

The Safer and Vital Communities Grant supports a variety of local community projects that focus on addressing local risks to help reduce crime and victimization. It is open to community-based, not-for-profit organizations, First Nations Chiefs and Band Councils with the support of local police and organizations from other sectors.

HPS approved grants written/applied in support for YMCA, City of Hamilton and John Howard Society programs/staffing with the entitlements allocated in full to their respective organizations and not applied for HPS training.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>"The Youth Engagement Series - YES" program</u> 	
Hamilton Police Services Board Youth Engagement Series	<p>In partnership with the Hamilton YMCA, the City of Hamilton's Youth Engagement Strategy and the Xperience Annex, Hamilton Police Service is launching a new, youth-focused engagement program to inform and empower at-risk youth aged 12 to 18 who experience difficulties finding their place in their community. Through the program, youth will attend presentations on topics such as human trafficking, guns and gangs, vice and drugs and social media. Funding will be used to coordinate the creation and operation of the program as well as provide additional support to the Hamilton community through the hiring of an additional anti-human trafficking youth in-transition worker and a part-time court support worker. Through awareness and prevention activities, the anti-human trafficking youth in-transition worker will support youth re-enter school after surviving trafficking, in collaboration with local school boards.</p>	\$147,800
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>John Howard Society of Hamilton - "The Youth Prevention and Intervention Initiative"</u> 	
Hamilton Police Services Board Youth Prevention and Intervention Initiative	<p>Hamilton Police Service and the John Howard Society of Hamilton, Burlington and Area will work collaboratively, utilizing an integrated service model approach involving various programs to improve community safety and well-being. The Youth Prevention and Intervention Initiative will focus on programming, supports and case management activities for in-risk, at-risk, and high-risk youth in Grades 6, 7 and 8 and their families. It will be provided in person or virtually as appropriate and will take place within the community, in partnership with school boards, with the goal of supporting youth to address criminogenic thinking patterns and to develop pro-social behaviors.</p>	\$160,281