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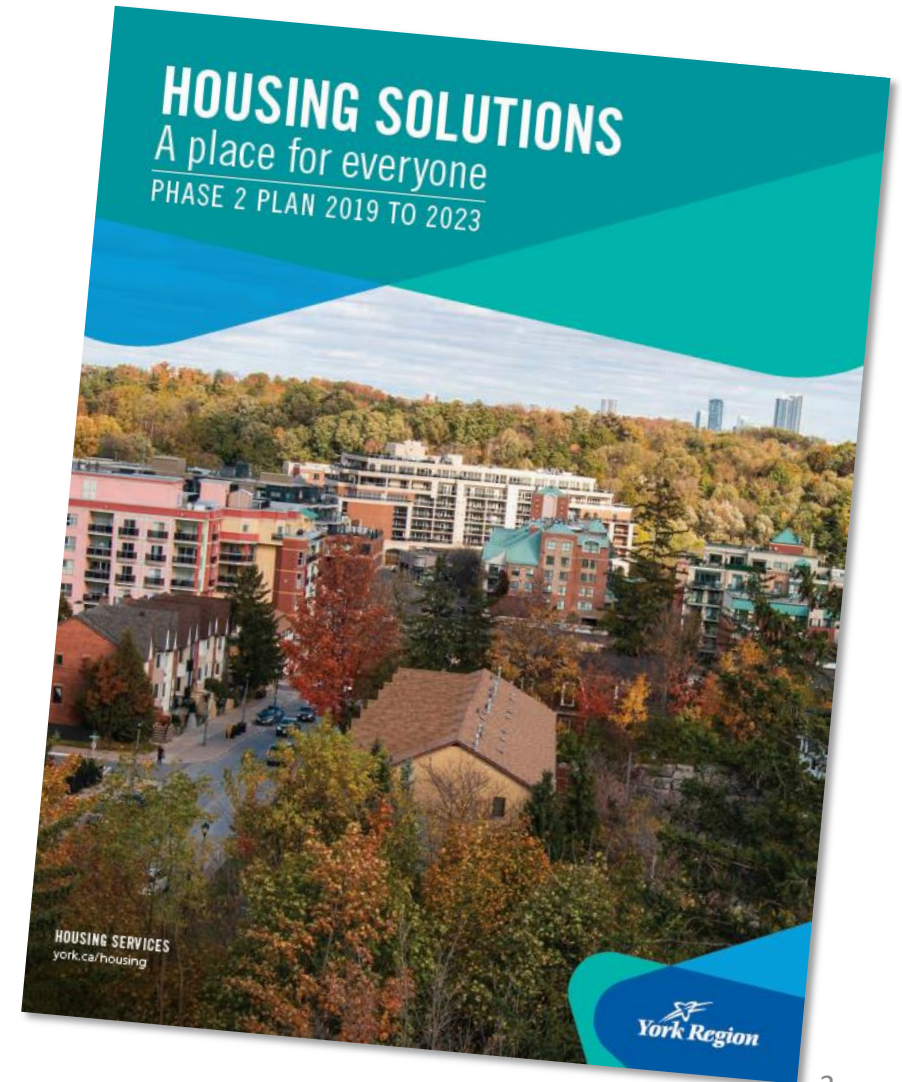
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A CLOSE UP: Subsidized Housing in York Region

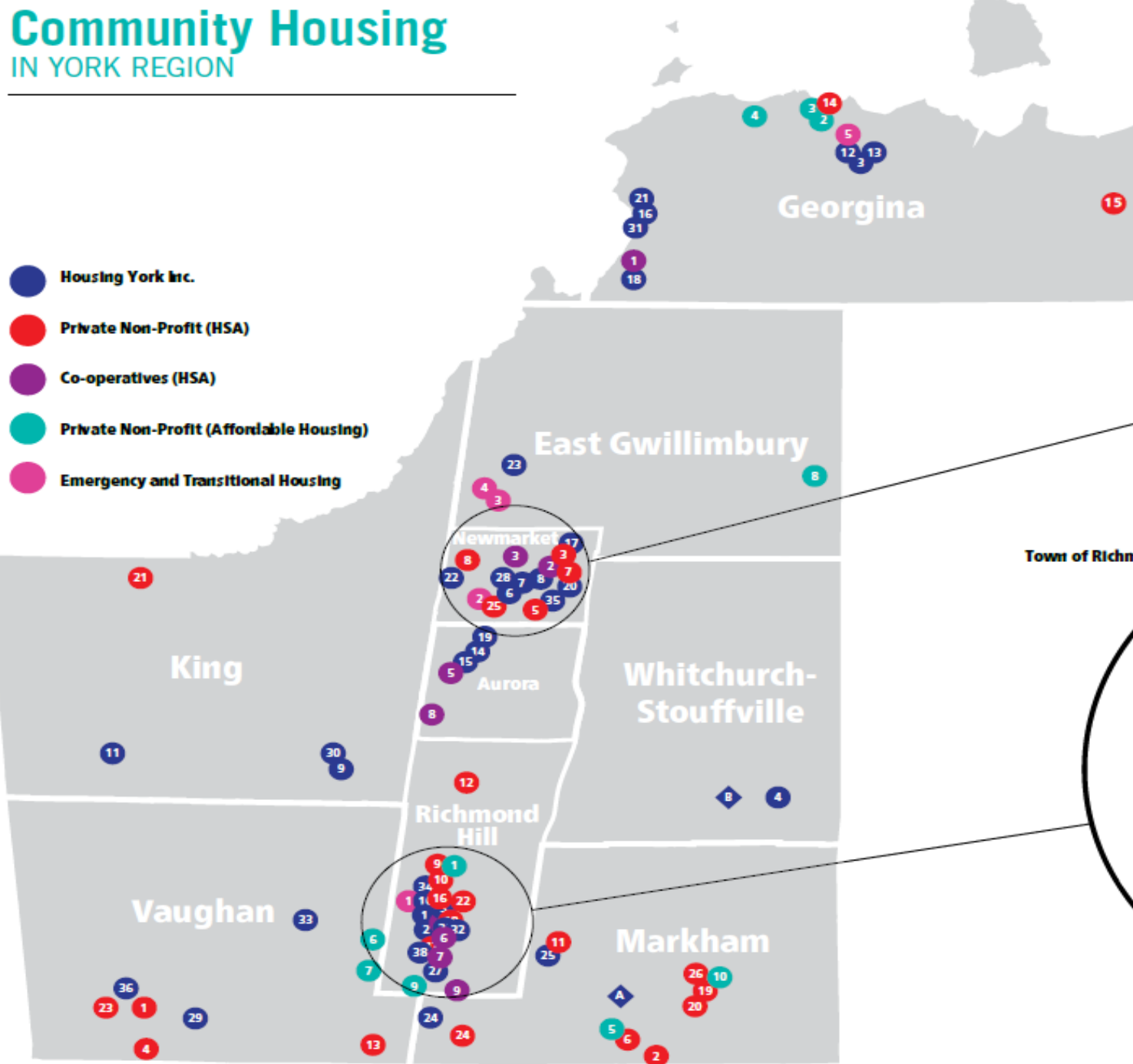
YORK REGION'S ROLE AS SERVICE MANAGER

- Oversee and fund affordable homes for more than 6,700 households through community housing providers
- Partner with private landlords to provide rent supplement options
- Manage the subsidized housing wait list
- Set local priorities through our 10-year housing and homelessness plan
- Deliver federal and provincial housing funding to increase supply, repair existing housing and provide rent benefits

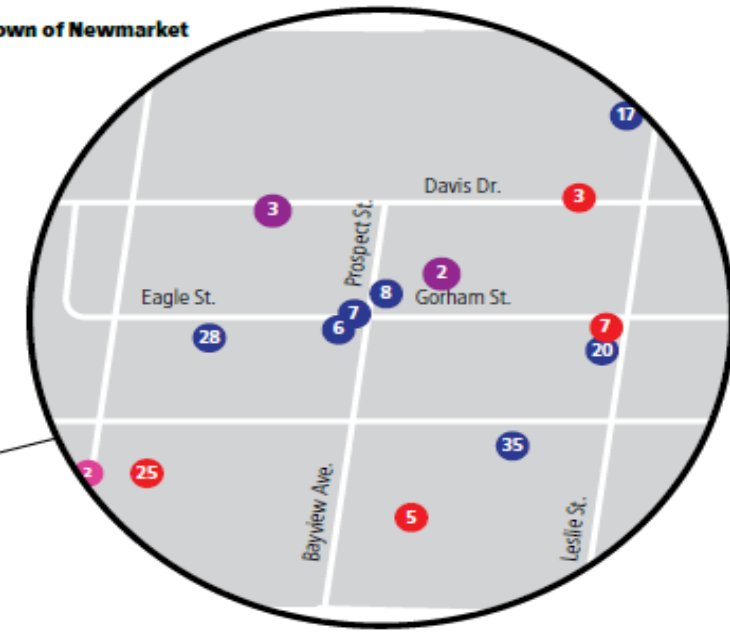


Community Housing IN YORK REGION

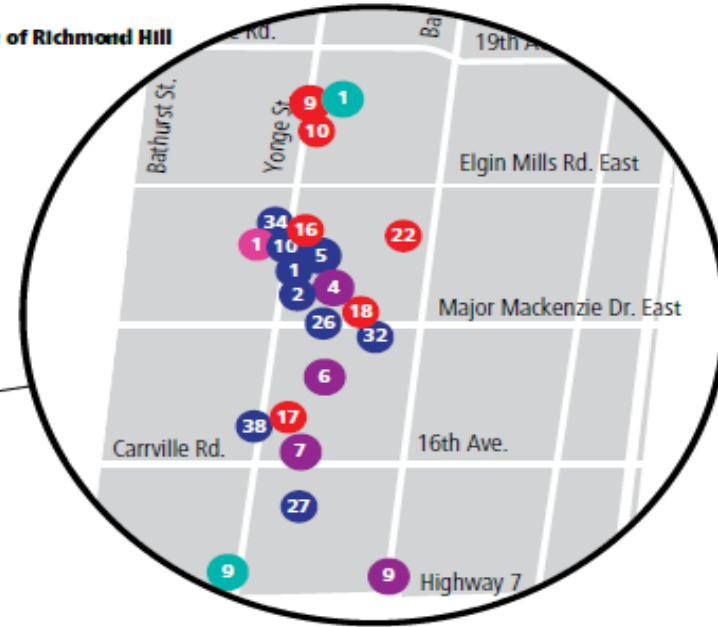
- Housing York Inc.
- Private Non-Profit (HSA)
- Co-operatives (HSA)
- Private Non-Profit (Affordable Housing)
- Emergency and Transitional Housing



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COMMUNITY HOUSING BUILDINGS IN VAUGHAN



HYI - Blue Willow Terrace



St. Peter's Seniors Residence



OHR Somayach Residential Centre



HYI – Mapleglen Residences



Legion Woods Apartments



HYI – Woodbridge Lane

- Nine community housing locations in Vaughan, owned and operated by seven housing providers
- Six locations are mandated to serve seniors
- 759 total units in Vaughan; over half of which are specifically targeted to serve seniors (412 units)



2020 WAITLIST NUMBERS FOR SENIOR HOUSEHOLDS - YORK REGION AND VAUGHAN

Average wait time for senior households – York Region	9.5 years
Total number of senior households on the subsidized housing wait list – York Region	6,955 households
Average wait time for senior households – Vaughan	11 years
Number of senior households on the subsidized housing wait list for buildings in Vaughan	3,457 households

SUBSIDIZED HOUSING IN YORK REGION: The Application Process

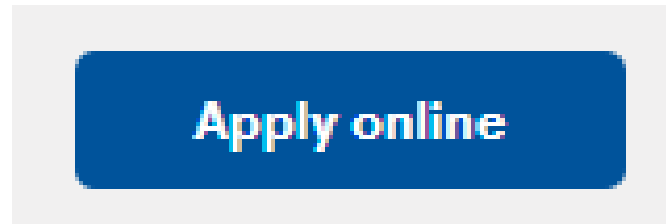
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



- Legal Status in Canada
 - Be able to live independently, with or without additional supports
 - Have at least one household member over 16
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- No outstanding rent or damage arrears owed to a community housing provider
 - Not be under a deportation, departure or exclusion order to leave Canada
 - No household member has been convicted of an offence related to RGI
 - Have annual income below \$80,000
 - Have assets less than \$75,000 (some assets, including RRSPs, RRIFs and RDSPs are not counted)

HOW TO APPLY FOR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING

1. Visit www.York.ca/applyforhousing to complete an online application



OR

2. Download, fill out and submit a paper application to **17150 Yonge St. Fifth Floor; Newmarket, ON L3Y 8V3 (Attn: Housing Services)**

AFTER APPLYING

- Applicants must update their application at least once every 12 months and notify the Region within 30 days if their household composition or contact information changes
- Existing applicants who are already on the wait list can register online to manage their own application

Register to Access Your Online Application

- Applications can also be updated by calling 1-877-464-9675

ONE OFFER RULE

- The Province of Ontario updated regulations under the *Housing Services Act, 2011* to introduce a “one offer” policy for refusing community housing units
- The new refusal rules took effect in York Region on January 1, 2021, and apply to all households on the wait list
- Applicants are removed from the wait list if they refuse one offer for a unit that matches their household size in a building they have selected
- Applicants will be allowed to re-apply with a new application date
- If cancelled due to refusal; households can appeal the decision in extenuating circumstances

CHANGES COMING TO THE WAIT LIST IN 2022

- Shift from paper- and phone- based applications to online processes.
- Applicants will be allowed to “express interest” for units using the online system
- Supports and alternatives in place for applicants with limited access to computers and internet



For more information, please contact
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SUPPORTS FOR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS: A Focus on Older Adults

CLIENT INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES (CISS): SOCIAL WORK SUPPORTS

- Support for older adults 60 and over or individuals 55+ with age-related concerns
- Approximately 108 older adults currently in service
- No cost for supports



CISS CONTINUED

Social work services include:

- In-home assessment
- Information and referrals to community programs and services
- Supportive counselling
- Advocating for client's needs and/or rights
- Helping clients access appropriate services and resources

Areas of assistance may include:

- Elder abuse
- Finances
- Bereavement
- Managing family relationships/tensions
- Age-related future planning
- Other age-related concerns
- Support for family members/caregivers

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER (FSW)

Accessing Benefits

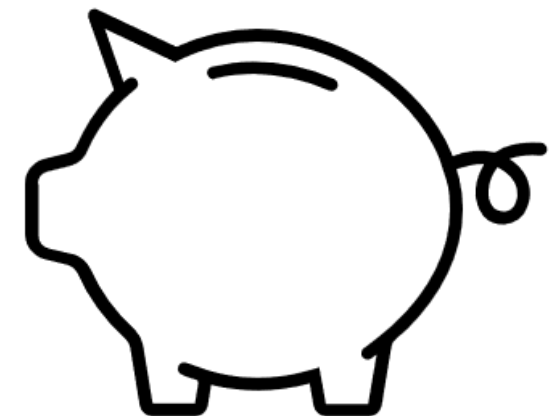
- Telus Mobility for Good
- Rogers Connected for Success
- Seniors' Dental Card Application
- Triaged support for tax completion

Community Connections and Navigation of Resources; works in conjunction with social workers

- Ensure maximization of benefits/income

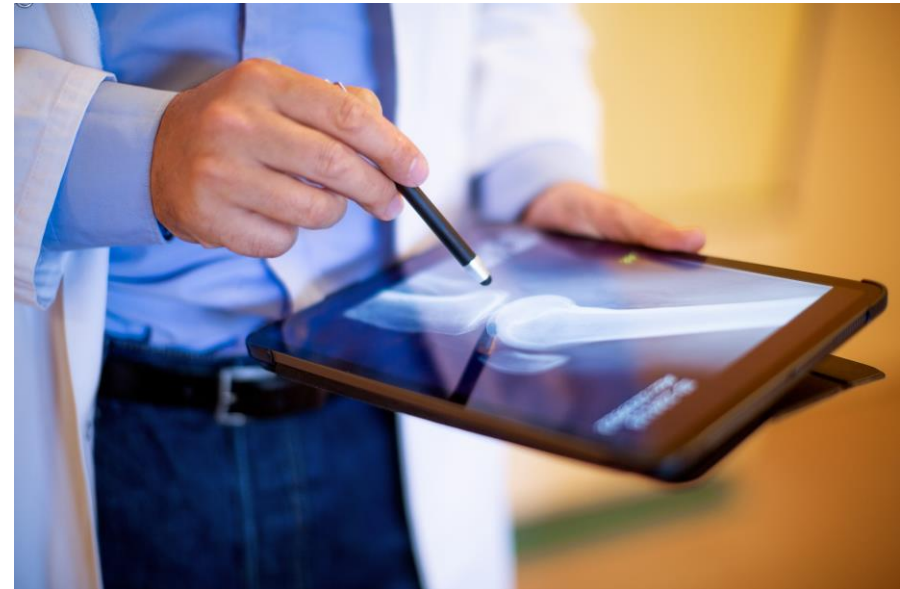
Debts and Credit Repayment Plans

- Discussions about protected income
- Customizable plans to fit individual older adults- ensuring basic needs
- Plan for Rainy Days
- HPP, LEAP and GIS application assistance



SENIOR'S TABLET PROGRAM

- Partnership with Human Endeavour
- Increased access to tablets and technology support for older adults in the community
- Remote-access-technology support for hands-on instruction
- Print-out instructions for easy reference
- Increased access to services/supports during the pandemic



VAUGHAN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

- 3-part workshop for technology support
- Aimed towards Older Adults
- Led by VCHC Digital Inclusivity Peer Mentor
- Opportunity to learn more about technology and the internet
- Discussions of challenges and successes with older adults



SENIOR'S WELLNESS PROGRAMMING

- Formed from the tablet program
- 2-hour virtual programming for older adults
- Opportunity to build connections with others in the community and York Region
- Technology support provided; opportunity to use tablet
- Encouraged participation in self-care
- Guest Speakers



FUTURE PROGRAMMING

- York Regional Police-led training sessions for Property Management (Senior Safety Officers)
- YRP-led information sessions for older adults
 - Elder Abuse, Scams and Frauds, etc
- Older adult mood walks
- Virtual Art Therapy for Seniors
- Older Adult Mindfulness
- Community Gardens at Senior Housing Sites

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING



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City of Vaughan Age-Friendly Community Action Plan Older Adult Task Force (OATF) January 31 2022

Developing Our Plan

- Age-Friendly Plan Framework (September)
- Consultation (OATF, Community, Project Team)
- DRAFT Age-Friendly Community Action Plan (AFCAP) (October)
- Consultation (OATF, Project Team, City Staff) (October & November)
- Revised AFCAP (December)
- Consultation (Senior Leadership, Project Team) (Underway)
- Final Plan (March)

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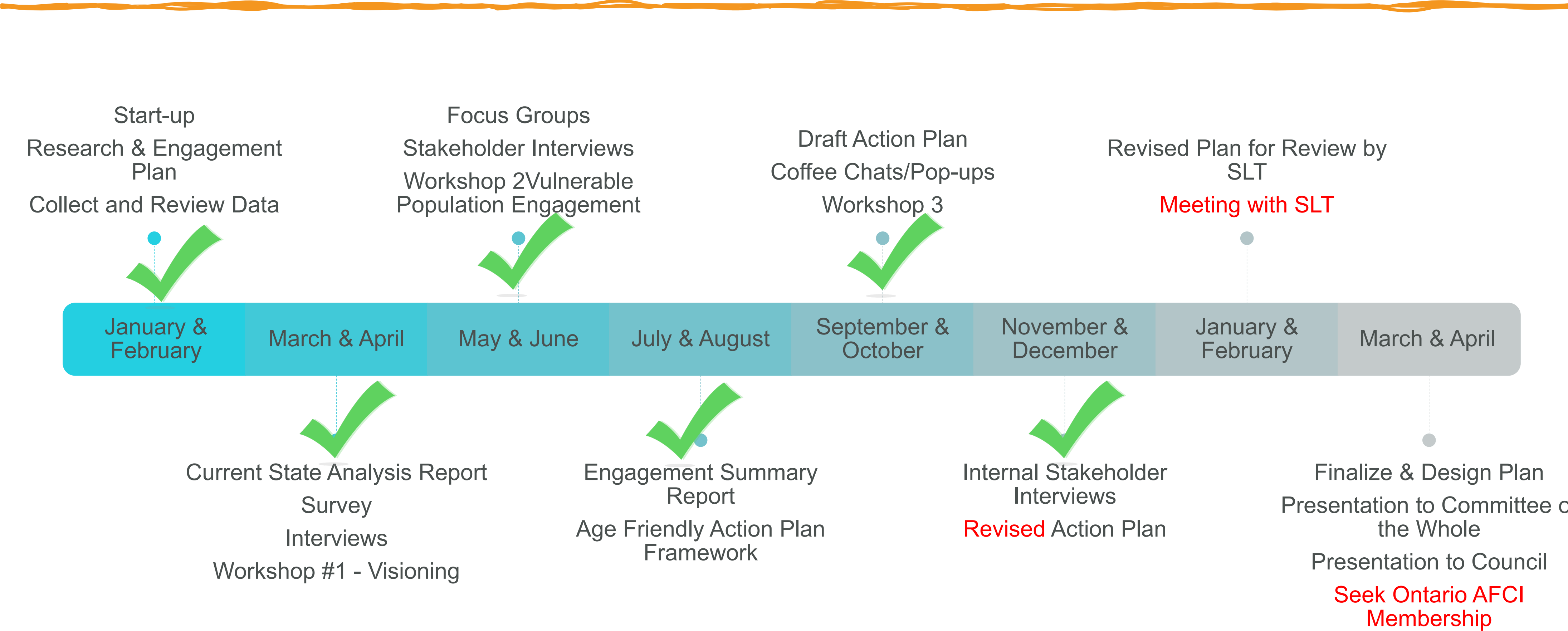
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Project Status





United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing 2021-2030



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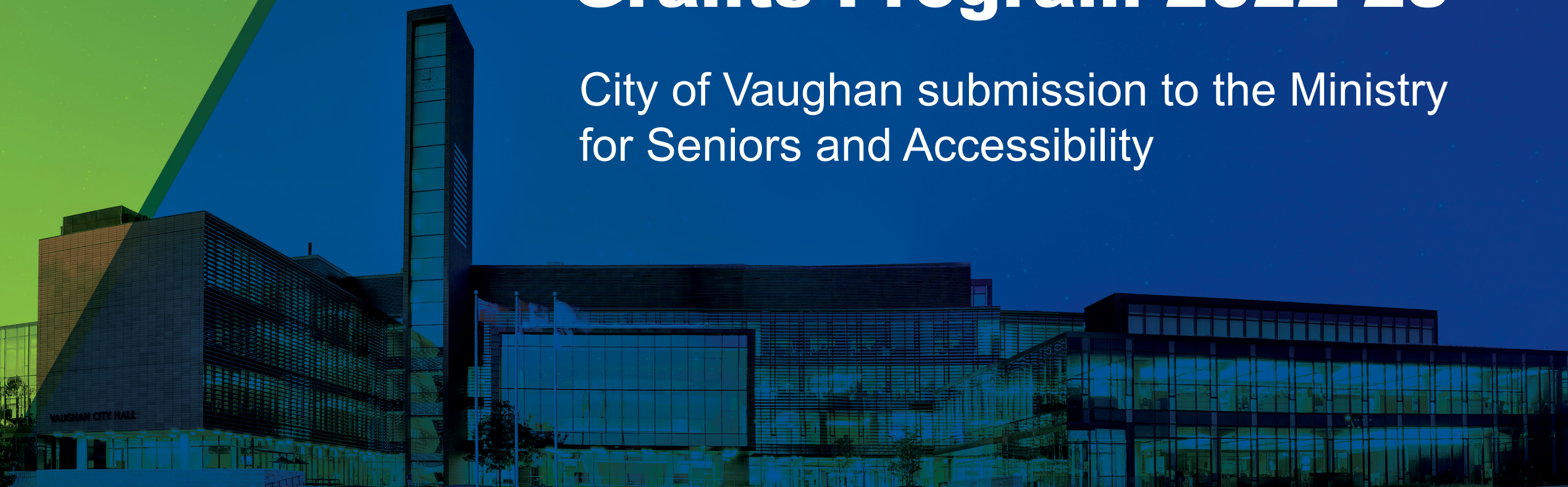
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Inclusive Community Grants Program 2022-23

City of Vaughan submission to the Ministry
for Seniors and Accessibility





2022-23 Inclusive Community Grants (ICG) Program

- Grant offered by the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility
- Up to **\$60,000** in funding available to each recipient
- Funding to be used towards the creation or **implementation of Age-Friendly Community Action Plans**
- Projects must include **older adults and/or people with disabilities**, or organizations that represent these populations
- Projects must be completed between **September 2022** and **March 2023**



Proposed Project

Kickstart implementation of Vaughan's Age-friendly Action Plan by improving communication and engagement with members of the older-adult community.

GOALS:

- To create a “**one-stop-shop**” information and services portal for older adults in Vaughan
- To develop a **guide to effectively engage older adults in Vaughan**

Proposed Approach

TIMELINE

Citizen Satisfaction Survey

- City-wide survey to collect the perspectives and needs of older adults through a dedicated set of questions

**NOVEMBER
2022**

Focus groups

- Small group conversations with the older-adult community to validate the survey findings and more deeply engage on key topics of interest

EARLY 2023

The City's ask for this Task Force...

The City of Vaughan is asking for
the Older Adult Task Force to
endorse this grant submission.



Thank You.

