

# COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*...working together to create healthy, vibrant communities where people want to live and businesses prosper...*

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Toronto Community Housing's Community Economic Development ("CED") Program is an initiative designed to support, create and facilitate access to opportunities for economic advancement for tenants residing in Toronto Community Housing's communities. Proponents are requested to allocate a minimum target of 20% of the total contract value towards yielding a socio-economic return on investment by creating sustainable employment opportunities for Toronto Community Housing tenants.

The CED program may encompass the following potential streams for investment of the 20% minimum requirement:

## **1 – Youth Education and Engagement:**

Toronto Community Housing recognizes young people as a critical stakeholder. Each year, the opportunities to maximize the access of youth to education and engagement activities are a strategic focus of the organization. Through this stream is the opportunity to sponsor a scholarship and/or internship for a young person.

## **2 - Tenant Employment & Professional Development:**

Proponents are requested to provide innovative opportunities for employment and professional development for tenants, including but not limited to employment positions, training and apprenticeship opportunities for tenants. Examples of such programs include the CHOICE Pre-apprenticeship program ([www.torontohousing.ca/CHOICE](http://www.torontohousing.ca/CHOICE)). Toronto Community Housing will provide initial support to select suitable tenant applicants for Proponents.

## **3 - Other Initiatives Proposed by Proponents:**

In addition to the above streams, Proponents are encouraged to propose other initiatives to meet 20% requirement.

**In your submission, please include:**

- a) which option(s) have been selected;**
- b) proposal of the approach in which you intend to participate; and**
- c) the total dollar value of your contribution relative to overall pricing.**