partners
 - Mobilize a variety of community partners and sectors for change
 - Focus on those at-risk for poor health to reduce disparities
 - Build on research, evidence and experience
 - Accountable to communities and the ministry through measurable outcomes
 - Work toward sustainable programs and strategies

Priorities and Objectives

<p>Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase access to physical activity, sport and recreation • Support active transportation • Encourage life-long participation in sport and recreation 	<p>Healthy Eating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase access to healthier food • Develop food skills and healthy eating practices 	<p>Reducing Tobacco Use and/or Exposure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase access to tobacco-free environments • Engage youth in tobacco use prevention strategies 	<p>Injury Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote safe environments that prevent injury • Increase public awareness of the predictable and preventable nature of most injuries 	<p>Substance and/or Alcohol Misuse Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the reduction of binge drinking • Build resiliency and engage youth in substance misuse prevention strategies 	<p>Mental Health Promotion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve knowledge and awareness of both positive and poor mental health • Reduce stigma and discrimination • Foster environments that support resiliency
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