Impact of Community Food Centre funding on scope and sustainability of food-related programs

With our Community Food Centre, Neighbour to Neighbour will be adding new programs and enhancing the scope and sustainability of existing programs and services. Estimates of reach are based on figures from other community food centres in the country or past work of Neighbour to Neighbour.

New Programs and Services with the Community Food Centre

Program Name	Notes	Projected Scope 2016/17*
Community Food Centre on-site skill-building, and engagement programs	Entirely new compliment of programs including community garden and kitchen programs, after school programs, summer camps and more	City-wide: 210+ residents
Community Meals	3-5 healthy meals each week	City-wide: 500+ residents
Good Food Market/ Free Garden Produce Stands	Provide purchasing and distribution support for pop-up subsidized produce markets as compliment to Good Food Box in addition to free produce distribution through programs and City Housing sites	City wide: 500+ residents
Hamilton Pre-natal Nutrition Project (Welcome Baby)	Space and collaborative hosting of this Public Health program	Mountain: 40-60+ expectant and new moms
Purchasing from and supporting local food businesses	Relationships with restaurants and farms including purchasing weekly, advertising at a national scale through events like Restaurants for Change, and advocacy efforts	City-wide: 20-30+ local businesses benefit
St. Joseph's Healthcare joint greenhouse/growing area	Support for patient treatment while growing seedling for all N2N garden programs. Also serving as a place for year round garden programming and training. Projected 2017 or 2018.	City-wide: 100+ patients, 15+ gardens, 60-80+ program participants

Training and mentoring services	Provide train-the-trainer programs, as well as space and support for staff and volunteer training opportunities with St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, McQuesten Urban Farm, Riverdale Food Centre, etc.	City-wide: 60-80+ participants leaders with extended impact for their program participants
Staff sharing	Share staff who can host ongoing, off-site programming at locations like St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, McQuesten Urban Farm, Riverdale Food Centre, etc.	City-wide: 60-80+ off-site program participants
Support Neighbourhood Action Plans	Support Neighbourhood teams in completing food and health related actions such as the Food Forest in the Rolston Neighbourhood by providing resources and consultation	City-wide: NBD

Current Programs would be operationalized at the Community Food Centre

Programs that are currently funded short term or not officially funded

Program Name	Notes	Projected Scope 2016/17*
Hamilton Community Garden Network	Maintain garden directory, consult with new and existing gardens, answer all garden inquiries, maintain and update garden resources, maintain communications to increase awareness about gardening. This includes all types of gardens such as school and donation sites.	City wide: 90+ garden locations, 1500+ plot holders, 300+ inquires
Hamilton Edible Education Network	Founded this group working with Tastebuds Student Nutrition Collaborative, Public Health, and Green Venture which led to the Edible Education Guide and programming	City wide: 140+ teachers, 500+ students
Healthy Kids Community Challenge	Serve on steering committee and working group	Hamilton Mountain: TBD

Hamilton Food Forums	Hosted events and networking for food groups in Hamilton	City wide: 200+ residents
Fresh food donation sharing	Share produce and other healthy food donations when we have excess	City wide: 500+ in program recipients
City Committee Contributions	Serving on Community Food and Emergency Food committees and working groups	City wide
Mobile Community Kitchens	Run 6-8 week long courses in healthy, affordable cooking focused on community development and engagement	City wide: 150+ City Housing residents and seniors

*These numbers are preliminary projections based on past programming and research. They could change as community consultation, development, and implementation occur.